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> Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are of an List concerning information furnished by Two copies each of this J.M. are likewise being wade available to Pullus and New Orleans for information and any action decmed appropriate by those Divisions.

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For the infomation of the Bureau, Dalles and 1s the New Orleans, Vice Cilifernia.

which originates from Los Angeles. Jon 5/4/07, requested an opportunity to speak with a Special Agent of the FB1 and U.S. Attorney W. MATTHES BYRNE concerning some information he had developed in the course of investigation conducted by he, and and the source another the course information which stated he obtained pertained to the recent investigation conducted concerning conducted concerning

In addition to the information contained in the Lift and for the additional information for the Bureau, Dullas and New Orleans, the Jis admittedly in the process of preparing a book for publication. It is his desire to emphasize in his book the assassination of the late President JOIN F. KHINEDY in Dallas in November 1963, and for that reason, information contained herewith is being made available to Fallys. In addition, fill is of the opinion that the JABLER MRADLEY, who recently ligured prominently in the activities in New Orleans concerning the prosecution of CLAY SHAH by New Orleans District Attorney, JAMES GARRISON, is acutally EUGLARE HALF DRADING, FBI Number 499 431. It is the contention of that LEADING is the individual where GARRYSON ectually would rather than the EUGENE MRADING of North Bollywood. 62 -109060 -

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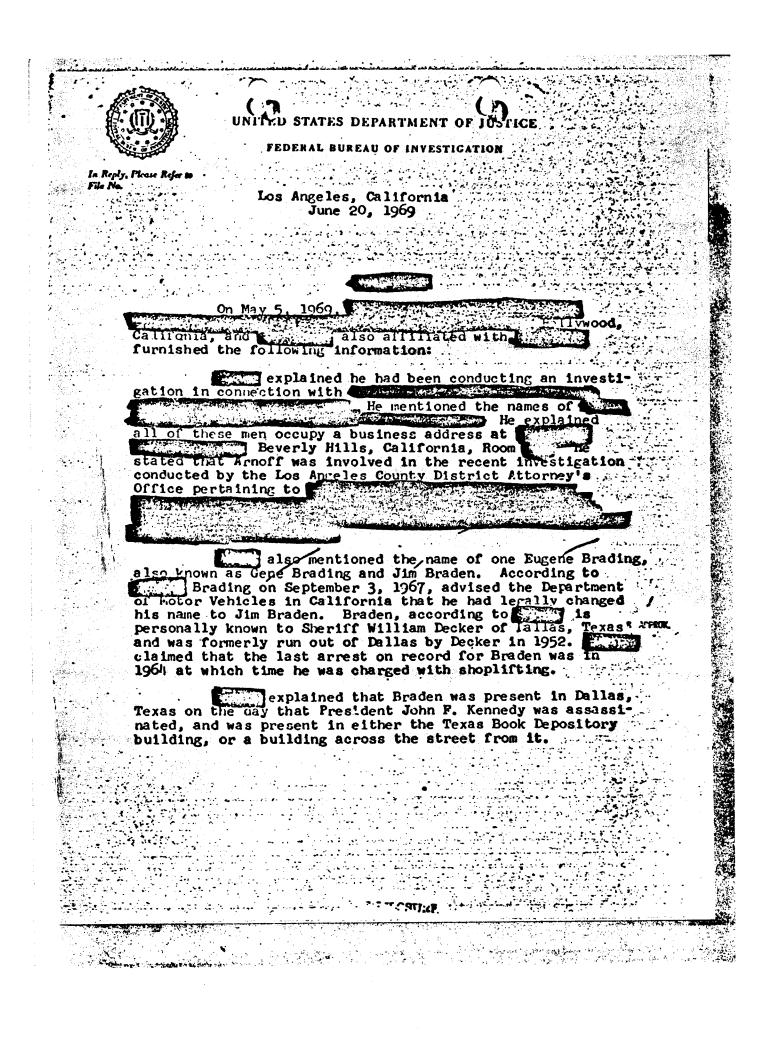
For the additional information of the Bureau, Dellas and New Orleans, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is conducting additional investigation regarding the allegations made by [1.] inasmuch as he had previously discussed these things with them. The LAPD is likewise putting together the results of investigation previously conducted with respect to The results of that investigation will be made available to the Bureau, Dallas and New Orleans. Dallas and New Orleans.

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why a Triend and associate of Braden in Texas, and associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, and is now in Denver, Colorado. Both Braden and the were referred to by as the "Lovebird Swindlers", and are known as such to Sheriff Decker of Texas.

a wealthy New Mexico widow, married according to married Mrs. to/get to ger immense fortune. Braden and were subsequently arrested by the FBI in New York City, where they were in the process of preparing another marriage scam. Both were returned to KI Paso, Texas, where they stood trial in Federal Court, were found guilty, and sentenced to serve 12 years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed during which time both Braden and were free on appeal bond, and during the investigation and or prosecution of these two men, Mrs. divorced According to the the case was subsequently reviewed by the United States Supreme Court, and the conviction of Fereria reversed, presumably because of his marital status to Mrs. The conviction of Braden was allowed to stand, and he subsequently served a prison sentence in several federal institutions.

