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Fatter, Esmond A. (Dr.)

Fatter, ~~practitioner~~ practitioner, was witness at Clay Shaw Hearings. Fatter proceeded to qualify himself as an expert in field of hypnosis. Claimed to have had 9 years training in psychiatry. Fatter then testified that on March 1, 9 & 12, 1967 he placed Perry Russo in a hypnotic trance.

Memo 3/17/67

former
Kennedy, Regis (SA)

Regis Kennedy is the former Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, who did considerable investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy and of Lee Harvey Oswald. In May, 1967, he testified, upon subpoena of DA Garrison, before a Grand Jury in New Orleans. He is presently retired and living in Louisiana.

Memo 5/19/67

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**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**

Set forth below are witnesses called by Garrison in Clay Shaw trial on 2/6/69. These set forth in memo Branigan to Sullivan 2/7/69. Letter also furnished AG re these.

- * 1st witness - Edwin Lea McGehee, barber from Jackson, La.
- * 2nd witness - Reeves Morgan, former state representative from Jackson
- * 3rd witness - John Manchester, town marshal of Clinton
- * 4th witness - Henry E. Palmer, Voting Registrar
- * 5th witness - Corrie C. Collins, Negro involved with CORE in La.

Set forth below are witnesses called by Garrison in Clay Shaw trial on 2/7-8/69. These set forth in memo Branigan to Sullivan 2/10/69

- * Charles Spiesel - Garrison's star witness, mentally unstable (temperamental)
- * Vernon William Bundy - admitted drug addict

The following are the prosecution's first 3 witnesses on 2/7/69 (Also mentioned in teletype from NOO 2/7/69 & memo WAB to WCS 2/10/69)
William E. Dunn - Negro farm & construction worker from La. Also affiliated with CORE

- * Bobbie Dedon - Employed in 1963 as receptionist, East Louisiana Hospital
- * Mrs. Maxine Kemp - Secretary to Personnel Officer at hospital

The following were also placed on the stand 2/7/69. They are also mentioned in Memo Branigan to Sullivan 2/10/69 and teletype from NOO 2/7/69.

- * Officer Mark Windstein - NO PD
- * Officer Frank Hayward - NO PD
- * Captain Francis Martello - NO PD
- * Girod Ray - Employed as harbor police in 1963
- * Charles Steele, Jr. - Handed out Fair Play for Cuba leaflets with Oswald

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Davis, Charles

Charles F. Davis, President, Travel Consultant Inc., International Trade Mart, advised when interviewed 12/3/63 at New Orleans, that his records show that Lee Harvey Oswald booked passage on a Lykes vessel scheduled to sail from New Orleans on Sept. 18, 1959 for Le Havre, France paying \$220.75. Mr. Davis advised reservation card was completed by Lewis E. Hopkins but does not have an address in N.O. for Oswald. Davis not personally acquainted with Oswald.

Dallas Rpt. 12/8/63
pg. 301

Bundy, Vernon Willis

Vernon Bundy is the narcotics addict that testified at Clay Shaw's hearing in New Orleans that he had observed Shaw meet with Lee Harvey Oswald on the New Orleans lake front in 1963. We have previously received an allegation that Bundy's testimony was false and that he had received a deal from New Orleans District Attorney Garrison wherein his prison sentence would be shortened provided he testified as he did at Shaw's hearing.

REL's info.note 5/15/67

Russo, Perry Raymond

Russo is an insurance company employee.

Russo is main witness (against Clay Shaw) who testified 3/14/67 that he (Russo) was present at meeting when Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald (introduced to Russo as Leon Oswald) and David Ferrie (the homosexual who died 2/22/67) plotted the assassination. Russo appears to be lying. Garrison's staff used hypnosis and drugs on him to get him to tell his story. We have received information indicating the story he tells was placed in his mind by Garrison's men while hypnotized and drugged.

Memos 7/5/67, 3/14/67

Hopkins, Lewis E. - Manager, Travel Consultants
Inc. International Trade Mart.

Interviewed 11/30/63, 12/3/63, & 12/4/63 at
New Orleans.

Hopkins checked his records re Continental
Trailways Bus Tickets sold to Mexico City during
Sept. 1963 and to Dallas, Texas Sept. 24, 25, 26,
1963 and said none were sold. Examined photo
of Oswald and stated he had no knowledge of
him ever having done business with his agency.

Hopkins advised that sales report for 9/17/59
shows Oswald paid \$220.75 for passage on a
Lykes Steamship Company vessel to Le Havre,
France. Hopkins completed a reservation card
in name of Lee Harvey Oswald - address not filled
in. No record of payment by check so assumes he
paid cash. Doesn't recall the transaction &
has no personal knowledge of Oswald.

