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9/4/75

SA [REDACTED]

AGENT, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE
DIRECTOR, JAMES B. ADAMS

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63

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At approximately 4:30 p.m., on 9/3/75, SA [REDACTED] was standing at the corner of Harwood and Commerce Streets, Dallas, on route to the Dallas Office from the Dallas Police Department. While standing at the corner, LT. JACK REVILL, TACT Squad, Dallas PD, walked up and engaged SA [REDACTED] in conversation. LT. REVILL expressed sympathy for Special Agent JIM HOGY and his present publicity in the press concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. In the conversation, REVILL made reference to the fact he has been contacted by several newsmen and REVILL stated he has refused to cooperate in furnishing them any information regarding the assassination. REVILL also made reference to the fact he was recently contacted by former Chief of Police JESS CURRY, Dallas PD, at which time former Chief CURRY told REVILL he (CURRY) still has the impression that two men were involved in the shooting of President KENNEDY. REVILL said he asked CURRY on what basis he formed this opinion, and CURRY made reference to a statement made by one of the motorcycle officers at the scene of the assassination who said he had ridden through a spray of blood at the time the shots were fired.

LT. REVILL advised SA [REDACTED] that a few minutes before meeting SA [REDACTED] on the corner, he had interrogated Dallas Police Officer JIM CHANEY about the shots on the day of the assassination. REVILL stated CHANEY was one of the motorcycle officers assigned to the motorcade on the day of the assassination. In referring to the assassination, REVILL said he asked CHANEY what information he had furnished to investigating officers following the assassination. CHANEY told REVILL that he had never been interviewed by anyone following the assassination to obtain his observations as a witness.

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Dallas indices and references from Dallas indices regarding the assassination fail to indicate that CHANEY was interviewed by Agents of this Bureau following the assassination.

A check of the index to the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," indicates JAMES A. CHANEY, motorcycle officer, Dallas PD, is referred to in Volume II, pages 43-45, Volume III, page 266, Volume IV, page 161, Volume VI, page 294, and Volume XII, page 28. A check of these references fails to indicate CHANEY testified before the President's Commission. The reference in Volume III, page 266, reflects that in the testimony of motorcycle officer MERRICK L. HANER, he testified before the Commission that Officer JIM CHANEY at the time the shots were fired was "on the right rear of the car or to the side."

The above is being furnished for your information.

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/5/75

FROM : B. H. Cooke

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

Attached is a copy of 9/4/75 memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, Dallas, which was transmitted to FBIHQ by facsimile on the same date. In part this memorandum states that on 9/3/75, Lt. Jack Revill of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department told SA Brown that he had recently been contacted by former Dallas Police Chief Jess Curry who told him he still has the impression that two men were involved in the shooting of President Kennedy. When Revill asked him on what basis he formed this opinion, Curry made reference to a statement made by one of the motorcycle officers at the scene of the assassination who said he had ridden through a spray of blood at the time the shots were fired.

Lt. Revill said that just before meeting SA [redacted] he had interrogated Dallas Police Officer Jim Chaney, who was one of the motorcycle officers assigned to the motorcade on the day of the assassination. When Revill asked Chaney what information he had furnished to investigating officers following the assassination, Chaney said he had never been interviewed by anyone to obtain his observations as a witness.

Dallas files fail to indicate that Chaney was interviewed by the FBI regarding the assassination.

A review of FBIHQ files does not reveal any interview of Chaney. A review of the Warren Commission Report and its supporting volumes does not reveal any interview of Chaney by the Commission.

In his testimony before the Warren Commission, Attorney Mark Lane quoted an article from the 11/24/63 "Houston Chronicle" as stating Chaney said he was six feet to the right and front of the President's car. He said the first shot sounded like a backfire and the President's car stopped briefly after that shot.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to M. Gallagher
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63

In the Warren Commission testimony of Dallas Police Motorcycle Officer Marrion L. Baker, Baker, who was in the motorcade, said Chaney was at the right rear of the President's car or to the side. He said Chaney told him two shots hit Kennedy and then the other one hit Governor Connolly. He also stated Chaney told him the shots came from in back of him.

General Investigative Division has been unable to determine if Baker was interviewed by the FBI as the reference to the pertinent volume of 105-82555 (containing Serial 4982) has not been located as of yet by the filing unit.

Dallas Police Motorcycle Office Bobby W. Hargis, who was in the motorcade on the left side of the President's car, testified before the Commission that when President Kennedy was hit his head exploded and Hargis was splattered with blood and brains and "kind of bloody water."

There is no indication in FBIHQ files that he was interviewed by the FBI.

B. J. Martin, Dallas Police Motorcycle Officer, testified before the Warren Commission that at the time of the shooting he was to the left rear of the President's car. Afterwards he noticed blood stains on his helmet and uniform and on the windshield of his motorcycle. He also found matter on his helmet which looked like human flesh.

FBIHQ indices contain no references to B. J. Martin.

ACTION: For information.

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