

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)

DATE: 10/1/76

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMELRING

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 9/24/76 HELEN VAUGHAN, 125 East 8th Street, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised she is the daughter of HELEN LOUISE MARKHAM GRANT, 124 East 8th Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone 946-4770, who was a witness to the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT on 11/22/63. Mrs. VAUGHAN stated her mother had been contacted about an interview concerning what she had seen and about permitting her photograph to be taken. She stated her mother was quite upset about this. MRS. VAUGHAN stated her mother would like to be contacted by someone from the FBI familiar with the assassination investigation.

On 9/24/76 HELEN LOUISE MARKHAM GRANT, 124 East 8th Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone 946-4770, was telephonically contacted. She advised that approximately three weeks ago a lady telephonically contacted her from some organization, name not recalled, and interviewed her concerning her witnessing the shooting of Officer TIPPIT. This lady indicated she was writing a book or article and would like to get some pictures of Mrs. GRANT. She advised that on 9/22/76, a man called her and said he had taken pictures at the Texas Theater where OSWALD was arrested and wanted to take some pictures of Mrs. GRANT at 2:00 PM on the afternoon of 9/24/76 at 10th and Patton Streets, where she witnessed the killing of Officer TIPPIT. This man also told her he would like to get pictures of the actual subpoena she had from the Warren Commission. Mrs. GRANT was advised any interviews and photographs permitted were her own decision. She stated she would telephonically furnish the results of her 9/24/76 contact.

On 9/27/76 Mrs. GRANT telephonically advised that a man, name not recalled, from "D" Magazine in Dallas, Texas, interviewed her and took photographs of her at her residence on the afternoon of 9/24/76. He told her he was writing an article with pictures about her witnessing the TIPPIT shooting. She stated she had previously told a lady, who interviewed her on the telephone, that she had a stroke about two years ago. This lady was furnished the same information that Mrs. GRANT had testi-

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Mrs. GRANT advised that the article is supposed to be published in the November, 1976, issue of "D" Magazine. She has been asked about treatment given her by representatives of the Warren Commission, Dallas Police Department, United States Secret Service and the FBI. She indicated she has told these interviewers that everyone has treated her extremely nice and that she has no complaints whatsoever.

Mrs. GRANT was advised that her information would be made a matter of record, but that her decision concerning interviews and photographs were her decisions to make. She indicated she felt relieved that she had made the foregoing information known to the FBI.

On 9/27/76 a personal acquaintance, ROBERT FINKLEA, a free lance writer for "D" Magazine, advised that JUDY POWELL, a writer for "D" Magazine, was doing a nostalgic story about the assassination and was the individual who had been in contact with Mrs. GRANT. He did not know the identity of the man.

ACTION: Index and file.