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Via _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

Mr & Mrs

RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

On Saturday, 2/17/68, RMT JOE C. HAYS, JR. of the Dallas Office, was called to the home of a neighbor, MRS. SYLVIA GRAY, wife of MELVIN L. GRAY, 3756 Rockdale Drive, Dallas, Texas, at which time MR. GRAY advised in the presence of MRS. GRAY and their son MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., a college student, and another individual referred to as "BILL", a college student from New Jersey, that they had accidentally stumbled onto some information relating to the KENNEDY assassination and desired to have advice from MR. HAYS who they knew to be an employee of the FBI. They were all extremely curious as to whether any information they disclosed to HAYS would have to be reported to his office. They requested that their names not be disclosed outside the FBI.

MELVIN L. GRAY, JR. advised that he had visited the assassination site with the other individuals present and that he had found an unfired Savage .303 caliber rifle cartridge that had a copper clad, lead nose projectile. MELVIN GRAY, JR. allegedly found this unfired cartridge partially buried in the soil some 20 feet from a drainage opening which those present stated would make "an ideal escape route."

RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

According to RMT HAYS, MELVIN GRAY, JR. appeared to have considerable knowledge of the details of the assassination investigation and expressed the opinion that he was "not satisfied" with the results of the Warren Report and felt that

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the truth of the assassination had not been disclosed. He stated that although District Attorney JAMES GARRISON was the only one who appeared to be doing anything about the assassination investigation, he was not sure that GARRISON's investigation could be relied upon. MELVIN GRAY, JR. indicated that he had considered contacting GARRISON about finding the unfired cartridge.

RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
According to RMT HAYS, MELVIN GRAY, JR. appeared to express a more than ordinary interest in the KENNEDY assassination and appeared to attach undue importance to the finding of the cartridge and did not desire to part with same.

The above information is being furnished the Bureau in view of the fact that it is possible that at some future time MELVIN GRAY, JR. may turn the cartridge in his possession over to District Attorney GARRISON or some other agency.

No letterhead memorandum is being submitted in view of the specific request by all present that their names not be divulged and that the information not be disclosed outside the FBI.

February 23, 1968
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Melvin L. Gray, Jr., furnished information to a clerical employee of our Dallas Office that he found a .303 unfired rifle cartridge partially buried in the soil near a drainage opening at the assassination site which according to Gray was "an ideal escape route." District Attorney Garrison has publicly stated that the assassins made their exit utilizing a sewer in Dealey Plaza.

Gray is reported to have more than an ordinary interest in the assassination and may turn the cartridge over to District Attorney Garrison.

Dallas is being instructed to interview Gray thoroughly obtaining all details, and attempt to obtain the cartridge for examination by the Laboratory to determine whether the cartridge case was buried, and if it was, for what period of time.

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R. J. ...
KMR

SAC, Dallas (89-43)

February 26, 1968

Director, FBI (62-109060)

1 - Mr. Raupach

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

ReDLairtel 2/21/68 and Bureau telephone call
2/23/68.

This is to confirm the telephonic conversation
with the Dallas Division on 2/23/68 concerning the .303
cartridge found by Melvin L. Gray, Jr., near the
assassination site in Dallas. TEXAS

The interview with Melvin L. Gray, Jr., should
be handled promptly, and if he will relinquish possession
of the cartridge, it should be promptly submitted to
the Bureau for appropriate Laboratory examination.

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Gray was reported by Dallas to have more than an ordinary interest in the assassination and may turn the cartridge over to DA Garrison.

Dallas was telephonically instructed to interview Gray thoroughly obtaining all details and further attempt to obtain the cartridge for examination by the Laboratory to determine whether it was buried, and if it was, for what period of time. This communication is to confirm that telephone conversation.