Hopkins examined photo and advised he didn't
remember him as a former customer. He examined
the Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. "Passenger
Immigration Questionnaire Leaving U.S." dated
9/16/59. Hopkins said form was completed in
his hand printing after asking Oswald necessary
questions. Believes Oswald would have signed
form in his presence as he always put cross
where customer signs.

Dallas Rpt. 12/8/63 pgs
302, 303, 346

Hayward, Frank

Hayward, patrolman, New Orleans Police Dept.
was interviewed 11/30/63.

Hayward said on 8/9/63 he was riding in patrol car with Patrolman Frank D. Wilson when call received about crowd in 700 block of Canal St. Individual later identified as Lee H. Oswald observed to having passed out leaflets re "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." Oswald & 3 Cubans with whom he appeared to be arguing were arrested. Was present short time following booking of Oswald & during time he (Oswald) did not state he was a communist. Oswald evasive in answering questions saying he had been paid to distribute leaflets.

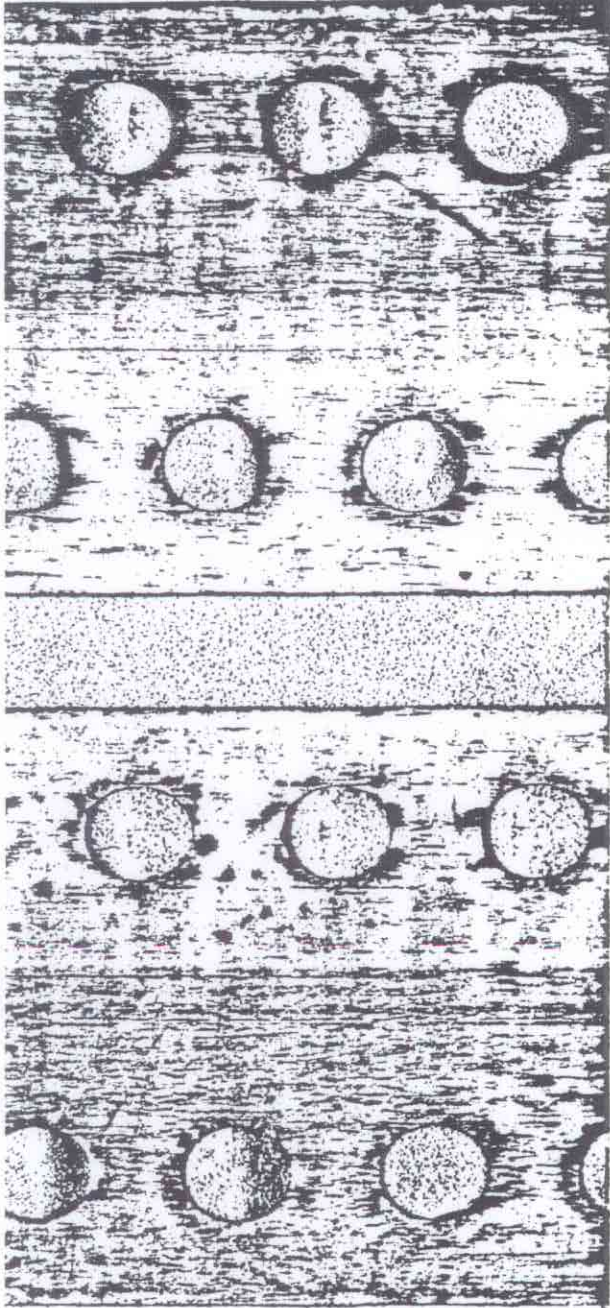
Dallas report 12/2/
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Schuster, Peter

Schuster was photographer for the coroner's office who was sent to take photos at Ferrie's apt.

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Newspaper clippings sent
with 3/14/67 airtel (N.O.)



Reilly, John F.

Reilly was technician for New Orleans Police Dept. (Police Dept. of Identification) who was sent to take photos of scene of Ferrie's death - his residence.

In some of the clippings they have John Rowley. Could this be the same indiv. - same type of position given for him.

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with 3/14/67 airtel(N.O.)

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/14/69

New Orleans Judge has denied
defendant's motion for change of venue
in pending trial of Clay Shaw,
charged by District Attorney Garrison
with conspiracy in assassination of
President Kennedy. Garrison filed
11 subpoenas including one for
retired Lt Regis Kennedy. Kennedy
has not yet been served the subpoena.
Kennedy previously testified before
Grand Jury.

Since this obtained from news
media, no dissemination recommended.

New Orleans being instructed to
have Kennedy contact U.S. Attorney
who served with subpoena.

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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF
WILLIAM S. WALTER

The 10/1/75 edition of the "Dallas Times Herald" newspaper contained an article (copy attached) setting forth information that William S. Walter on September 11, 1975, underwent a polygraph examination concerning his statements about the alleged teletype's existence. The report of the examiner commissioned by the newspaper stated in part: "Although . . . Mr. Walter's polygraph charts contain criteria indicative of deception it is the examiner's position that the polygraph examination is inconclusive."

