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FBI Date: 2/21/67 PLAIN TEXT ransmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL /ia (Priority) DIRECTOR, FUI (62-100060) NEW ORLEANS (89-69) FROM: SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION_OF_PRESIDENT John Fitzgerald Kennedy, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING ReBulet to Miami dated 11/21/60, bufile 105-89923. Enclosed herewith for the Burcau arc five copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Eureau's attention is directed to referenced Tureau letter entitled Clip. Inasmuch as referenced communication reveals that CIA had utilized the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), communication submitted subsequent to referenced Clip letter was not disseminated except to CIA at Burcau level. Inasmuch as Sergio Arcacha Smith was head ← v of FRD in New Orleans in 1961 there is a possibility that CIA could have had an operational interest in Sergio Arcacha Smith. Accordingly, the Burcau may desire to inquire of CIA through liaison at SOG level whether or not CIA has an operational interest in Sergio Arcacha Swith, David William Ferrie and PCI For information of the Bureau, PCIL on 2/20/67 telephonically icw Orleans file collected case Agent. He at this time solicited information concerning the current investigation being conducted by the Orleans Parish District Attorney into the assassination of President KENNEDY. At this time he was advised by the case Agent that the FBI would make no comment, to this replied that he had information of a magnitude which he felt compelled to furnish to the FEI at this time. Based upon his, contact was made with PCI and enclosed info gai 100000 1-11-11 Special Agent in Charge C C. Wick

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana February 21, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63

A confidential source who has in the past furnished insufficient information to determine reliability advised that in September, 1961, he was, through an associate, Mr. Ed Dutler, Executive Director of INPA (Information Council of the Americas), introduced to Sergio Arcacha Smith, the head of the Cuban Democratic Revolution by Front. Source said Butler had requested he assist Smith in any way he could as Smith was working on plans to overthrow Fidel Castro in Cuba. Source stated in subsequent conversations with Smith the possibility was discussed of purchasing explosives, firearms, P-T beats and jet aircraft. Smith, source said, was especially interested in purchasing machine gues, antipersonnel mines, a Zilli Swiss Solohren Rifle and automatic M-2.30 caliber carbines. Source said Smith was discussing the possibility of obtaining medical supplies such as blood plasma, drugs, etc.

Source said he and his partner discussed Smith's proposition and during the discussions recalled some prior information that they had gained concerning an emplosive cache. Source said they had learned through drag racing circles, which they were in business with in 1961 that in Houne, Louisiana, there were large stores of explosives in some old magazines. Source stated he could not recall the name of the individuals telling him about the explosives but the magazines had been pointed out to him near the drag strip which was an airplane runway on an old base. He advised as he recalls the base was called the Houne Air Rese and his original information indicated the magazines contained oil company explosives.

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Subsequently, source said he had a number of visits with Sergio Areacha Smith and had ultimately told Smith he could get the explosives for him for a \$25,000 fee. Source said he had also related to Smith it was his understanding plugged automatic weapons could be purchased from a firm in the North and new barrels for these weapons could be purchased from a West Coast firm. Source said he told Smith he had also determined the possibility existed that he could purchase surplus Canadian Vannire Jets at the cost of \$3,000 each.

numerous photographs and documents relating to the atrocities being committed by the Castro regime in Havana, Cuba and the Isle of Pines. He said Mr. Butler during this time restated his interest in assisting Smith's movement. He advised that it became apparent the plans of this group were becoming more and more complicated. He advised that ultimately he and his partners were taken to the residence of David Ferrie where they were introduced by Smith to Perrie, two young Cubans and two young ex-marines. He said upon arriving at the house he was taken directly to the attic where there were maps of Cuba displayed on the walls, instructive material lying around and a number of different types of firearms sitting in a ragh. He stated in the basement of this same house there were two roughly assembled two-man subvarines.

David Ferrie and the two ex-marines who were sitting in the attic upon their arrival behaved in an extremely unusual manyor, in that they exceed to be very "lood thirsty" and

sullen and one Grew quite a bit of attention procurse he lept cocking and snapping on M-1 Gerand Rifle. He said at this same initial meeting he was told Werrie was an airline pilot.

Source and his partner discussed the complicated situation in which this matter had developed and between themselves decided to furnish the information to the organization and step out of the picture accepting no profit from their activities.

