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TO MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 7/14/75

FROM J. B. ADAMS *JBA*

SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

On 7/3/75 [REDACTED] telephoned me to advise that he wished to discuss a matter of import with either Mr. Kelley or me in connection with the Kennedy assassination. He did not wish to discuss it over the phone and wished to meet in person. After checking with Mr. Kelley as to his commitments, I advised Mr. [REDACTED] that Mr. Kelley would be available to see him at his convenience on Monday, 7/7/75, and Mr. [REDACTED] advised he would clear up some pending appointments and arrange to be in Washington on Monday morning.

Mr. [REDACTED] met with the Director and me on Monday morning, 7/7/75, and discussed the fact that he had been advised by a source, whose identity he could not reveal but whose reliability he had no reason to doubt, of two allegations which warranted the Bureau's attention but apparently had not been previously brought to the Bureau's attention. One was an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald had actually visited the FBI Office in Dallas following a visit by Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., to the Pierce residence (actually Paine residence) and possibly left a threatening letter. This visit was later covered up following the assassination of President Kennedy by Oswald. The second episode related to a call made to the Bureau Office in Dallas, before the slaying of Oswald, warning that Oswald would be shot; further, that this information had been conveyed to the Dallas Police Department, however, the following day Oswald was shot.

Mr. [REDACTED] dictated to Mrs. Metcalf his recollection of the information furnished to him, pointing out that he did not take notes at the time the source was furnishing him the information but later made notes. The results of this dictation are attached along with other notes dictated during the interview with Mr. [REDACTED]

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Mr. [REDACTED] specifically requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed and not revealed without his permission since his motives might be misunderstood [REDACTED] but he felt that [REDACTED] this unverified information at this point, which could do harm to the FBI if untrue, he would prefer to report it to us and if we could determine that there was nothing of substance to the information it could be put to rest [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] was advised by Mr. Kelley that his motives were appreciated; that we would most certainly look into the matter; and that he would be kept advised insofar as our policies would permit.

Following the interview, I contacted SAC Gunderson in Dallas and requested that he come to Washington along with former SAC Shanklin for a meeting on 7/8/75. Mr. Gunderson, Mr. Shanklin, Assistant Director Bassett (Inspection Division) and Supervisor William E. Nettles (General Investigative Division) were briefed concerning the allegations and advised that Mr. Kelley desired to have this matter promptly reviewed and appropriate inquiries conducted to determine whether there is any substance to the information furnished by Mr. [REDACTED]. I also advised them that we are of necessity maintaining Mr. [REDACTED] confidence during the course of any discussions or interviews which might take place.

Mr. Bassett made available the enclosed information indicating that there was documentation concerning the fact that an anonymous call had been made to the Dallas Office regarding a group that intended to kill Oswald and that this information had been furnished to appropriate authorities, including Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department. With approval of the Director, I contacted Mr. [REDACTED] on 7/11/75 and furnished him the location of appropriate documents appearing in the Warren Commission Report consisting of four FD-302s. In accordance with his request, I am mailing to him Xerox copies of the four pertinent pages of the published Warren Commission Report.

I advised Mr. [REDACTED] that we have not completed our inquiries into the other allegation.

I advised Mr. Levi of receipt of this info. personally in Mr. Levi's office 7-8-75. He was unavailable 7-7-75. CMB

July 7, 1975

Dictated by [REDACTED]

He emphasized this was paraphrased.

"I think some information may come out which is going to blow the whole lid off this damn Oswald case. Oswald was mad (upset) because the Bureau had his wife (Marina) under surveillance. He wanted the case Agent (who was working on Marina)... Hosty (Agent James P., Jr.) to quit harassing Marina. When he came by the (FBI) offices, he was looking for Hosty. He made a threat, I understand left a threatening letter."

After the assassination, the letter was brought up... things really hit the ceiling (roof). I heard they destroyed the letter. I am convinced Mr. Hoover and Mr. Shanklin never were told about Oswald coming by... There were at most 5 or 6, maybe even 7, a secretary who is now in New England... Hosty and his Supervisor Ken Howe. The secretary said something about it to a friend. The major thing that was wrong, we didn't notify other agencies... the police and Secret Service of Oswald's visit. There are so many people who have come in, letters have come in, somebody could just have put it aside... didn't make much of it. That changed the whole course of history.

