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JIM GARRISON, District account,

FROM:

STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator

DR. RICHARD DUDNICK, INFORMATION ABOUT MINUTEMEN IN LOS ANGELES AREA - A POTENTIAL ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST JIM GARRISON.

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On February 24, 1968 I visited MAGGIE FIELD who reported that a friend of hers had given her number to a DR. RICHARD DUDNICK who had expressed concern about a possible plot to get JIM GARRISON. She had a brief phone conversation with DR DUDNICK and was disturbed at what he had to tell her. He said that a man named TERRY COSA was posing as a friend of GARRISON's in the Santa Monica area telling many people that he was aiding GARRISON in his Assassination investigation. DUDNICK said that this man is extremely dangerous and was "setting him (GARRISON) up for a hit." DUDNICK said that COSA was a local dope "pusher." DUDNICK stated to MRS FIELD that she had been under surveillance by a local right-winger named COCHRAN. He further told her that two years ago COCHRAN had planned to blackmail her but had decided not to at the last minute. DUDNICK said that the "CSA (CENTRAL SECURITY AGENCY) was going to start to work on GARRISON's case on March 6th, 1968. DUDNICK stated that he had been a part of s local group which was in favor of MR GARRISON and of the investigation. He further stated that the group was going to do everything it could to aid MR GARRISON and that they had developed some valuable information already. DUDNICK warned that the local police were not to be trusted as they were anti-GARRISON. He further said, "GARRISON is in town, isn't he?" and MRS FIELD said, "No."

After speaking to MRS FIELD, I phoned MR DUDNICK at his office and asked to see him in regard to the information which he had indicated was relevant to a possible plot against

JIM GARRISON. I went to his office along with JIM ROSE.

DR. RICHARD S. DUDNICK, M.D., has an office at 10935 VENICE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,90034. He specializes, according to his business card, in "Medical Reducing." He is, according to his card a Physician and a Surgeon. His phone numbers are 839-5247 and 839-5248 in area 213. His home address is 330 S. Barrington Ave., Apt. #108, and his unlisted phone number is (213) 476-2776.

Description:

White, Male 6'0" tall 180 lbs.

Blond-grey, Balding

Flushed face

Extremely nervous, speaks in a muffled

tone. Very hypertensive.

and reinterview on March 3, 1968, In our interview/he said that a man named TERRY COSA

who was a local member of the SYNDICATE dealing in narcotics was setting up a "hit" on GARRISON and was going to be killed later himself as part of the SYNDICATE plot. He said that possible / "hit-men" or gunmen were: JACK KNOWLES, L.A.P.D. sergeant, a close friend of EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, a member of the MINUTEMEN, and a part of a local group of Los Angeles policemen who were all associated on the basis of their MINUTEMEN affiliation. . . Another possible "hit-man" was JACQUES WOLF (aka. "JAC") an employee of MACDONALD-DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO., in Los Angeles. Another, extremely possible "hit-man" was EDDIE BALLARD, a WEST LOS ANGELES POLICE PATROLMAN, who is also a well known MINUTEMAN and is an expert marxman. He is known for his expertise with a "baby canon" or "2 X 357 Magnum" weapon. DUDNICK stated that on March 1st, 1968, BALLARD "put in for terminal leave" with the W.L.A. Police office. I later phoned this office and the dosk sergeant stated that BALLARD had been on vacation for the last two days and would be returning sometime the following week. This call was made on March 4, 1968.

DUDNICK said that a friend of his, ROBERT BLACKBURN

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had a great deal of information about the local MINUTEMEN and this included friends of EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY. DUDNICK said that BLACKBURN also had pertinent information about the Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and would very much like to be subpensed as a material witness. DUDNICK said that there had already been at least two attempts made on BLACKBURN'S life and that he was sure there was a contract on him.

DUDNICK said that he felt very strongly in favor of GARRISON and would help him nomatter what the consequences because he was concerned about the type of world his children would have to grow up in. He said that BLACKBURN felt the same way.

DUDNICK said that BLACKBURN and he had been in the service together during WWII and that BLACKBURN had earned the Silver Star and the DSM.