Source said he told Smith the whole matter and plan was far too complicated so he would direct him, Smith and his associates to a place where they could obtain explosives but he would not participate in obtaining them.

Source advised his ex-wife, his partner, Shith, Ferrie, two Cubans, two ex-marines and an individual whose name is unknown, who had custody of a linen delivery truck traveled to the Houma Air Base, Houma, Louisiana. He said they utilized his 1956 Lincoln Supreme, one other automobile, a panel truck and a Metro type step van. He related when they arrived in the magazines on the air base, Smith posted a look out on top of the bunker and they opened the door to the magazine which appeared to be the best maintained of the three available magazines. He said they loaded the truck, the panel truck and both cars with explosives and headed back to New Orleans. He advised the magazine which was entered bore a sign depicting the contents belonged to an unrecalled oil company.

Source advised that on the return trip they tested some of the hand grenades which had been taken in a swampy area along the road, and he at this time noticed all the explosives bore manufacturing dates of 1959 or later. Source advised Smith and his compatriots had obtained from the magazine hand granades, time bombs, explosives, thousands of rounds of .30 caliber ammunition, tracer ammunition, bazooka projectiles and rifle granades. He said all of this ammunition bore the U.S. Army Ordnance emblem.

Source stated Smith and the others excitedly discussed plans to blow up ships in Hayana Harbor, sabetage key installations and blow up the pipe line to Guantanamo Bay He said Ferrie was to be a pilot for the organization and they had mentioned it would be approximately two weeks before the emplosives would arrive in Cuba. He said he recalled about two or three weeks later news of random bombings begane news from Cuba.

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past Ferrie being charged with what he recalls as indecent acts by Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

Source relterated his involvement was stimulated by his belief and his feeling that the Cubre cause was just. He advised he received absolutely no moneys from anyone associated with the movement and no one has contacted him about the natter since the explosives were obtained.

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Source said he was sure that neither of the ex-marines he net was Lee Marvey Oswald.

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inquiries concerning possible places where he (GARRISON) and his staff could hold conferences. According to GARRISON stated that he feels the FBI is carefully scrutinizing every move he makes and even possibly has sources within his own ranks. The said GARRISON discussed several methods he felt he would utilize in the future in order to keep his investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY a secret. GARRISON advised to that the purpose of his contact was that he knew on the said ability to obtain information and further that the purpose as to happenings in the New Orleans area.

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Garrison's allegations that FBI is conitoming his switchboard are completely false.

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Attached is a latter to the esting ittorney General, with copies to the Danuty ittorney General, insistant ittorney General Fred II. Minson, Jr., and issistant ittorney General J. alter Yeagley, setting forth data above.

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1 - Hr. DeLoach; 1 - Mr. JP Hobr; 1 - Hr. Mc'; 1 - Hr. Rosen; 1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Malley; 1 - Mr. Branican; 1 - Mr. Lenihan

The Acting Attorney General

February 24, 1957

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

Reference is made to previous communications of this Bureau setting forth information we have received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

On February 21, 1967, a source with whom we have had insufficient contact to evaluate was eliability . advised on the late afternoon of Fahryary 21. 1967, by Willard Robertson, whom described as a Wolkswagen distributor in New Orleans. Added that Robertson is a multimillionaire and is a close social friend and financial backer of Garrison. According to our source, Robertson told It, was imperative that they meet in order that Robertson could introduce our source to Garrison. Our source stated Robertson and Garrison at approximately p.m. on February 21, 1967.

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Our source stated that Garrison and his associates feel the FBI is monitoring Garrison's switchboard. Our source stated that the impression that if things go badly with Garrison's investigation, he might be looking for a "scapegoat," possibly the FBI.

For your added information, our New Orleans Office advised that the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" for February 24, 1967, cerries an article which quotes Garrison as follows: "Just in case I have not made myself clear let me say that under no circumstances will I turn over any evidence we have gathered to any other agency, and that most specifically applies to agencies of the Federal Government which have withheld, and continue to withhold, material which should have been turned over to law enforcement agencies having proper legal jurisdiction." The article also quotes Garrison as stating, "The Federal Government has as much jurisdiction over a murder conspiracy in New Orleans as has the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

The Acting Attorney General

Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be immediately furnished to you.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Teagley
 Assistant Attorney General

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