"Oswald was very upset. He wanted Hosty to stop harassing her. He threatened Hosty. Nobody did the follow-up on this. That's where it went wrong. I don't believe any of this ties to any conspiracy. I don't think there is any truth to any CIA involvement. The only involvement was with the investigation of Oswald in Mexico. The Mexican Embassy thing. He had been to Cuba"

Information conveyed was that Agent Hosty had gone to the Pierce residence seeking to ascertain the location of Oswald for routine follow-up because of his prior trips to Moscow and to Cuba. Lee Harvey Oswald was not at the house. Mrs. Pierce and Marina Oswald were there. Mrs. Oswald apparently was frightened and because of her limited English, did not understand the nature of the visit. She may have even

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tried to hide behind the refrigerator. She did come out. She did take down the license number of Mr. Hosty's car. That license and his name do appear in the Oswald diary which is part of the Warren Commission testimony.

Source said to own knowledge, the information regarding Oswald's visit was not relayed to the Warren Commission.

The second episode relates to the call which was made to the Bureau offices the day before the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas. According to source, information was conveyed that Oswald would be shot. SA Shanklin sought to contact Police Chief Curry, whose phone was off the hook during the evening. Information concerning the threatening call was conveyed to Dallas PD, who advised that all precautions in transfer from Dallas Jail to County Jail had been taken, including use of armored car. The following day, the armored car was unable to get into basement of Dallas PD because of size of vehicle. The rest is well known.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he did talk with Shanklin.

Director: When did you talk with Mr. Shanklin ?

Mr. [REDACTED] I talked with Mr. Shanklin on same day I called Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams: Friday

Mr. [REDACTED] I spoke to Mr. Shanklin on Thursday. He disclaimed knowledge of episode 1. I did not take up episode 2.

Director: You did not - which is the one wherein he tried to get Curry and was unable to do so and talked with someone in the police department.

Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

Director: That threat was what, to get Oswald, the threat that Oswald would be killed. That was a call made to the Bureau office without identification given or an unknown threat:

Mr. [REDACTED] Without identification given, to my knowledge.

Mr. Adams: That may be documented because I would be very surprised if there were not a number of such calls made after the killing of Kennedy or after the Oswald apprehension.

Mr. [REDACTED] That is my best recollection. It could be the information that that was a threat and said something like, "If you don't have Hosty quit bothering Mrs. Oswald, then some action may be taken against Hosty.

Mr. Adams: Was there any threat made against Kennedy:

Mr. [REDACTED] None

Mr. Adams: Because this is what's bothering me a little bit about the source is he indicated that they did not follow up notifying Secret Service and police. We would not notify unless a threat against the President, we do not notify about a threat against Agents. If during discussion there had been any threat against Kennedy, but just had been in the office and threatened Hosty beforehand.

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Mr. [REDACTED] When I took it up with Shanklin, he suggested I talk with you.

Director: You said in the preliminary statement you made to us that this was not related to the Warren Commission?

Mr. [REDACTED] This was not relayed.

Director: This was from source?

Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

Director: The source said that?

Mr. [REDACTED] Source said to own knowledge the information regarding Oswald's visit was not relayed to Warren Commission.

Director: You also said the source said he has impression no one would admit this even before a firing squad?

Mr. [REDACTED] No, that is my impression of the conversation.

Director: Would you mind adding source has been in twice and tried to get it erased?

Mr. [REDACTED] On three occasions source has asked that this information not be in any way conveyed or any identification established.

Director: You also said source has been described as very close to those on the inside?

Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

Director: That is your statement.

Mr. [REDACTED] That is my statement.

Director: You made a statement to the effect that it would hit the ceiling (roof). I thought you said on one occasion, and I think, something is going to come out which will draw this out in the open.

Mr. [REDACTED] These notes were not based on notes taken in the presence of the individual. They are at best a reconstruction.

Director: Any implication Hosty ---

Mr. [REDACTED] The visit of Hosty to Pierce home was solely routine, which is apparently part of security precautions on persons who have been in the Soviet Union or whose wives had been -- just routine, a whereabouts check.

Director: Is there any implication within the report of this source that Hosty, however, knew about this?

Mr. [REDACTED] No, sir.

Mr. Adams: There is no implication that Hosty or Howe knew about --

Mr. [REDACTED] The visit to the office.

Mr. Adams: --- this visit to the office?

Mr. [REDACTED] I would think logic that a secretary ---- if a man stopped by to see you or me ---

Mr. Adams: If he made a threat against Hosty, it would be unbelievable it would not be conveyed immediately.