

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-69)

DATE: 5/28/67

FROM : ASAC

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

At 2:45 p.m. this date USA LOUIS C. LACOUR telephonically contacted the New Orleans office and advised he had telephonically contacted Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. and explained to Judge HAGGERTY as SA KENNEDY had been subpoenaed in this particular matter by the Orleans Grand Jury he had contacted the USA's office to obtain a decision as to whether or not contact should be had with Mr. HAGGERTY. LACOUR pointed out to HAGGERTY that in the best interest of Judge HAGGERTY, in view of previously issued subpoena of KENNEDY the USA's office did not believe it would within the proper propriety to have such a meeting with the judge who was hearing the CLAY SHAW aspects of this matter. Judge HAGGERTY fully agreed and stated that his reasons for contacting SA KENNEDY was that he had known SA KENNEDY for 20 years, and he wanted to tell him that some weeks before CLAY BERTRAND SHAW or anyone else was arrested in the GARRISON investigation HAGGERTY had dinner at Gentilich's Restaurant. After having an after dinner drink he ran into two friends of his, a SONNY BENNETT and a BEN LEHANS, who were in the company of GORDON NOVEL. HAGGERTY stated that they had a general conversation for 10 or 15 minutes during which the GARRISON investigation came up, and NOVEL indicated to HAGGERTY that he had been interviewed by the FBI and Secret Service but that he had not told the whole truth to the FBI or the Secret Service. HAGGERTY stated that he told NOVEL he should tell the truth and the whole truth to the FBI and suggested he come to HAGGERTY's office at 12:00 noon on the following day. HAGGERTY stated he advised NOVEL that he would arrange to have SA KENNEDY of the FBI present at this meeting so NOVEL could tell KENNEDY the whole truth.

HAGGERTY stated he also mentioned to NOVEL something to the effect that they ought to put GARRISON under the jail.



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HAGGERTY told LACOUR that on the following day SONNY BENNETT and BEN LEHANS appeared at his office but that NOVEL did not appear at his office so he did not contact SA KENNEDY of the FBI.

How do you know he did not contact?
HAGGERTY stated that he has determined from WFIX radio station in New Orleans that GARY EDWARDS with radio station WDKA in Nashville is apparently the only one that NOVEL now trusts. WFIX radio station has advised HAGGERTY that EDWARDS has been trying to sell tapes that NOVEL alleges he has concerning the following:

- 1) WILLARD ROBERTSON
- 2) District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
- 3) AUBREY YOUNG, aide-camp of Governor JOHN MC KEITHEN
- 4) Governor JOHN MC KEITHEN
- 5) WILLIAM GURVICH, District Attorney GARRISON's Chief investigator
- 6) LEWIS IVON, investigator for District Attorney GARRISON
- 7) Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY

HAGGERTY advised he had been trying to discourage the radio stations from purchasing these tapes. HAGGERTY stated that he was afraid that his tape might mention the name of SA REGIS KENNEDY so he wanted to let SA KENNEDY know how KENNEDY's name came up in the event these tapes are made public.

HAGGERTY told LACOUR that his order which he was to issue tomorrow has nothing to do with SA KENNEDY, the FBI or the Department of Justice. He stated that the order he intended to issue is a reiteration and a refinement of previous orders and guide lines he has set down for the news media and members of the bar association in handling and furnishing information on anything concerning the SHAW trial. He stated that he also intends to tell the papers that when the trial is over any person who violates these rules and orders will be brought before him for contempt action.

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He further stated that he had had a background investigation run on NOVEL, and he wanted to furnish this to Mr. KENNEDY for inclusion in the FBI files.

LACOUR advised HAGGERY agreed that it was better that SA KENNEDY not contact him at home and that he did not desire to see KENNEDY personally, but would furnish by mail to the USA the background investigation on NOVEL and copies of his order and three prior orders concerning guide lines for the news media and members of the bar association.

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At sometime between 11:00 p.m., 5/27/67, and 1:00 a.m., 5/28/67, the office called and asked me to call Judge HAGGERTY at telephone number 822-4050.

I returned this call to Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR., Judge, Criminal District Court, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, and he stated he was at his office preparing an order that he was issuing Monday (5/29/67).

Judge HAGGERTY stated he felt his telephone was tapped and stated his remarks would be most guarded and asked if I would contact him at his home personally at 7050 Memphis Street, New Orleans. *at 4:10 P.M. Sunday*

He stated that he had something he wanted to tell me as he had complete trust in me.

