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

At 11:15 a.m. this date, Inspector J. R. MALLEY of the Bureau called and said he had just concluded a 30 minute conference with the Director regarding the captioned case and that the Director had many very definite comments regarding the matter, which he instructed MALLEY to pass on to me immediately:

1) The Attorney General is trying to get the FBI to go to GARRISON and get what he has on this case. The Director is violently opposed to doing this and has taken the position that it will just give GARRISON an opportunity to dump his fiasco on the FBI.

2) The Director was particularly aggravated at GARRISON's comment to the effect that five men in his office did more in three months than 5,000 federal investigators did in three years. He inquired of MALLEY as to number of Agents New Orleans had on assassination special. MALLEY told him 30. He asked that I ascertain the number actually used and that I call him at the first opportunity.

3) MALLEY said the fact that RAY BECK was working for the DA's Office had been brought to his attention by someone in the Bureau (not the Director). I told him we had interviewed BECK in early January and results of that interview was in an airtel captioned as above dated 1/4/67. I further told him that about a month ago RAY BECK left the DA's Office and is now employed by WILLARD ROBERTSON, a Volkswagen distributor in New Orleans. I also mentioned that ROBERTSON is a close social associate of GARRISON and is reported to be his financial backer. ROBERTSON is reported to be a multi-millionaire. MALLEY wants this information woven into next teletype we get in. He wants to know whether RAY BECK has worked or is now working on it.

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4) The Director specifically instructed "Give nothing to USA Lacour in New Orleans". Tell him that everything is being sent direct to the Attorney General's Office. By way of explanation for some unknown reason, VINCENT, the head of the Criminal Division, who would have a normal interest in this matter, is making numerous requests of the Bureau. Also, BAREFOOT SANDERS, AAG in charge of Civil Division, is making numerous requests, therefore, the Bureau has adopted the policy to give everything direct to the Attorney General.

5) Give GARRISON nothing.

6) "Tell RIGHTMYER that I want him and all personnel in New Orleans to keep their mouths shut."

7) New Orleans should, as best they can, be aware of what GARRISON is doing without revealing the FBI's interest.

8) For example, New Orleans handled the autopsy report in an outstanding fashion yesterday. They were able to ascertain the details, call the Bureau, without GARRISON being aware of this fact.

9) I discussed the matter of accepting information which was volunteered to us. He said that we should accept information volunteered to us but we must be most careful not to convey the idea that we have solicited the information to the person being interviewed.

I told MALLEY that is what we had been doing.

10) Instruct New Orleans to make a complete review of all investigation relating to OSWALD's activities in New Orleans. The Director said, "I don't want to be hit by another one like HOSTY's. Find the loop holes so we can plug them."

MALLEY mentioned that as best he can recall the New Orleans investigation, there seemed to be approximately two months that OSWALD was in New Orleans and that we did not ascertain what he was doing during this two months except insofar as data furnished by his wife MARINA OSWALD. MALLEY said he did not ~~xxxxxx~~ construe this instruction of the Director, to mean that we should conduct any investigation but merely to find and locate any loop holes so that the matter could be further considered.