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FBI INVESTIGATOR
"TRAMPS", or
How the Nuts
Feed the Feebs
with Their Theories,

FBI Questions 'Tramps' at JFK Slaying Site

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plus my confes-
sion of the
original sin.

Although
the FBI certainly
knows more
than Revill told
Lardner and he
may know more
than the Post
carried, this

Two of the three "tramps" arrested in Dallas shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 have told the FBI that they had nothing to do with it and were not on the scene until after the shooting.

Oliver B. Revell, agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, said yesterday that John F. Gedney and Harold Doyle were found and questioned in recent days after years of anonymity. The third, Gus W. Abrams, probably is dead, Revell said.

Their arrest sheets were found recently among Dallas police records on the assassination.

"We're not reopening the Kennedy case *per se*, but we are factually checking out any leads that do not appear to have been adequately handled," Revell said in a telephone interview.

Many conspiracy theorists have said the tramps, long known only by news photographs taken of them after they were arrested, were involved in the killing. Clean-shaven and relatively well-groomed, they were found in a freight car near the assassination site not long after Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

They were held as "investigative" prisoners on vagrancy charges and released four days later, according to their arrest records.

Gedney, of Melbourne, Fla., and

Doyle, of Klamath Falls, Ore., told the FBI that "they had spent the night at the rescue mission and were treated very nicely," Revell said.

"Both commented that they had gotten fresh clothes, showered, shaved and had a meal. They headed back to the railroad yard when they heard all the commotion and sirens and everything, and they asked what happened. They were told the president had been shot."

The FBI also plans new image enhancement of an 8-mm film taken six or seven minutes before the assassination that seems to show movement in the sixth-floor windows of the Texas School Book Depository, from which Lee Harvey Oswald is said to have fired the fatal shots.

story is enough to justify my comment, the nuts' theories are useful to the FBI et al.

After hearing me on a radio broadcast in 1966, Richard Sprague, then a vice president of Touche, Bailey, wrote and asked me how he could help in the course of his business travels, which included Dallas. I suggested a search for picture and told him about some of which I'd learned that were as well as were not in what the FBI provided the Warren Commission. I remember of the known I suggested the movie film by ^{TSBD} ~~Alvin~~ Alyea, then with WFAA-TV, and of what the FBI did not report of which I knew I know I told him of the Dallas Cinema Associates collection of 8mm amateur movies. I referred him to a Mrs. Gewirtz, who ~~was~~ in charge, and to Rudy Brenk, who was the editor. My hope was that he could get the outtakes and he did. In the course of checking the papers he got the pictures of the three men who he, Garrison and others immediately called "the tramps." When I pointed out that no assassins would hang around to get caught they decided that these three were, literally, the CIA's paymasters! I now do not recall all the debunking I did, the first and never abandoned "identification" was of Edgar Eugene Bradley, then west-coast rep. of the right-wing Cape May, N.J. preacher, Carl McIntire. Park Lane made a young fortune on the college circuit speaking as though for Garrison and he sure misued these "tramp" pictures then and later! He was big on Bradley. There followed a considerable volume of "identification." Weberman and Canfield were positive in their "identification" of the one called "the walking man" as E. Howard Hunt, then of Watergate fame and earlier in the CIA. Their proof was the new science of ear identification! Watergater Frank Sturgis was another "identification." Of the others, all of which I do not remember, either Garrison, Sprague or both referred to the shortest of the three as "Frenhy" because of the alleged French cut of his suit that, as Lardner reports, had just been given to him at the rescue mission where they'd spent the night before. ^{They said "Frenhy" w/ LBS of James H. Magor!}

Shortly after the 4.4.68 King assassination the papers carried a sketch of his alleged