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Cooperation with local police (New Orleans) - records not provided; Raymond Comstock
New Orleans field office records not provided
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CIA plots against Castro

Documents Attached to CIA-Anti-Castro Plots appeal

Within a short span in FBIHQ 62-109060 (assassination file) there were the attached Serials of the captioned content. These are not inclusive. Other records appear elsewhere. These records indicate that the New Orleans Field Office has records it has not provided in C.A. 77-0420 (now included in 0322)

For your information, David Ferrie, first here referred to in 5232 (arranged in chrono rather than serial order) had been a CAP captain, was in the CAP at the time Oswald was in it, and was hired by Marcello's attorney G. Wray Gill as investigator in the deportation case, which the Department then lost.

5232 and other of these records refer to information "found in the possession of DAVID FERRIE," information not provided in any form. This is an assassination rather than a 46 (fraud against government) record so the information is pertinent. Any doubt is removed by 5241, which states it. It indicates an illegal entry by the New Orleans police, of which the FBI was the beneficiary. (It might interest you to look at my earlier appeals including Raymond Comstock.) Some of the records taken illegally pertain to the Marcello defense. No record is provided indicating any reason for the involvement of the Inspection Division in this matter.

The unnamed Ed Reid informant in 5589 is known, if only though publication of these and other records that the HSCA wasted time on to be able to go for the nonsense in them. It is Becker. I believe I have provided you with information pertaining to these CIA plots against Castro, leading to the Castro-kickback theory of the JFK assassination, in connection with earlier appeals.

In 5203 Ferris is referred to as "a notorious homosexual." What happend to (7)(C)?

5274, 5295, 5297, 5334 (and others) provided for completeness because there is no apparent reason for the main file for this material being the assassination rather than the 46 file.

The record file for the Not Recorded Serial of 6/2/67 is obliterated in the xeroxing. It indicates that the FBI had the manuscript of Reid's book but does not indicate how the FBI got it. However, if the main purpose of these records was their assassination content, then that would be the record file for this one. The only content pertains to the assassination, not the gangster content of Reid's book.

Although 5815 does not so state, the Gordon Novel in these pages if a former N.O. PCI. He was cut off because of his involvement with Garrison. While he was an UFAP case he remained in friendly contact with the FBI at various places. This records pertains to Garrison, not the assassination, yet no duplicate filing is indicated. The allegations about Marcello belong in a criminal file. This also is true of 5818.

There is no apparent reason for the JFK assassination file to be the record file for these documents. The FBI pretended disinterest in Garrison. However, in New Orleans at least, it had a special file hidden as I have informed you.

Together with other records I have provided, this indicates that the FBI had a special interest in the CIA/Mafia/ anti-Castro plots all records of which have been withheld except for the few of which you now have copies. Because of how the FBI used this material, as with the White House, and its consequences; and now because of the uses made by the HSCA, all these are historically important records/files. I ask for them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 6/2/67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EDWARD REID
FORTHCOMING BOOK
CONCERNING ORGANIZED CRIME

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

By memorandum dated May 15, 1967, Mr. Rosen advised Mr. DeLoach that Ed Reid, a former newspaperman, has prepared a manuscript for a new book entitled "Jungle, USA" dealing with organized crime. The manuscript includes information concerning an alleged meeting near New Orleans in September, 1963, at which La Cosa Nostra boss Carlos Marcello is supposed to have said that in order to "get" Bobby Kennedy it would be necessary to kill President Kennedy. Reid's manuscript reflects that several days later, one of the persons who attended this meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and related to them what he had heard.

(Regarding the above, the Los Angeles Office has advised that apparently this reference in Reid's manuscript relates to an interview of Edward Nicholas Becker, a private investigator, by two Agents of the Los Angeles Office in connection with the Billy Sol Estes case. During this interview--which was conducted in November, 1962, not in September, 1963, as Reid's manuscript indicates--mention was made of Carlos Marcello, but not in the context described by Reid. In fact, there was no discussion involving the then Attorney General Kennedy or an assassination. Reid has refused to confirm or deny that Becker was the source of his information regarding Carlos Marcello; however, he has been firmly told that no such information as described in his manuscript was furnished to Agents of the Los Angeles Office. Nonetheless, Reid has said he intends to leave this false material in his book.)

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Reid is the author of "Mafia" which was published by Random House in 1952 and co-author of "The Green Felt Jungle," a book about Las Vegas which was published by Trident Press in 1963.

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M. A. Jones to Wick Memo
RE: EDWARD REID

Through its contacts in New York publishing circles, the New York Office has determined that Reid's new book, "Jungle, USA", will be published by Trident Press. The New York Office is following this matter closely and, in addition to ascertaining the proposed publication date, will attempt to obtain a set of the proofs or an advance copy of the book.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.