Employee says FBI issued

The Dallas Times Herald 10/1/75

warning on JFK plot

During his visit to Dallas on Sept. 11, Walter underwent a polygraph examination concerning his statements about the alleged teletype's existence, but the expert examiner concluded the test results were inconclusive.

The examiner's report, commissioned by this newspaper, stated in part: "Although ... Mr. Walter's polygraph charts contain criteria indicative of deception it is the examiner's position that the polygraph examination

is inconclusive."

The examiner, William B. Burnham, stated in the report that the indications of deception in Walter's chart may have been caused by the potentially incriminating questions.

The questions posed to Walter were: "Did you actually receive an official teletype at the New Orleans FBI office on Nov. 17, 1963, alerting the FBI to a possible assassination of the president in Dallas?"

"To the best of your knowledge was this an authentic teletype transmitted from the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.?"

Walter answered "yes" to both questions.

At Walter's request, he was examined only as to his personal knowledge of the alleged teletype and whether he believed it to be authentic. Other relevant questions, those concerning his actual possession of the purported document, were deleted from the examination.

Originally, Walter was to have been questioned at length in conjunction with a photostat of the alleged teletype, but he failed to provide the copy during his visit and has not delivered it yet.

Mention of the alleged teletype surfaced briefly in 1968 during New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's unsuccessful attempt to investigate and his alleged role in a conspiracy to prosecute businessman Clay Shaw for his alleged role in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, which Garrison claimed was hatched in New Orleans.

At that time, Garrison appeared during a network television program with an affidavit from Mark Lane, a self-styled assassination investigator, which stated such a teletype had moved from FBI headquarters five days before Kennedy's death.

The affidavit stated Lane had spoken with Walter in late 1967 and that the ex-FBI employe told him of the message. Lane repeated this in a Washington press conference Tuesday.

But Walter told The Times Herald he never disclosed the teletype's existence to Lane, and that shortly after he heard of the Garrison remarks he voluntarily appeared in the New Orleans FBI office to deny any part of the incident.

The FBI, however, initiated an investigation of Garrison's statement, according to FBI sources, and eventually interviewed 53 agents and other personnel in the office. The probe turned up no evidence to substantiate the allegations. FBI officials have stated.

According to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly's statement Tuesday, Walter also stated to agency officials and the New Orleans U.S. Attorney, Louis LaCour, in 1968 that he had no

knowledge of nor did he have possession of such a document.

Walter asserted, however, that in the 1968 investigation he was never questioned about whether the Lane and Garrison remarks were true, only about his possible role as the source of the affidavit.

Walter last Wednesday personally delivered his allegations to FBI Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams during a conference telephone call routed through The Times Herald switchboard.

"I will swear to a grand jury, to Clarence Kelley or to anyone else that I did receive a teletype," Walter said. "It was dated Nov. 17, 1963 and it did say there would be an attempt on Kennedy's life in Dallas.

"I do know, of personal knowledge, other individuals in the New Orleans office who saw this, helped me find it and discussed it with me. We can go to grand juries until we're blue in the face."

Adams replied the FBI would like to take Walter's statements down under oath.

"You've made the offer that you'll say all this under oath," Adams said to Walter. "I'd like to arrange through your attorney that I accept his offer to make these statements under oath. And since you're making the allegations again, I'd like to have another interview with you."

Walter, contacted by newsmen Tuesday night after the CBS program, said "I told him (Adams) I didn't need immunity — that I had nothing to hide. It looked then as though they were agreeing it (the message) could be a possibility and that they wanted to cooperate."

Published reports have stated that Senate and House committees of Congress also intent to question Walter about the alleged teletype's existence.

Sen. Richard Schweiker, a Republican member of the Senate Committee on Intelligence Activities, said he would look into the matter within the next two weeks.

It was unclear whether the House Committee on Intelligence would act on the information.

Walter told The Times Herald during the Sept. 7 interview that he personally received the teletype in the early morning hours of Nov. 17, 1963 and immediately contacted five high-level FBI agents to make them aware of the message.

Walter also furnished The Times Herald names of four other FBI employes with whom he claims to have discussed the teletype's existence shortly after the assassination.

When contacted about the matter all said they had no recollection of discussing the matter with Walter, two of them even stating they believed the

account had been fabricated.

Special agents in charge of the New Orleans bureau in 1963 and at present have both denied in wire service reports the existence of such a teletype message.

Harry Maynor, special agent in charge in 1963 and now a security executive in New York City, said he had no "recollection along those lines. Nothing similar to that happened ... I can't say it is incorrect."