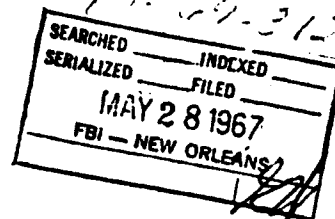
There was no indication of what HAGGERTY wanted to say. I have known Judge HAGGERTY for over 20 years when he was a former Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana, and this is probably why he called me.

Judge HAGGERTY is the Criminal District Court Judge that has the CLAY SHAW case assigned to him for trial.

I told Judge HAGGERTY I would see him at 4:00 p.m. at his home.

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At 10:20 a.m. I talked to Section Chief WILLIAM BRANNIGAN, Division 5, and advised him that SA REGIS L. KENNEDY sometime between 11:00 p.m., 5/27/67, and 1:00 a.m., 5/28/67, had received notification from the night clerk at the office to call telephone number 822-4050, which was the telephone number of Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR., Judge, Criminal District Court, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. KENNEDY called this number and talked to Judge HAGGERTY at which time Judge HAGGERTY stated he was at his office preparing an order that Judge HAGGERTY was issuing on Monday (5/29/67).

Judge HAGGERTY stated that he, HAGGERTY, felt that HAGGERTY's telephone was taped and said HAGGERTY's remarks would therefore have to be most guarded. HAGGERTY asked KENNEDY if KENNEDY would contact HAGGERTY at his home personally at 7050 Memphis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, at 4:00 p.m. on 5/28/67.

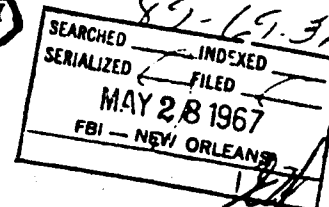
HAGGERTY stated that HAGGERTY had something he wanted to tell KENNEDY as HAGGERTY had complete trust in KENNEDY.

SA KENNEDY advised he had no indication of what HAGGERTY wanted to talk to KENNEDY about. KENNEDY advised that he has known Judge HAGGERTY for over 20 years, even back to the time when he was a former Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, and that undoubtedly because of his knowing him for this period of time, this was the reason he called KENNEDY.

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I also told BRANNIGAN that it was this office's position that KENNEDY should not contact HAGGERTY. BRANNIGAN advised he would be in touch with this office.

At 11:20 a.m. I received a telephone call from Section Chief BRANNIGAN who stated that USA LOUIS C. LACOUR should be telephonically contacted and advised of the information as previously given to BRANNIGAN and received from SA KENNEDY. He stated that we should tell the USA that this matter had been discussed with FBI Headquarters, and we should request the USA to accompany SA KENNEDY to Judge HAGGERTY's residence and that the USA should have an appropriate assistant go with KENNEDY on any contact with HAGGERTY. *personally*

SA KENNEDY was not to discuss any part of this investigation but should listen to Mr. HAGGERTY and accept any information he volunteered. He stated that undoubtedly this call was based on the trust developed over the years with SA KENNEDY by Judge HAGGERTY.

It was suggested that at 3:45 p.m. if this was worked out satisfactorily with USA LACOUR that SA KENNEDY contact Judge HAGGERTY by telephone and advise him that he had advised his headquarters and pursuant to decision at headquarters he was to be accompanied by USA and/or Assistant USA for this meeting at HAGGERTY's home. If Judge HAGGERTY advises at this meeting he does not care to have anybody else, KENNEDY should not proceed alone or have any conference outside the presence of the USA with Judge HAGGERTY.

At 11:40 a.m. I reached USA LACOUR at his residence by telephone, apprised him of the above facts and the request of the Bureau in Washington, and he advised he would make no decision until he had cleared with Washington. According to his confidential sources, if this was in reference to a subpoena problem, the subpoena was probably going to be directed to the former Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY. LACOUR advised he would be in touch with this office after he had discussed the matter with Washington.

At 11:42 a.m. Section Chief BRANNIGAN was advised of the conversation with USA LACOUR.

At 12:16 p.m. I received a telephone call from USA LACOUR who had discussed this matter with the Department

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and advised that after he returned from church at 12:30 p.m. and based on his discussion with the Department that he personally would telephonically contact HAGGERTY to see if he could feel him out as to what it was all about, and he would let this office know of the ultimate decision in this matter.

At 12:30 p.m. I advised BRANNIGAN of LACOUR's comments.