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> ASSASSINATION OF FRESIDENT JCHN FILZEERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

Carlos Pringuier, New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate (CSD), appeared in the New Crleans Office of the FBI on October 10, 1968, and furnished the following information:

He advised that he was visited by Dione Number on the afternoon of October 9, 1968. She furnished he leddress as Fost Office Box 1282, Louisiana State University in New Coleans. louistana, 70122. Turner advised Bringuler that she had received a letter from Philip Ceraci, III, approximately two weeks ago. Geraci is presently in the United States military stationed in Vietnam. Geraci advised Turner in his letter to transmit a mossage for him to Carlos Bringuler. Geraci advised that he had been contacted by Harold Weisberg, author of the book, "WHITEWASH," who has been assisting New Orleans District Attorney James Carrison in his investigation of the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Ceraci did not adviso Turner as to what method Weisberg had used in controling him. Gerzei claimed that Weisborg indicated that he, Geraci, veids be subposted by the New Orleans Grand Jury through the offerts of District Attorney Carrison if he did not state that he had previously been highed by Carlos Bringuier and that he, Pringuier, and some other Cubars had gone to a training camp for Cabars in the New Orleans area. Weisberg added that if Coraci did not ecopy with this request he would be indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury.

Turner further advised Bringuier that Geraci's mother had been cooperating with Garrison and had made some type of deal with him. She did not indicate what kind of deal had been made. Turner commented that an agency which she did not identify, was building a case against Weisburg because he was spreading KGR propaganda in the United States. Turner did not identify this agency to Pringuler.

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Turner stated that Geraci is due to arrive in New Crleans shortly as one of the members of his immediate family is very ill. She added that she does not know what Geraci plans to do regarding this situation.

Bringuier advised that he told Turner to write Ceraci and tell him to go shead and testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury and tell the truth. Bringuier stated that he first met Geraci in 1963 when Geraci, who was of high school age, came into his store, the Casa Roca, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, to inquire about what he might do to assist in any anti-Castro activity. Bringuier stated that he gave Geraci some material to read and at one time gave him some bonds to sell from which the revenue would be used to support acti-Fidel Castro activities. Bringuler stated Ceraci did not seceive a commission for selling these bonds and was not employed by him. Ceraci discontinued the sale of bonds as he claimed he was stopped by an officer, not identified, who stated he could not sell these bonds without a permit. Bringuier related that he again saw Ceraci on August 5, 1963, at the Casa Roca. Geraci was again interested in discussing ahti-Castro activity and was accompanied by a companion. While Bringuier, Geraci and his companion were talking, Lee Harvey Oswald entered the Casa Roca and showed interest in joining the CSD and in obtaining as much information as possible concerning this organization's activities. Bringuier advised that he excused himself at this time to make a deposit in the bank and left Geraci, his companion and Oswald talking. Bringuler added that he has only seen Geraci once since August 5, 1963, and this was at a showing of Victner films in the New World Theater at 1117 Decatur Street in New Crleans in 1966 or 1967.

The following concerning Philip Geraci, Mil, is contained in the files of the New Orleans Office of the FEM:

Deputy Sheriff Don Borne, Juvenile Division, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Cretma, Louistana, advised on May 5, 1968, that Geraci, whose home address was 2201 Green Acres Read, Metairie, Louisiana, in 1965, ran away from his residence on April 20, 1965. Geraci, in fact, was under psychiatric treatment. He affiliated with Cubves who were anti-Fidel Castro in their political outlook.

Philip Geraci, Jr., of the above address and the father of Geraci, III, advised on May 5, 1965, that the family physician had placed his son on tranquilizers and ordered him to receive psychiatric treatment. He received this treatment at the Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans. Geraci, III, was to have had an appointment with his psychiatrist on April 20, 1965, the day he ran away from home, and may have run away because he thought he might be committed for psychiatric treatment.

On May 29, 1965, Deputy Sheriff Borne advised that Geraci, III, had been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, and released to his parents in Metairie, Louisiana, in order that he be committed privately to an insane asylum.

On July 30, 1965, Geraci, III's, parents had him privately committed to the State Hospital at Mandevillo, Jouisiana, for treatment. He had been diagnosed with schizophrenia reaction with obsessive compulsive features and with the recommendation for further evaluation and treatment.

November 29, 1963, concerning his meeting Lee Harvey Cavald at the Casa Roca on August 5, 1963. Information furnished by Geraci paralleled information regarding this incident as furnished by Carlos Bringuier, above. Geraci stated that he and his companion talked to Oswald for approximately ten to fifteen minutes concerning various guerilla tactics, firearms and other subjects. Geraci stated, during this introview, that he could not recall Oswald discussing Marxism, Communism or any other political philosophy at this time. Geraci added that he had no further contact with Oswald other than that one incident.