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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

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

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

OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 2/21/68, and Bureau telephone call to Dallas, 2/23/68 requesting that MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., be immediately contacted and interviewed as to the circumstances under which he found an unfired Savage .303 caliber rifle cartridge, and Dallas telephone call to Houston, 2/23/68.

Enclosed for information of Houston is one Xerox copy of referenced Dallas airtel.

The Bureau instructed in referenced telephone call that MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., be immediately contacted and interviewed as to specifically where and when he found the unfired cartridge and to obtain such cartridge from him for a laboratory examination, and that it should be pointed out to him that such cartridge could be returned to him if he so desired, and that a receipt should be given for such cartridge.

TEXAS

On the afternoon of 2/23/68, SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN contacted MELVIN L. GRAY, SR., 3756 Rockdale Drive, Dallas, Texas, at which time he advised that his son, MELVIN L. GRAY, JR. and his friend BILL (LNU) had both returned to Houston, Texas, where they were both students at the University of Houston. Mr. GRAY stated his son could be located at 4009 Drake, Houston, Texas, telephone MO 5-3357. He stated that his son had taken the unfired cartridge back to school with him and that he felt his son would cooperate in furnishing same to the FBI.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Houston (encl-1) (62-2115)
- 2 - Dallas

Approved: JEG Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel to SACs, Houston and Dallas
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Houston and Dallas insure that the New Orleans Division receives all information relating to this matter, noting that New Orleans did not receive copies of referenced Houston airtel 2/23/68 or Dallas airtel of the same date, copies of which are enclosed for the information of New Orleans.

Investigation in this phase should be handled expeditiously, and Dallas, if photographs of the location where the bullet was found are available, information concerning this should be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum, and the photographs are to be enclosures to this communication. Dallas determine from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Gray, due to present circumstances, whether they have any objection to revealing their identity.

NOTE:

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 escape utilizing a sewer in Dealey Plaza. Gray was reported by Dallas to have more than an ordinary interest in the assassination, and there were indications he would turn the cartridge over to District Attorney Garrison.

Dallas was telephonically instructed to interview Gray thoroughly. It was determined Gray had returned to school in Houston, and he was interviewed by the Houston Office. He has made the bullet available which is being furnished to the Laboratory by separate communication for examination, and Houston is being instructed to submit results of Gray's interview in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

2/28/68

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1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Laboratory

To: SACs, Houston (62-2115)
Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) - 6204

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

ReHOairtel 2/23/68 and Dallas airtels 2/21/68
and 2/23/68.

Referenced airtels concern information furnished
by Melvin L. Gray, Jr., relating to a .303 Savage bullet
found at the assassination site in Dallas and results of
an interview with Gray by the Houston Division.

Referenced Dallas airtel dated 2/21/68 indicated
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Gray and Melvin L. Gray, Jr., did
not want their names divulged or that the information they
furnished be disclosed outside the FBI. However, due to
the nature of the information they furnished, this must be
disseminated to other Government agencies.

Houston determine if Melvin L. Gray, Jr., still
desires his identity be concealed. If he does, handle
accordingly, and incorporate the results of his interview
in an LHM. If he has no objection to revealing his
identity, then it should be set forth in the LHM. Noting
his apparent cooperation and the fact he considered fur-
nishing this information to District Attorney James
Garrison in New Orleans, it would appear that he would
not object to having his identity revealed.

1 - New Orleans (89-69) (Enc. 2)

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not weather worn or corroded. GRAY stated that upon finding the bullet they returned to the home of GRAY's parents and told his parents of their find. After discussing the matter with GRAY's parents they returned to the site where they located the bullet and at that time made measurements as to the location of their find of the bullet.

WILLIAM W. KOY was born 3/18/48, New Brunswick, N.J. His permanent residence is 427 Benner Street, Highland Park, N.J. He is a sophomore at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology. TEXAS

MELVIN L. GRAY, JR. was born 7/20/47 at Dallas, Texas and he too is a student at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology, in his junior year.

It was the observation of the interviewing agents that the apartment where GRAY and KOY reside contained several psychedelic posters and paintings. While neither GRAY or KOY could be considered to be of the beatnik type both appeared to be immature and possibly irresponsible. Also MELVIN GRAY stated that he was considering advising District Attorney GARRISON of New Orleans of their find of a bullet in the vicinity of the spot of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

By separate communication the bullet furnished by WILLIAM W. KOY is being transmitted to the Bureau by Railway Express.

GRAY also mentioned that he and KOY had taken photographs of the site where they found the bullet on 2/17/68. When asked if he had copies or prints of the pictures taken he advised that the film was left at his parents home at Dallas, Texas and that if the film had been developed and pictures are available they would be in the possession of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. MELVIN L. GRAY, 3756 Rockdale, Dallas.

LEAD:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will at the home of Mr. MELVIN GRAY, determine if photographs of the location where the bullet was found are available.

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2115) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO: Dallas)

B. 7-20-1947 Dallas, Texas

On 2/23/68, SAs JAMES S. WEIR and DONALD C. STEINMEYER located and interviewed MELVIN L. GRAY, JR. and WILLIAM W. KOY, who reside at 4009 Drake, Houston, Texas. The interview revealed the following:

On 2/17/68, GRAY and KOY were visiting the parents of GRAY at Dallas, Texas. GRAY and KOY are both SR University of Houston students majoring in psychology. GRAY advised that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. MELVIN L. GRAY reside at 3756 Rockdale, Dallas. Since WILLIAM KOY had never seen the assassination site at Dallas, Texas, GRAY took KOY to the site. After surveying the immediate area of the assassination of President KENNEDY and also in looking at the shrine that has been constructed near the site of the assassination GRAY and KOY walked in the immediate vicinity of the shrine. Below the shrine on the same side of the highway and towards the overpass there is a picket fence. Behind the picket fence approximately 16 feet from the end of the fence and in a direction towards the shrine KOY claims that he found a 303 Savage bullet which he accidentally came upon by scuffing the soil. He pin-pointed the spot as being 16 feet 6 inches from the end of the fence and 7 inches away from the fence at that point. The bullet has been made available to the FBI. Both GRAY and KOY stated that they doubted that the bullet had any significance as far as the actual assassination is concerned inasmuch as the bullet appeared to be in too good of a condition in that it was

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Special Agent in Charge

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HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS: Will locate and interview MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., student at University of Houston, residing at 4008 Drake, telephone MO 5-3357, and carry out instructions of Bureau as set forth above.