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WILLIAM S. WALTER ALLEGATIONS
EFFORTS BY FBI TO RESOLVE

Investigation 1968:

Upon learning of the allegations of William S. Walter of the existence of a teletype to all Southern offices of the FBI on 11/17/63 warning of a planned assassination attempt on President Kennedy at Dallas, Texas, on 11/22/63, an extensive search of FBIHQ records was instituted. This search failed to locate any information or communications indicating a planned assassination attempt as alleged against President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas. No record could be located of any teletype to all offices, groups of offices, or an individual office in this regard. Likewise, no records could be located indicating any teletype emanated from FBIHQ to New Orleans on 11/17/63. *
over 50

In addition, in 1968, fifty-four employees of the New Orleans Office, who were so employed 11/17/63, were interviewed and none had knowledge of the alleged teletype. Included in the interviews was that of former Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Maynor who stated he had no knowledge of the teletype.

Walter was one of three Security Patrol Clerks (SPC) attached to the New Orleans Office on the date in question. The other two SPCs were interviewed and they had no knowledge of the teletype. One of these SPCs would have worked the shift from 4:15 pm 11/16/63 to 12:15 am 11/17/63, and again from. (2)

and succeeding to Walter's shift. Normal procedure dictates the SPC on duty brief the SPC relieving him on important matters arising on each shift.

Investigation 1975:

After this issue was raised anew, a recheck was made of FBIHQ records in an effort to locate the alleged teletype. This recheck failed to disclose any such teletype. In addition, all 59 field offices of the FBI checked their indices and appropriate files and advised FBIHQ they were unable to locate any such teletype or one similar thereto. SAC Warren deBrueys (San Juan Office) who was assigned as a Special Agent to the New Orleans Office during the pertinent period has advised that he has no knowledge of the alleged teletype.

WILLIAM S. WALTER ALLEGATIONS
CHRONOLOGY

1/31/68

Jim Garrison appeared on Johnny Carson TV Show and alleged Mark Lane had obtained sworn statement from Walter stating Walter had on 11/17/63 received teletype to all Southern Offices of FBI regarding planned assassination attempt on President Kennedy at Dallas, Texas, on 11/22/63. Further Walter called SAC, New Orleans who instructed Walter to notify a number of Agents to maintain contact with informants.

Additionally, another FBI directive ordered New Orleans Office to examine interview reports in Kennedy assassination investigation to insure no conflicts contained therein. Agents were ordered to resolve conflicts, prepare new reports and destroy old ones.

2/1/68

Walter at own initiation personally contacted SAC, Jacksonville and denied Garrison's allegations stating he never received or saw such a teletype or other message and denied furnishing affidavit or signed statement of any kind to Lane. He also denied telling Lane or any others regarding alleged FBI directive to examine interview reports.

- 2/2/68 Walter contacted New Orleans FBI Office and denied statements attributed to him on Johnny Carson TV Show.
- 3/15/68 Walter with his attorney, Guy Wooten, visited office of U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, and stated recalls receiving teletype on 11/17/63 from FBIHQ regarding planned assassination attempt on President Kennedy during his trip to Texas and probably notified SAC Maynor of its receipt. He stated he does not have a copy of the teletype; he did not give a copy to Lane and does not know who would have such a copy.
- 3/26/68 Walter advised Nashville FBI Agents he received teletype in question 11/17/63 and knows of other clerical employees who knew of receipt of teletype but would not identify them nor would he sign statement.
- 5/16/68 Walter interviewed by FBI Agents at Nashville, Tennessee, and emphatically denied having any Government document or copy of such a document relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. He also denied ever making copies of Government documents.

September
1975

Walter variously claimed to newspaper
representatives in Dallas, Texas, the following:

- 1) He removed teletype from FBI files at
New Orleans.
- 2) He typed a copy from the original while in the
FBI Office.
- 3) He has presently under his control, the original
of this document which he took from FBI files.
- 4) His lawyer in Louisiana has a Xerox copy of
this teletype.
- 5) The original copy is in a locked box somewhere
in the vicinity of New Orleans.

9/22/75

Walter advised newspaper representatives in Dallas,
Texas, he had copy of the teletype but was
concerned over possible prosecutive action because
of possessing it.

9/23/75

Department of Justice authorized granting immunity
to Walter for possessing, purloining or not
previously making available teletype providing he
promptly make it available at this time.

Deputy Associate Director J. B. Adams telephonically
advised Walter of this grant of immunity. In response,
Walter stated he was not claiming to have possession of
any official documents.

9/24/75

Walter's attorney advised Mr. Adams that Walter does not have a Government copy of the teletype but has an exact replica. He said he would contact Walter about furnishing the replica to the FBI as well as furnishing the names of everyone Walter now claims had possession or personal knowledge of the teletype and would advise Mr. Adams of Walter's decision.

No contact has been made by the attorney or Walter with Mr. Adams since 9/24/75.