UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 12, 1967

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Officer Raymond Comstock, New Orleans Police
Department, assisting an investigator of District
Attorney Garrison's office, has asked the New Orleans
Office for copies of material he previously furnished
to the FBI in 1964. This is presumed to be in connection
with Garrison's investigation of the assassination.
New Orleans requested Bureau advice.

On February 13, 1964, Comstock advised the
New Orleans Office he was assigned to the District
Attorney's office and shortly after the assassination
was attempting to locate David W. Ferrie, an alleged
associate of Lee Harvey Oswald. During an attempt to
locate Ferrie, Comstock secured some documents from
Ferrie's residence. These were two undated letters
addressed to Jack Wasserman signed D. W. Ferrie with a
return address in Guatemala, one letter appears to be a
corrected copy of the other; an undated letter addressed to
Jack signed Dave; an undated letter addressed to Jose Juis
LaRoca, Guatemala and the first page of Ferrie's bankbook
with the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans. Comstock
obtained this material without a warrant and Ferrie was
not present. Subsequently, Ferrie was located and the
original material returned to him. Comstock furnished
copies of this material to the New Orleans Office
February 13, 1964. Ferrie, now deceased, was a notorious
homosexual in New Orleans and a principal character in
Garrison's assassination investigation.

The material Comstock furnished indicates Ferrie
was in Guatemala making inquiries on behalf of Jack
Wasserman, attorney for Carlos Marcello. During 1963,

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Marcello, a leading New Orleans hoodlum, was being prosecuted
in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy
in connection with attempts to secure fraudulent birth records
in Guatemala. Marcello was found not guilty November 22,
1963. During the trial, Ferrie was observed in frequent con-
tact with principal defense attorneys, Wasserman and G. Wray
Gill. Ferrie, on interview by Bureau Agents in 1963, stated
he had been employed by Gill since 1962 and had worked on the
Marcello case during 1963. He also admitted visiting Guatemala
in October and November, 1963. Ferrie exhibited his passport
which confirmed this travel.

     Copies of the material furnished by Comstock were
sent to the Department by memorandum March 21, 1964. It was
also furnished the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana

     While a review of this material, as it relates to the
Marcello case, does not reveal any reason to withhold return of
copies to Comstock, it is believed desirable that the matter be
referred to the U. S. Attorney's office in New Orleans for a
determination as to whether he has any objections to the return
of this material. Since this matter concerns the assassination,
the attached airtel and the material in question are being routed
through the General Investigative Division and the Domestic Intel-
gence Division for review and approval as Ferrie is a deceased
principal in Garrison's investigation.

ACTION:
     (1) Route through the General Investigative Division
and the Domestic Intelligence Division for review and approval.

     (2) Recommend New Orleans be advised that Comstock's
request should be referred to the U. S. Attorney's office in
New Orleans for a determination as to whether this material shou
be returned to Comstock. The New Orleans Office will be directe
to contact the U. S. Attorney and advise him of this request.
Comstock should be referred to the U. S. Attorney's office for
copies of this material if the U. S. Attorney has no objection t
its return. Airtel attached for approval. Also attached is a
letter to the Attorney General advising him of this request and
the action being taken.

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