

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 8/8/68

FROM : SA MILTON L. NEWSOM

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

Mrs. JEAN HILL, 9402 Bluff Creek, Dallas, Texas, telephone EV 1-2271, telephonically contacted the Dallas Office at 12:20 PM, 8/8/68. She advised an individual identifying himself as TOM BETHEL from District Attorney's Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephoned her this morning requesting that he and his assistant, a man named OSTER (PH), be allowed to come to her residence on 8/8/68, at 4:00 PM to interview her concerning her knowledge of the assassination. She said that she has talked with SAC SHANKLIN previously and he had requested her to advise this office in the event she was contacted.

For background info, Mrs. HILL said she was present at Dealey Plaza when President KENNEDY was assassinated and furnished information through interview indicating that she heard more than three shots fired and that she had observed a man on the "grassy knoll" above Dealey Plaza. She also said she had taken a Polaroid picture during the time of the assassination which may have been of importance to the investigation. She stated she feels certain this is what the New Orleans District Attorney's Office wishes to talk to her about. She does not want to testify in New Orleans and is upset over this matter.

Mrs. HILL stated it is a strange coincidence that these men contacted her today as just night before last two men attempted to break into her home, however, she saw them, they were both white males, and she called the police. She does not know if this had any connection with this matter, but she has considered the possibility.

Mrs. HILL desires to know if TOM BETHEL and his assistant are legal representatives of the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans prior to her appointment with them at 4:00 PM. She also requested certain legal advice as to her rights in this matter, primarily as to whether she would have to appear in New Orleans to testify.

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Upon being advised of Mrs. HILL's call to the Dallas Office, I called the New Orleans Office and talked with Supervisor WALL, who advised that TOM BETHEL and JOE OZER are both representatives of District Attorney GARRISON at New Orleans, and from information available to him, GARRISON's investigators have been contacting a number of individuals concerning President KENNEDY's assassination.

At 3:30 p.m., this date, Mrs. HILL called and asked whether or not she had to submit to interview by BETHEL and OZER. I indicated to Mrs. HILL this was her prerogative and if she did not desire to be interviewed by them she did not have to, but this was a decision she would have to make. She stated that BETHEL on his earlier call to her had asked the question had she ever been intimidated by the FBI and her answer to him was that she had never been intimidated by the FBI.

Mrs. HILL concluded her conversation by stating that she was going to make some excuse and not be available for the 4 o'clock appointment with these two individuals. She stated if she were contacted by them she would notify the Dallas Office as to the result of their inquiry.

DWM: gt