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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Barefoot Sanders
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

DATE: May 20, 1967

FROM : John Doar
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

129-11

SUBJECT: Alleged Intimidation of Witness in
State Prosecution of Clay Shaw

It occurred to me that you may want to send me a resume of anything that I should know about the alleged intimidation of witnesses in the Garrison investigation.

I do not intend to take any action until I have reviewed all of the information you have, as well as talk to Mr. Vinson, and have the opportunity to study the problems that his division is having with the subpoenaing of FBI agents before the grand jury.

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TO : Mr. Fred Vinson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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FROM : John Doar
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT:

I would appreciate receiving from your division any information on the problems you have had in connection with the Garrison investigation. I have under consideration a matter involving the alleged intimidation of witnesses, and I do not intend to take any steps on it until I am fully informed of what your division has been doing, as well as all other contacts the Department may have had with the matter.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMO FOR: Nathaniel Kossack
First Assistant, Criminal Division

FROM : Barefoot Sanders *BS*

Attached is the Belcher memo, etc., concerning David Ferrie.

I mentioned this to the Attorney General Friday evening but we were in a hurry and came to no resolution of the problem.

It seems to me that there is no choice about returning the documents. However, I don't know what the legalities are. In any event, assuming we return the documents, including the bank statement, I think we should try to have ready an explanation of where Ferrie may have obtained this money. The most likely explanation is from Marcello's lawyer - wasn't it G. Ray Gill. I don't know anything about Gill and it may be that it is not feasible for Louis or one of his Assistants to talk to him. But if it is feasible it would be great to have an explanation ready when Garrison releases these bank deposits - as he surely will.

I think the Attorney General should be consulted before any final decision is made.

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Memorandum

TO : Barefoot Sanders
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

DATE:

FROM : *CBK* Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

In the Attorney General's office yesterday, I orally mentioned to you the fact that certain documents were volunteered to the FBI by a local police officer in New Orleans in 1964 and that the same local police officer was now motivated by Garrison to request the FBI to return to him copies of those documents.

I have now found the documents and they are attached. All the documents except the bank account statement seem to relate exclusively to the Carlos Marcello case and suggest no reason why they could not be returned.

One page of the bank statement is of interest. Substantial deposits were made during November, 1963, but the withdrawals were nowhere near as large in amount. Both the deposits and withdrawals could be explained solely on the basis that this individual was employed and pursuant to that employment did travel extensively and apparently paid necessary expenses incidental to his investigative efforts during his travel on the Marcello case.

In addition, we are confronted with the circumstance that Garrison knows these documents exist and may well know the contents of them inasmuch as only copies and not the originals were furnished to the FBI.

The FBI advised me today that none of the documents in question were furnished to the Warren Commission for the reason that they were received by the FBI in 1964 at a time when the earlier thoughts of a widespread plot in connection with the assassination had largely been discounted and they saw no hard evidence that any of these documents were related to the assassination.

Mr. Kossack and I have discussed the pros and cons of this matter and each of us recommends that these documents be returned to the local police officer by the FBI in the least news-worthy way possible. Your advice on this matter would be appreciated.

Attachments