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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (P)

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

*ROR*

*see report to...*

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 1/17/64, concerning JOHN ROBERT ELLNER.

Enclosed for the Bureau and the Dallas Office are copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning JOHN ROBERT ELLNER. Two copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum have been disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Miami.

Officials of the Second National Front of Escambray, Alpha 66, contacted concerning ELLNER were ANTONIO VEJANA, Treasurer; ARMANDO FLEITES, Secretary General; and EUSEBIO OJEDA, who is in charge of personnel.

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- 2 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 1) (AM)
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*see made for SSC-J review at FBIHQ per request #6013 (1)*

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*see encl to Secret Service via 0-112 2/11/64 PPR/...*

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
February 7, 1964

Re: JOHN ROBERT KLINNER

The following information supplements information set out in memorandum dated January 17, 1964, concerning John Robert Klinner:

John Robert ~~Klinner~~, on January 20, 1964, advised that he resides at the Santa Anita Motel, 16421 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, in Room 123. He is employed as a swimming pool attendant by the Castaways Motel, which is located adjacent to the Santa Anita Motel.

~~John Robert Klinner~~  
Klinner advised that he is separated from and in the process of securing a divorce from Marguerite Patricia Klinner. Klinner advised that to the best of his recollection during the afternoon of the date upon which President Kennedy was assassinated, he heard of the assassination while in an automobile with his wife on the way to the Miami International Airport. He stated he had no recollection of having been in Burdines Department Store, Miami. Klinner stated he was going to the airport to catch a plane for Nassau. He said that after arriving at the airport, he and his wife did make some telephone calls concerning the assassination, but the only people to whom they talked were his wife's relatives.

Klinner specifically denied making a telephone call to anyone to whom he referred as "Major." He stated he knew no one named "Wong." Klinner stated he was acquainted with a man who referred to himself as "Major," that this individual is connected with the Alpha 66 movement in Miami, and that he had been approached by members of the Alpha 66 movement who attempted to induce Klinner to join them in their endeavor. Klinner stated he had refused to have anything to do with the group.

Klinner said he felt that his wife was merely trying to embarrass him due to their pending divorce action.

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Re: JOHN ROBERT KLINNER

Specific inquiry concerning Klinner was made of officials of the Second National Front of Escambia, Alpha 66, on January 30, 1964. Each advised they had no personal knowledge of Klinner whatsoever.

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Date: 1/17/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: Director, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, Miami (89-35) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas.  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original  
and five copies of a LHM concerning JOHN ROBERT  
KINNER.

One copy of the LHM is enclosed for the  
Dallas Office.

One copy of the LHM has been disseminated to  
Secret Service, Miami.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas,  
[redacted] also advised that JOHN KLINNER on numerous  
occasions told her that he had been associated with CIA.  
On 1/14/64, [redacted] CIA (covert - protect), advised  
CIA has no interest whatsoever in KLINNER.

JOHN KLINNER will be located and interviewed  
by the Miami Office.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (AM)
  - 1 - Dallas (Encl. 1) (AM)
  - 2 - Miami (1-105-8342)
- FPG:JMS  
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Approved: Wg  
Special Agent in Charge

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at FBIHQ per request #6013 (1)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
January 17, 1964

JOHN ROBERT KLINNER

John Klinner

The files of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain the following information concerning the above individual:

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His true name is JAMES EDGAR WETHINGTON however he has used numerous other names, including JOHN ROBERT KLINNER. He is white and is approximately forty years of age. He has FBI [redacted]. He has been arrested on numerous occasions on various charges. On February 16, 1956 he was sentenced in the United States District Court, Savannah, Georgia, following conviction for violating the White Slave Traffic Act, to serve five years in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. He was conditionally released on January 29, 1960 in custody of the United States Probation Officer, Savannah, Georgia. A Conditional Release Violator's warrant was issued for his arrest by the United States Board of Parole, Washington, D.C. on March 15, 1960, charging him with absconding supervision, loss of contact, and failure to report. KLINNER was apprehended by FBI Agents at Miami, Florida, on October 1, 1960 and turned over to the United States Marshal.

Detail

KLINNER was one of a group of repatriates who arrived at Homestead Air Force Base, Homestead, Florida, on April 9, 1963 aboard a chartered Pan American Airways flight from Havana, Cuba. The April 10, 1963 issue of the MIAMI HERALD contained an article entitled "Nine Yanks Return After 43 Days in CASTRO Jail." This article described the repatriates as nine shipwrecked Americans who spent 67 days in Cuban prisons, including 43 days in

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solitary confinement. On this occasion information was received that [JOHN KLINNER] was born [November 13, 1923] at Detroit, Michigan. His United States address was shown as [200 S.E. 12th Street, Miami, Florida]

On January 7, 1964, [REDACTED] was interviewed. [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] learned that [KLINNER's] true name was not "KLINNER" but was "WETHINGTON." [REDACTED] returned alone to Miami approximately September 1, 1963. [JOHN KLINNER] remained in Nassau. About three weeks before Thanksgiving 1963 [JOHN KLINNER] appeared in Miami and was from time to time in contact with [REDACTED]. To the best of [REDACTED] recollection, about a week before Thanksgiving 1963 [JOHN KLINNER] told [REDACTED] that he has just returned from Cuba. On November 22, 1963, [REDACTED] and [JOHN KLINNER] were in [Burdine's Store] Miami, when it was announced that the President had been assassinated. [JOHN KLINNER] insisted that they return to [REDACTED] at once. Immediately upon returning to [REDACTED], [JOHN KLINNER] made a telephone call to someone whom he addressed as "Major." To the best of [REDACTED] recollection [KLINNER] immediately asked the following question of the person to whom he spoke over the telephone - "Was it us?" or "Was he one of our boys or was he one of our group that did it?" [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] could not further interpret the meaning of the telephone call. [REDACTED] said, however, that [KLINNER] had engaged in further conversation indicating that he and the person to whom he was speaking were speculating whether any persons would be arrested in Miami as a result of the assassination.

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[JOHN ROBERT KLINNER]

[REDACTED] during the time [REDACTED] with [JOHN KLINNER] he often made reference to the fact that he was associated with the "Cuban Freedom Fighters" and made frequent telephone calls to persons whom he addressed as "the Major" and "WONG." When speaking to "WONG," [KLINNER] often used words or phrases which [REDACTED] assumed were in the Chinese or Japanese language. [REDACTED] said she did not know the substance of the telephone conversations. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] got the impression at times that they were made solely for the purpose of creating an atmosphere of importance on the part of KLINNER for her benefit.

[REDACTED] said she did not know what [JOHN KLINNER] did for a living; that he told her he received money from an aunt in Decatur, Georgia. While [KLINNER] lived with her, he associated with [M. B. and C. F. YAMANIS], Blue Ribbon Shipping Company, Nassau, Bahamas, who own the British M/V [ENAK]. The [ENAK] docks at Miami every second Monday. When in Miami [KLINNER] may stop at the Ocean Ranch Hotel, 200 S.E. 12th Street.

[REDACTED]

Records of the Dade County Department of Public Safety indicate [KLINNER] was [REDACTED] January 11, 1964 on [REDACTED] He was released the same date on bond.

Efforts are being made by this Bureau to locate [KLINNER] for interview.

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