In approximately 1952, married a Mrs. who was the widow of the former president of the Magnolia Petroleum Company in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Braden was his best man at the wedding, following which all three went to Dallas, Texas, where they occupied a residence on Turtle Creek Road, in the University Park area of Dallas. According to Braden is known to Forrest Keene, Chief of Police of the University Park, Texas Police Department.

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in the second second In their investigation, stated he and have determined that Jim Braden is alleged to be running a gambling operation in Beverly Hills, California, presumably at the provide the provide the state of the state existance the name of a company known as Empire Oil, which name was used by the Magnolia Petroleum Company, and the address given was the offices of ŧ reflect that Jim Breden is engaged in oil property leasing, and or managing, business, is married, and is in his mid 40's. his mid 40's. : 2. . د اوقه میکنه میکنو بید و دونان و از میکنود. که این است از میکنو بید و میکنود از این . 4 and the state way a state of the state of the

With respect to the recent prosecutive activities With respect to the recent prosecutive activities conducted by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans, Louisiana, suggested that Garrison failed in his prosecutive ellorts because the Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, whom Garrison suspected was in reality Jim Braden, mentioned above, who has also used the alias of Gene Braden, mentioned above, who has also used the alias of Gene Bradley. . . .

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explained that on the day of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, in Dallas, Braden was present in that city, was interviewed by a Deputy Sheriff of the Dallas Sheriff's Office, at which time he advised that he had been in the Texas Book Depository building or some other building, attempting to make a telephone call.

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ning Upon learning of the foregoing, telephonically contacted Sheriff Bill Decker of Dallas, approximately one week ago, at which time Decker expressed surprise to be advised that Fraden had been in Dallas on the day of the assassination. Desired to know if Jim Braden and Eugene Hale Brading were known to authorities to be one in the same person. No comment was made regarding that specific question. A A 1.11

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In addition to the foregoing, was advised that his continuing investigation into the activities who is now better known as Jim Braden, has developed that his continuing investigation into the activities of Brading, Empire Oil Company owns 50 percent of another firm known as Eonanza International. The base company is Empire Crude Oil Commany and it is with this organization that Braden is currently affiliated currently affiliated.

He stated that the Empire Company apparently has an office at 3925 Oneida Street in Denver, Colorado. explained his investigation is continuing since he is still of the opinion that Product to the continuing since he is still of the opinion that Braden is the individual whom District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans, Louisian, was referring to in his recent prosecution of Clay Shaw rather than Eugene Fradley of North Hollywood whom Garrison had insisted was the person he was looking for. Again reiterated his contention that Jim Braden was in some way involved in the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas in 1963.

On May 12, 1969, again telephonically advised, on an extremely confidential basis, that he has spoken with an investigator for والمعادية والمراجع والمحمومة ليجم

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FBI Agent William Turner approached him in Los Anceles and attempted to sell to the "Zapruter film". Jat that time was skertic L and checked with the legal staff at Los Angeles, California. One of the attorney's for jis also a lawyer for Life magazine and advised that the "Zapruter film" is a copyright document owned by Life magazine pub-lication and that Turner very passibly did not have legal possession which would permit Los Angeles, to exhibit it. Jearned later that the "Zapruter film", but it was not adaptable for TV. explained that in December 1968, former adaptable for TV.

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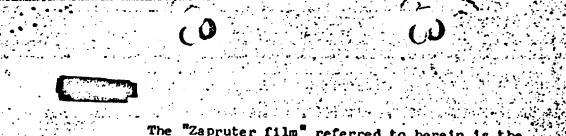
At about that time, Turner advised that he had sent one Jim Rose (a Turner associate) to Braden. While there, Rose was allegedly told that Braden was not in town and was not i not in town and was not expected back for a month. Rose ▼ obtained the names of the occupants of the huilding from the building directory which includes and three of the individuals previously mentioned by on May 5, 1969.

explained that Turner's price for the sale of the "Zapruter film" to him was to be installed as an investigator for the film "to him was to be installed as an their investigative stall approximately two years ago and no longer has such an organization. The film based upon legal advice from the studiols attorney studio's attorney.

He stated that Turner also advised that Braden had been in Dallas, Texas, and had moved to Los Angeles from that city shortly after the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

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Finch, current Secretary of Health and Welfare. Concerning his beliefs regarding Braden, he explained that Finch is extremely concerned with the various militant groups functioning throughout the United States since Hew is responsible for the funding money for the programs under the auspices of the Federal Government.



The "Zapruter film" referred to herein is the movie film taken of the presidential motorcade in Dallas in December 1963, by Abraham Zapruter which was , portedly sold to Life magazine.

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