

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: MR. JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: DOUGLAS WARD, INVESTIGATOR

Detective Ward reports of having had a conversation with Mr. Emile Stopper regarding Guy Banister. Mr. Stopper had business dealings with Banister a year prior and up to the time of Banister's death. Mr. Stopper told Ward that he had heard Banister mention on several occasions his feelings and bitterness toward the Kennedy Administration (Mr. Stopper did not elaborate on Banister's feelings toward the administration). Mr. Stopper further stated that he had heard Banister remark on several occasions that someone should do away with Kennedy.

Mr. Stopper also told Ward that he had seen what appeared to be a Mexican or Cuban man with a beard and mustache come to pick Banister up some time before the assassination, however, he could not furnish a better description for the reason that the man never got out of his automobile but Banister came out of the house and got into the car with him and they drove off. Mr. Stopper said Banister had many, many visitors; mostly, young men. Stopper told Ward that he believed Banister belonged to several segregation groups. It was also learned by Ward that an unidentified white female who Banister had been dating found Banister's body in his apartment and that after having notified the police, this woman removed numerous papers from Banister's apartment. It was several days after Banister's death that the same woman returned to the apartment and removed a large amount of papers and literature. Mr. Stopper further told Ward that he believed the woman, mentioned above, Banister and some of Banister's friends had been writing material about the Kennedy Admin-

were of no significance to this investigation. These papers are attached to this report. Mr. Stopper told Ward that he may have some more papers which were left in Banister's apartment after his death, however, he would have to look for them and if he found them, he would contact Ward and turn them over to him.

Ward would like to state at this time that Mr. Stopper told Ward he did not wish his name to be mentioned and that Mr. Stopper is an old man.

DOUGLAS WARD