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Date: January 23, 1969
To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to your letter dated January 14, 1969, captioned "GIBBERSON and the Kennedy Assassination: Bernard WINSTON et al," your reference 0201-310/00108-09.

A review of our files concerning Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., who was mentioned in news media on January 3, 1969, as being a board member of a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations, disclosed that Fensterwald was born August 2, 1921, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Leonard Fensterwald and Blanche Lindauer Fensterwald. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated March 20, 1969, which sets forth considerable background data concerning Fensterwald. (77-44206-34)

During recent years, Fensterwald 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 B. Sprague, 37 Harvard Drive, Rosedale, New York, in July, 1968. On that occasion,

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Mr. Sprague furnished a copy of his research monograph containing photographs of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy which he had accumulated. Mr. Sprague requested an opportunity to meet with a representative of this Bureau to review and discuss his material. However, we noted in reviewing Mr. Sprague's material that there was nothing new that had not already been fully considered in our examination of the evidence involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and, therefore, we informed Mr. Sprague we did not feel it necessary to meet with him to go over his material. (62-109060-6520)

In reviewing some of the books written by critics of the Warren Commission, we noted that Josiah Thompson, in his book entitled "Six Seconds in Dallas," acknowledged assistance from one "Richard Sprague" not further identified.

We also noted that Sylvia Heagher, author of "Misperceptions After the Fact," acknowledged the assistance of Richard B. Sprague stating "I am grateful to Richard B. 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 these investigative agencies." In her book, Mrs. Heagher was extremely critical concerning the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department. (62-109060-6290)

A check of our files also disclosed that during 1954 W. Lloyd Tapping was appointed the Information Officer of the State of Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic Senator of Oregon. One Lloyd Tapping, University News Bureau, Eugene, Oregon, was listed as a member of the "Society of America's Friends of the Mexican People" as of August 18, 1936. This group is no longer in existence and was not investigated by the FBI, although indications were that the group was sympathetic to the communist cause. During May, 1950, one Lloyd Tapping was the publisher of "The State-Wide Newspaper," a weekly newspaper published in Boise, Idaho. (100-179915-23)

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Our files do not disclose whether the Tupling mentioned above is identical to the Lloyd Tupling who reportedly is a board member of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Our files contain no information identifiable with Paris Flammonde who also reportedly is a board member of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Enclosure

NOTE:

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

Memorandum L. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop dated 1/6/69 reported 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, author Fred J. Cook, Richard Sprague, Lloyd Tupling and Paris Flammonde. CIA requested data in our files concerning Fensterwald, Sprague, Tupling and Flammonde.

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