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- 1- Mr. Sullivan
- 1- Mr. DeLoach
- 1- Mr. Evans (T.J. McAndrew)
- 1- Mr. Belmont
- 1- Mr. Rosen
- 1- Mr. Malley
- 1- Mr. Shroder

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RADIOGRAM

TO SAC DALLAS (89-43)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060)

(if regular radio contact missed send by urgent plain text teletype at once.)

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER

TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS,

MISCELLANEOUS DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING.

BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF CALL FROM [REDACTED] FORMER PSI. YOUR OFFICE, DECEMBER ELEVEN INSTANT FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.

[REDACTED] STATED SEVENTEEN INDIVIDUALS IN HOSPITAL WARD FIFTH FLOOR OF DALLAS COUNTY JAIL WITNESSED ASSASSINATION AND NEVER HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED]

ALSO STATED SEARCH SHOULD BE MADE OF THE "TOP" OF DALLAS POST OFFICE BUILDING. EX-117 REC-9 62-109060-3926

DALLAS ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY OF SEEING ASSASSINATION SITE FROM FIFTH FLOOR DALLAS COUNTY JAIL AND IF SO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR FULL DETAILS AND INITIATE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION. ADVISE BUREAU WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND RESULTS SHOULD BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS THIS CASE.

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NOTE: For full details see T.J. McAndrew to Evans memo capt. former Potential Security Informant" dated 12/11/64 ARW:lmh and Gen. Invest. Div Addendum thereto same date RDR:las.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

A.R. FIBRE (info.)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReButel to Dallas dated 12/11/64, regarding information telephonically received that date at Bureau from former PSI [redacted] at Dallas, Texas, regarding seventeen witnesses to assassination in hospital ward of Dallas County Jail who had never been interviewed.

On 12/14/64, Sheriff BILL DECKER, Dallas County, Dallas, advised that thorough investigation conducted at County Jail immediately subsequent to assassination and no witnesses to same located among inmates.

Chief Jailer ERNEST LLOYD HOLMAN, Dallas County Jail, Dallas, on 12/14/64, personally escorted SA RICHARD J. BURNETT through hospital section of County Jail on fifth floor where white inmates with mental history are confined. Mental inmates are kept in a large tank type cell which has one barred double window overlooking scene of assassination. View from this window would have seen President at time of being struck by assassin's bullets, but window in Texas School Book Depository Building from where shots fired is not visible from this cell area.

Hospital section for white prisoners on fifth floor also has another large cell area in northwest corner which has west windows overlooking site of President's car at time of assassination, and another window on north side of building which overlooks Texas School Book Depository Building, including window from where shots fired by assassin.

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However, Chief Jailer HOLMAN advised that this large cell area is used only on weekends by persons serving their three day sentences for "Driving While Intoxicated" charges and not occupied until late on Friday nights as Texas law states any part of a day constitutes a full days credit on drunk sentences. Thus, HOLMAN noted that persons serving such DWI sentences report late on Friday nights to gain credit for one full day. HOLMAN further advised that no DWI prisoners in this particular cell at time of assassination.

It is noted that the north corner jail window (which overlooks Texas School Book Depository building and the window of the Texas School Book Depository from which assassin's shots fired) is very dirty and is backed by an iron mesh type grid guard. View from this particular window very distorted and believed by HOLMAN to be impossible to identify anyone, including the President in his car which would have been rounding the corner of Houston onto Elm Street approaching the Triple Underpass seconds before shooting.

Both Sheriff DECKER and HOLMAN pointed out that anyone who would have been confined in hospital section of fifth floor of jail at time of assassination would have been a mental case and reliability of such person would be highly questionable. HOLMAN noted that it would be a most difficult and time consuming task to at this late date attempt to determine just who was confined in hospital ward at time of assassination. Furthermore, HOLMAN pointed out that such persons, if identified, have since been either released or sent to other State mental places of incarceration.

HOLMAN and Chief Identification Officer JAMES H. KITCHING advised that [redacted] (complainant in this matter) is well known to them as a person completely unreliable who has been arrested on several occasions in the past on lunacy charges. Both stated they would place no confidence whatsoever in any information furnished by him. KITCHING pulled [redacted] arrest record and noted that [redacted] was not incarcerated in Dallas County Jail at time of assassination.

In view of the above information and observations, the Dallas Office does not contemplate pursuing this matter further, UACB.

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Information contained herein and in retel will be set forth in next report submitted in captioned matter.

Mr. Evans

12-11-64

T. J. McAndrews

FORMER POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANT

At 12:20 A.M., 12-11-64, [redacted] made a person to person call from Dallas, Texas, to Mr. DeLoach and was referred to SA Arthur R. Ware, Night Supervisor, Special Investigative Division.

[redacted] stated he had information that 17 individuals, wardens and inmates, were in the hospital ward on the fifth floor of the Dallas County Jail and from there witnessed the assassination of former President Kennedy. He alleged that none of these individuals have been interviewed on this matter. [redacted] said that their information would indicate a search should be made of the top of the Dallas Post Office building.

Bureau files show [redacted] was a potential security informant, Dallas Office, on racial matters from 1-15-58 to 3-27-58. He was discontinued when he made inflammatory remarks re integration [on a radio program]. He was arrested in Arkansas in 1959 for drunk and disorderly and carrying concealed weapon (gun). In 1959 and 1960 he made several telephone calls to Mr. DeLoach, sometimes while under the influence of liquor, and frequently made exaggerated and false claims about his association with the Bureau.

[redacted] appears to be most unreliable and a potential psychopathic case.

ACTION:

This memo should be referred to the Crime Records Division for information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- ① - 62-109060 (Assassination of President John F. Kennedy)
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Ware

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With regard to the allegation related by [redacted] no information concerning this matter has been previously received by the Bureau and no one known to have been incarcerated in the Dallas County Jail has ever come forward to volunteer information. The feasibility of making an observation from the fifth floor of the Dallas County Jail is not known; however, it appears quite remote that anyone further removed than the immediate vicinity of the assassination could furnish any information of pertinence. However, in view of the allegation a teletype is being sent to Dallas instructing them to determine the feasibility of such an observation and if so, promptly interview the informant and initiate logical investigation to establish the identity of alleged witnesses to the assassination.