DUDNICK offered a great deal of information about the Los Angeles narcotics dealing picture but I tried to keep him on the most relevent material because he has a tendency to speak in highly disjointed phrases. DUDNICK said that EDDIE BALLARD had tried to kill his wife MISS ANN BARTZ (the Sheriff of Orange County California would have a record of this assault.)

A local dealer of narcotics who is describe by DR DUDNICK as a "JACK RUBY" type is a man named GEORGE GIBBS who is the Manager of the WEST LOS ANGELES SECURITY PATROL. BLACKBURN and his former partner BILL YOCUM used to work for the West Los Angeles Security Patrol until they discovered some secret government operation and were discharged.

CAPTAIN CUMMINGS in charge of W.L.A.P.D. is a known MINUTEMAN. DUDNICK added this man's name as a part of the local group. He mentioned that all of these men are familiar with BRADLEY or are friends of his. DUDNICK felt that the "hit". was planned for the 6th of March and associated it somehow with the subpena date for ALLEN DULLES.

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DUDNICK continued to refer to various people in the Los Angeles area, among them:

AL TILLEY, brother of a CSA agent to Australia, subject of a psychotic medical record at Sawtelle Veterans.

Administration Hospital,

BETTY DAVIS, friend of EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, who lives in the San Fernando Valley on 8558 Topanga Canyon, Rd. She is also an acquaintance of DR. CARL MC_INTIRE.

JACK WOLF, used to be employed by WESLEY SMITH, in Tustin, California. SMITH is a resident and high official in Special Advanced Design Systems Division of DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO. WOLF spends most of his time at a place called the "Powder Keg" a gunshop and local neo-Nazi hangout.

PAUL CHATTEL, ex-marine, known by the FBI as a graduate of the "A Class" out of El Toro, Marine Base before November 1967.

DUDNICK asked me to ask MR GARRISON what became of .

SPECIAL AGENT BERLE SEERY. He asked this as if it had some meaning in connection to the Assassination investigation.

GENE GIBSON (aka. JIM GIBSON) of Dallas, Texas. This man worked with JACK RUBY. He brought platinum Bars from Cuba in September of 1963. He brought them in through the port of New York. FRANK COCHRAN was the "bag man" at Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas, for the Platinum bars which were to be a payment to attorney PERCY FORMAN. FORMAN was being paid to defend "BIG DADDY" ED TEMPLE who was involved in a narcotics dealing charge. TEMPLE is a relatively well-known dealer in the Los Angeles Area.

COLONEL FRANK MEARS, formerly with Douglas Air Force

DUDNICK stated that criminal elements that control the Minutemen do so through certain CIA channels. He said they were ready to "hit" BRADLEY if he didn't do as they ordered.

DUDNICK said that BLACKBURN could give information about BRADLEY'S involvements in the Los Angeles Area.

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DUDNICK stated that there would be a record of a Louisiana Deputy Sheriff named JIM FRY who had been killed. This is supposed to have some relevance to the Assassination according to him.

Other names mentioned by DUDNICK were: PHYLLIS DARBY, MIKE INMAN, DAVE DE BERGER, RICHARD P. IVRY, JERRY ADRIAN (an executive of REXALL DRUG CO. in Los Angeles which is supposedly the local narcotics distribution center which BOBBY BAKER once had an interest in,) BENNET HARTMAN, DOUG COCHRAN, GERRY COCHRAN, C.W. WAKEFIELD, J.N. RYAN. DUDNICK said that GARRISON should know all about J.N. RYAN.

DUDNICK also mentioned a man named NICK MOSLIO who was to have been involved in an attempt on PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S life when KENNEDY came to Long Beach, California to review the ships. According to DUDNICK the Secret Service was tipped in time and were able to stop the attempt. DUDNICK says that NICK MOSLIO knows EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

OPINIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

I believe that there is value to what DUDNICK has to offer informationally but that there is so irrelevant material entangled in what he has to say that it is impossible to determine what is important and what is not. He has an extremely tense and confused manner of speaking and is almost too neurotic to be credible. However, I interviewed BOB BLACKBURN (I will send that memo this week) and feel that he could be, possibly, an important source of information. BLACKBURN is a very sincere and stable sort compared to DR DUDNICK. Please advise me as to whatever follow-up you desire on any of these names or on DR DUDNICK himself.

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