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DON B. REYNOLDS  
 INFORMATION REGARDING CASE  
 INVOLVING ASSASSINATION OF  
 PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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Enclosed are the original and four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above regarding interview of DON B. REYNOLDS 1/24/64.

At 10:45 p.m. 1/23/63 REYNOLDS' attorney, JAMES F. FITZGERALD, contacted the WFO and requested SA PAUL KENNETH BROWN contact him at 11:15 p.m. When subsequently contacted FITZGERALD advised REYNOLDS desired to leave the city Friday afternoon, 1/24/64 and he requested the interview of REYNOLDS take place at 10 a.m., 1/24/64. The interview was conducted in the presence of FITZGERALD in FITZGERALD's office and lasted from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. FITZGERALD was asked if the interview was being recorded and he stated that it was not.

REYNOLDS was interviewed concerning the ROBERT G. BAKER case as well as instant matter and results of interview regarding BAKER will be reported in that caption.

An extra copy of the airtel is being furnished the Bureau for the BAKER case file, Bureau file 58-5520, if deemed advisable.

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Don B. Reynolds, Silver Spring, Maryland insurance agent, was interviewed in the office of his attorney, James F. Fitzgerald, Room 300, Citizens Building and Loan Association Building, Silver Spring, Maryland, on January 24, 1964. He acknowledged knowing the FBI was desirous of contacting him on the previous day, but stated he desired to contact the FBI in the presence of his attorney. Reynolds was advised the FBI desired for him to make available any and all information he had in his possession concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. When Reynolds hesitated, his attorney asked if he had any knowledge of this matter, and Reynolds stated he had opinions but would rather not furnish these until the Warren Committee asked him for them. At this point, Fitzgerald requested Reynolds to accompany him from the room, and they apparently conferred for about five minutes. Upon returning to the room, Reynolds stated he would make available all the information in his possession concerning this matter.

Reynolds prefaced his comments with the statement that he has been a long time friend and associate of Robert G. Baker, former Secretary for the Majority, United States Senate. He said on January 20, 1961, on the occasion of the Inauguration of President Kennedy, he, Reynolds, spent the majority of the day in Baker's office or in the Capitol Rotunda. He stated there were many people present in Baker's office during the day, including his wife. Reynolds said that during a discussion with Baker on that date, Baker stated while referring to the swearing in of Kennedy, words to the effect that the s.o.b. is being sworn in but he will never live his term out. He will die a violent death.

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Reynolds said Baker told him he was well acquainted with the history of Presidents who were elected in years ending with the number 0, and that historically Kennedy was a doomed man. Reynolds stated no more was said about Baker's apparent dislike of President Kennedy until after the Baker affair broke and became knowledgeable to top people in the government.

Reynolds said that sometime immediately preceding the trip to Texas by President Kennedy, possibly in October, 1963, the Governor of Texas, John Connally, came to Washington, D.C. Someone whom Reynolds could not recall advised him that the President made the trip to Texas to reassure Texans that rumors floating around of Kennedy's intentions to dump Lyndon B. Johnson as a result of the Baker scandal were unfounded. This unnamed source had stated to Reynolds that Connally had visited Washington, D.C. for the purpose of impressing on Kennedy that he himself would have to travel to Texas and tell the people of Texas he had no intention of dumping Johnson. This source reportedly stated Connally told Kennedy there were certain dangers inherent in such a trip and cited the attack on Adlai Stevenson as a manifestation of those dangers. The source stated to Reynolds that Kennedy made the decision himself to go to Texas and try to cement the split which was affecting the efforts of the Democratic Party in Texas.

Reynolds said that Ralph Hill, President of Capitol Vending Company and the person responsible for instituting civil suit against Baker in District of Columbia Court, told him that he, Hill, had John Connally tailed while Connally was in Washington for the purpose of talking with President Kennedy regarding the necessity for keeping Texas in his political campaign. Reynolds said Hill gave him no information as to why he was having Connally followed or anything he might have learned from this, but assumed it was part of Hill's efforts to keep track of the activities of Baker. He said it is his own knowledge that Baker and Connally were close personal friends. Reynolds said he told Baker to watch himself that Connally was being tailed and Baker told him not to worry about it.

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Reynolds said he does not know who told him and is in possession of no facts whatsoever to support this, but stated he has been told that during the period Connally was in Washington, D.C., Lee Harvey Oswald was staying at the Young Men's Christian Association in Dallas, Texas, and Oswald was supposed to have received long distance telephone calls. Reynolds stated he was not told that these long distance calls were from Connally or were from Washington, D.C., but the implication was left with him that Oswald might have had calls from Connally.

Reynolds stated he has not discussed his opinions and complete feelings concerning the assassination of President Kennedy with anyone. He stated he has discussed some of his thoughts and observations with Senator John Williams, Delaware, and he may have discussed "facets" of the matter with other individuals. He denied having told anyone that President Johnson was going to be impeached. He stated that he might have said 100 years ago we had a President Johnson who missed impeachment by one vote. He stated after the assassination he was contacted by a Washington news reporter named Stern and they discussed the assassination at which time Reynolds expressed the hope that nothing would happen to Oswald. He stated he recalled the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the subsequent killing of his assassin and expressed the desire and hope that the authorities would protect Oswald from any similar fate. Reynolds stated he has no knowledge whatsoever of the whereabouts of Oswald prior to the assassination of the President or of his activities during this period.

Reynolds stated to the best of his recollection and knowledge he has never made the statement to anyone that the FBI has information, evidence or data in its possession which would prove Lyndon B. Johnson was implicated in the assassination of the President.

When asked if he had ever stated that the FBI had additional information regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and whether or not Reynolds had made a statement to this effect Reynolds stated he may have said something foolish to this effect on the telephone when he

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knew his telephone calls were being electronically intercepted. When asked how he knew his telephone calls were being intercepted Reynolds refused to furnish an explanation. Reynolds denied emphatically that he ever stated that the FBI has information that President Johnson was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated he had speculated in his own mind after hearing that the results of the FBI investigation had been turned over to the Special Committee that the FBI had not finished its investigation. He, Fitzgerald, had speculated that the FBI had additional facts regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Reynolds said he had no knowledge that Clint Murchison, Jr., was in any way connected with the assassination but stated that in his mind Murchison stood to gain personally with the loss of President Kennedy. He explained this by stating Murchison would eventually be connected publicly with the Baker scandal because of his close association with Baker.

Reynolds was again asked if he had any facts to support his observations and opinions, previously furnished, concerning the death of President Kennedy. He stated that he did not and that his opinions were based on inferences which he drew from conversations with Baker and hearsay. Reynolds stated he had nothing further to add concerning the assassination.

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