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TO DIRECTOR (92-8168)
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (92-399) 3 P

PHILLIP KITZER, SR.; DAVID RICHARD KROMAN; ET AL., ITSP;
FAG; MF - CONSPIRACY.
RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL EARLIER THIS DATE.

DAVID RICHARD KROMAN LATE TODAY IN A BEDSIDE INTERVIEW WITH
NEWSPAPER REPORTER FINLEY LEWIS, MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE,
ADVISED THAT INCIDENT WHICH LED TO HIS DITCHING CAR EAST OF
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, COMMENCED NEAR WILLMAR, MINNESOTA, EIGHTY
MILES WEST OF THE TWIN CITIES NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYSIX WHILE HE
WAS DRIVING BACK TO BISMARCK FOR TRIAL THIS MORNING. KROMAN CLAIMS
HE WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO CARS "AS USUAL" AND THAT THERE WERE A SERIES
OF INCIDENTS WHILE HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY THESE CARS ON THE WAY
TO BISMARCK UP UNTIL HE WENT OFF THE ROAD. HE DID NOT FURTHER
EXPLAIN "INCIDENTS" OR HIS "AS USUAL" STATEMENT.

STATED THAT INCIDENT CONCERNING HIS BEING FOLLOWED HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH CAPTIONED CASE BUT ALLEGED THAT HE IS VICTIM
OF A CONSPIRACY THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE GOVERNMENT COVERUP IN
THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

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KROMAN TOLD REPORTER THAT SOMETIME AGO HE STARTED HIS OWN INVESTIGATION AFTER HE MET A DRUNKEN CUBAN IN A BAR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. THIS CUBAN CLAIMS THAT THE THEORY IN THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT THAT OSWALD WAS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE IS FALSE.

KROMAN ALSO STATED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION "REPEALED NEWTON'S LAW OF GRAVITY" BECAUSE WHEN THE BULLET WAS FIRED INTO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE BULLET GOES IN SMALL AND COMES OUT LARGE, WHEREAS THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS JUST THE OPPOSITE. KROMAN STATED THAT THIS FACT AND THE INFORMATION FROM HIS CUBAN SOURCE DEFINITELY SHOWS THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT FROM THE OVERPASS AND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED THE FRONT OF HIS HEAD AND NOT THE REAR OF HIS HEAD AS DISCLOSED BY THE WARREN REPORT.

KROMAN FURTHER INTIMATED THAT HE HAD MADE DISCLOSURES OF THIS KIND TO THE RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (PAUL LINDHOLM) BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO COVER UP THE

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TRUE FACTS AND HAVE SET UP OSWALD AS A "PATSY" SO THAT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE PERSONS HIGHER UP IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE REVEALED AS BEING INVOLVED IN THIS ASSASSINATION.

KROMAN FURTHER INTIMATED THAT HE KNOWS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSIN BUT WILL NOT REVEAL IT YET.

DR. GERD FISCHER, NEUROSURGEON, WHO EXAMINED KROMAN, FOUND KROMAN VERY UNCOOPERATIVE BUT SUSPECTS THAT KROHAN MAY HAVE SUFFERED A CONVULSION. KROMAN IS KNOWN TO HAVE A HISTORY OF EPILEPTIC SEIZURES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF HIS ACCIDENT.

SHORTLY AFTER KROMAN MADE HIS BEDSIDE RELEASE TO REPORTER, HE DISCHARGED HIMSELF FROM THE HOSPITAL CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF DR. G FISCHER AND STAFF.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 28, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: PHILLIP KITZER, SR., AND OTHERS
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY; FRAUD AGAINST GOVERNMENT;
MAIL FRAUD - CONSPIRACY

PURPOSE: To advise of recent developments in captioned case which is being tried in U. S. District Court, Bismarck, North Dakota.

BACKGROUND: This is the case where 17 individuals were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury during January, 1966, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on charges of Mail Fraud, Fraud by Wire and Conspiracy arising from the fraudulent operations of 4 insurance companies financed largely by questionable borrowings and from which subjects drew extensive sums for their personal use. Cyrus Magnusson, Minnesota Commissioner of Insurance and unsuccessful candidate for Governor and David Richard Kroman, unsuccessful candidate for Attorney General for Minnesota are among the subjects. Trial in this case was postponed until after the November, 1966, elections and began this month in U. S. District Court (USDC) at Bismarck, North Dakota.

On early morning of 3/27/67, Kroman, one of the defendants in this case, while driving alone in an auto near Bismarck, North Dakota, went off the highway into a ditch and was slightly injured. A State Highway Patrolman, who responded to the accident, found Kroman in possession of a loaded shotgun. Kroman refused to make any statements concerning accident to this officer. Following accident Kroman was treated at a local hospital where physicians were of the opinion Kroman may have suffered a convulsion. Kroman is known to have a history of epileptic seizures which could have been the cause of his accident.

While being treated in the hospital, Kroman held a press conference and claimed he had been followed by two cars and at point of accident a gun was pointed at him from one of these vehicles causing him to wreck his auto. He claimed he has been conducting his own investigation of the Kennedy assassination and intimated he knows the true identity of the President's assassin but will not reveal it at this time. Kroman discharged himself from the hospital contrary to the wishes of the attending physician.

On afternoon of 3/27/67, Kroman appeared in USDC, Bismarck, North Dakota, before U. S. District Court Judge Edward J. Devitt, who is

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hoaring trial re captioned matter and repeated his allegations that auto accident was caused by two cars following him and stated he had been investigating the Kennedy assassination since December, 1963, and claims the assassination is solved and he will not release any information concerning the solution. Kroman alleged that during his investigation of the assassination, he was assaulted in a motel in Tennessee during 1966 where papers were stolen from him pertaining to an interview he conducted with a cab driver who drove Oswald during his attempted escape and who was allegedly killed in Dallas a day after Kroman was assaulted in Tennessee.

Investigation at time of Kroman's alleged assault in Tennessee by the Tennessee State Bureau of Criminal Identification failed to substantiate his story concerning the assault. It should be noted that William W. Whaley was the cab driver who transported Oswald after he left the Texas School Depository Building. Whaley died as a result of a head-on-collision, Dallas, Texas, 12/18/65. It is noted Kroman alleged Whaley died in 1966.

Kroman refused to name names or discuss involvement with the Kennedy investigation; however, he states the Warren Commission arrived at a conclusion before they had examined the issues and that when the truth is out it is going to hurt some "big-name people" in the United States.

On 3/27/67, U. S. District Court Judge Devitt ordered Kroman's bond revoked, and he was placed in the custody of the U. S. Marshal to be taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Springfield, Missouri, for observation and psychiatric examination for a period of 45 to 60 days. A mistrial was declared as to Kroman in view of his press release 3/27/67 on the Kennedy assassination. According to United Press International Release 3/27/67, Judge Devitt reportedly stated, "There is reasonable cause to believe that Kroman may be insane or otherwise so mentally incompetent that he is unable to assist in his own defense." Judge Devitt stated he would rule on whether the trial could continue as to the other defendants on 3/28/67. Motions of Defense Attorneys for mistrial in view of Kroman's severance scheduled for 3/28/67.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Attorney General concerning this matter for his information. We are following this matter closely, and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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