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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

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SUBJECT : "GARRISON and the Kennedy Assassination:  
Bernard FENSTERWALD et al."

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1. A Washington UPI dispatch of 3 January 1969 reads as follows:

Washington -- New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is one of seven board members of a new national committee to investigate assassinations which is being formed here.

Bernard Fensterwald, 47, of Arlington, Va., another board member, said the committee's purpose is "To embarrass or force the government to make investigations they have been putting off since Nov. 22, 1963."

That was the date of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

Fensterwald, who said he was setting up an office which would open in a week, left the senate earlier this week after 12 years as counsel for several committees.

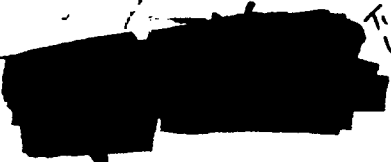
"The committee will concentrate on the three best known assassinations -- President Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King -- but will leave its options open on some other rather mysterious deaths," he said.

"Our position is there was a conspiracy in Dallas, where were strong footprints of a conspiracy in Memphis where Dr. King was shot and nobody really knows much about what went on in Los Angeles (where Senator Kennedy was slain) but we intend to look."

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He said the committee hoped to find private financial support to hire a professional staff for its investigations.

Other board members, <sup>Catlip</sup> said Fensterwald, include Bill Turner of San Francisco, a former FBI agent; Richard Sprague of Hartsdale, N.Y., a computer expert; Fred J. Cook, Englewood, N.J., author; Lloyd Tupling, associated with DC the Sierra Club here, and Paris Flammonde, a New York writer who will have a book out next week on assassinations.

Eight more board members will be named later, Fensterwald said.

2. William Turner and Fred J. Cook are well known to you. Paris Flammonde appears in the January 1969 issue of Evergreen as the author of an article entitled "Why President Kennedy Was Killed". His book The Kennedy Conspiracy has been published by Meredith Press, New York. The dust cover of the book states that Flammonde was for many years the producer of the Long John Nebel radio show. We have no record of him.

3. Reference is made to your memorandum, New York office, 24 August 1956, subject: [REDACTED]

If so, any additional information is also requested.

4. Our records show that Richard Sprague, a management consultant and photographic researcher, appeared in a New York Times article of 24 May 1968 in which he claimed that within an hour of the assassination of President Kennedy three men may have been pulled off freight cars in a railroad yard near Dealy Plaza. We have no further identifiable record of him. We also have no record of Lloyd Tupling. [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to your letter dated January 14, 1969, captioned "GARRISON and the Kennedy Assassination: Bernard FURBERMAN et al." your reference CSCI-116-0102-00

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A review of our files concerning Bernard Furberman, Sr., who was mentioned in news media on January 2, 1969, as being a board member of a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations, disclosed that Furberman was born August 2, 1901, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Bernard Furberman and Blanche Linda Furberman. Included in a copy of a memorandum dated March 26, 1969, which sets forth biographical background on Bernard Furberman.

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During recent years, Furberman has served as General Counsel for Senator Edward V. Long's Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure.

A check of our files also disclosed that we received correspondence from Richard E. [REDACTED], 37 Harvard Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, on July 1, 1969, on that occasion.

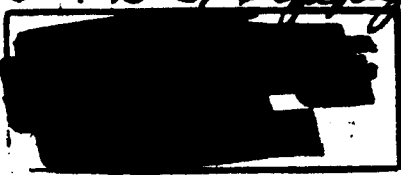
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We also noted that Sylvia Slaughter, author of "Accessories After the Fact," acknowledged the assistance of Richard H. Sprague stating "I am grateful to Richard H. Sprague for making available a list compiled by him of photographs and films which seem to have been overlooked entirely by the Warren Commission and those investigative agencies." In her book, Mrs. Slaughter was extremely critical concerning the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department. (02-10040-637)

A check of our files also disclosed that during the late 1940s a list was compiled by the Information Officer of the House of Representatives, Honorable Senator of California, George W. Norris, University News Bureau, Report on the Warren Commission, which was a member of the "Society of American Artists" and "The Dallas Herald" in August 1964. Although this list was not investigated by the Warren Commission, it was not investigated by the Warren Commission. (02-10040-637)

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Classified "~~Secret~~" inasmuch as the incoming inquiry from CIA in this matter has been classified "~~Secret~~" by CIA. (S)

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Memorandum E. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop dated 1/6/68 reporting that a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations was formed and this new committee was to include as board members Bernard Fensterwald, New Orleans District Attorney Garrison, former FBI Agent William Turner, and Fred J. Cook, Richard Sprague, Alvin Topping and Paris Plamondon. CIA requested data in our files concerning Fensterwald, Sprague, Topping and Plamondon.

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