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March 6, 1967

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

With reference to previous information furnished to you concerning the activities of District Attorney James C. Garrison in New Orleans, I thought you would be interested in the attached memorandum which sets forth information made available to a representative of this Bureau by Mr. Frank W. Manning, Chief Investigator for Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion of Louisiana.

The information made available by Mr. Manning is not within the jurisdiction of the FBI and is a matter which should be handled by state authorities, it being noted that they have had this information for some period of time. I have directed a letter to Mr. Manning advising him that the information concerning [redacted] is not a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI, but a matter for state authorities and should be thoroughly investigated by them.

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I am bringing this to your attention inasmuch as I believe it might be of interest to the President. This information has been made available to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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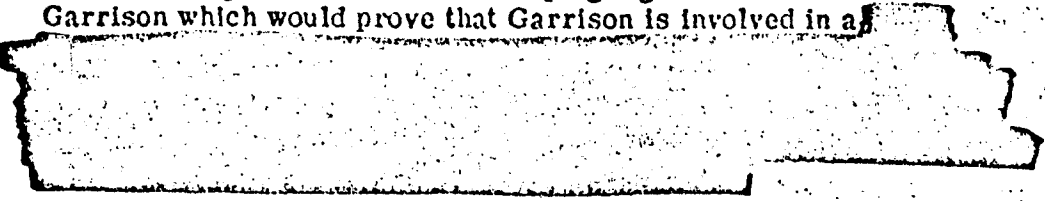
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**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963**

Mr. Frank W. Manning, Chief Investigator for Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion of Louisiana, has advised a representative of this Bureau that he has been extremely concerned over the activities of New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. He stated Garrison has absolutely no basis for his present publicity stunt in claiming that he has reason to believe Oswald acted as a part of a conspiracy in the assassination. Manning stated Garrison is a "psychopath" who has to have publicity, otherwise he falls into "fits of moodiness and depression." Manning commented that he felt Garrison's activities, unless stopped and exposed, are damaging to the FBI and likely to hurt the entire country.

Manning alleged that several years ago he conducted an extensive investigation of Garrison with reference to the prosecution of Garrison for defamation which was handled by Attorney General Gremillion. He advised Gremillion obtained a conviction of Garrison, but the United States Supreme Court reversed the case. Manning commented that he would be glad to make his entire file available to the FBI on a confidential basis and that he is convinced this file contains the ground work for developing a good extortion case on Garrison which would prove that Garrison is involved in a



Manning stated that he did not have a complete case developed to prove the extortion or shakedown activities of Garrison because he stopped his investigation short of that when Attorney General Gremillion

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had enough evidence on the defamation charge. His investigation into Garrison's activities with sex deviates was designed to give the Attorney General "an ace in the hole" if he should need it. After the Garrison case was reversed on appeal, Attorney General Gremillion washed his hands of any further efforts to "get" Garrison and, therefore, Manning's file on Garrison was closed.

It is alleged by Manning that his file contains the names of several hundred individuals in the French Quarter who were charged by Garrison's office with some sex deviate violation. In many of these cases, Manning found that after the individual was charged, suddenly the case was either dropped by Garrison or the charge was reduced to some minor offense. In still other cases Manning stated that there was a clear-cut indication that Garrison's office had maneuvered the case so that it would be handled by another judge and thereby the individual would be acquitted, the charge dismissed, or he would be given a suspended sentence. Manning advised his investigation led him to believe there are the earmarks of a definite pattern of maneuvering and control by the District Attorney's office and he is convinced that if the FBI dug into these cases and developed a few informants, the FBI would be able without too much difficulty to establish the fact that Garrison was shaking down these individuals for considerable sums of money and after they paid off, Garrison would see that the case was cleared up.

In addition, Manning advised there is another individual named Persian Gervais, who was formerly with the District Attorney's office and was forced to resign after some adverse publicity indicating income tax fraud. According to Manning, the Internal Revenue Service has an extensive file on Gervais which would document this information. Manning stated Gervais is at [redacted] despite the fact that he was forced out of the District Attorney's office, he still has Garrison "under his thumb." Manning alleged that almost every day Garrison and Gervais can be found in the back room at the Fontainebleau Motel in New Orleans. Manning believes that Gervais could be involved in this shakedown racket with Garrison.

The Attorney General  
Director, FBI

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This information has been made available to the Honorable Marvin Watson at the White House.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (Enclosure)  
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1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
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