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Dear Mr Weisburg,

Please find enclosed a copy of the CIA document released last year concerning Clay Shaw, which states he worked on project Q-KRECHART and gives his covert security clearance number.

Please let me know what you make of this, I'm trying to find out more details at the moment but I am not quite sure how you would go about this. I have written to the CIA public affairs office in Washington, although I don't hold much hope for a detailed response.

As you know I am trying to obtain as much information as possible concerning Via Garrison and New Orleans. I was wondering if you have any copies of memos etc from the investigation, and if so would you make copies available to me.

Regarding "Case open", Bookstores in England do not have much on the Kennedy Assassination. There was a spate of books released after the JFK Movie, but there has been nothing since. Even the 30th Anniversary didn't have much effect. I have to buy all my books and videos on the subject from the states. I do belong to a group in England called Dallas 63, which studies and researches the Assassination. I would be glad to sell a few copies for you within the group. If you let me know the prices and release dates etc, if not I will certainly buy one.

I hope all is well, and look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Wishing you all the best



JUSTIN D. BOWLEY

** Sorry for the delay in sending the CIA documents,
but I have just moved house. Please note new address.*

Regards

Justin.

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SUBJECT: Clay L. SHAW (201-812493) *-2018*

1. Subject was born on 17 March 1913 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. Standard background information on Subject (parents, marital status, records of education and employment, etc.) is lacking because SHAW was a contact of the Domestic Contact Service.
3. Traces on Subject have been run in RID/Main Index, the index of the Office of Security and the Central Cover Staff. The first showed only a 1951 FBI interview with SHAW about a former employee of the New Orleans International Trade Mart. The second showed that CO/Contacts Division had requested a name trace about 1949 and that the check of FBI records then conducted was negative. Central Cover Staff had no record.

*→ 1951 FBI interview
→ Does this provide
copy for export*

4. Some of the CO-B reports based on SHAW's reporting are on hand. They are the following. (It is noted that the source description identifies the source by job title.)

a. CO-B 47958, 26 March 1952, concerns a letter written to the public relations director of the International Trade Mart by one Dr. Jutta SCHALLER, a trade consultant to the Bonn Government. The letter is a follow-up of discussions held in New Orleans during December 1951. The letter said that Soviet production and export trade were being advertised and

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promoted by West German money. The publication Der Liefert Was?, published in Leipzig, is now also being published in Hamburg, at a price much lower than competitive volumes.

- b. 00-B-2381, 27 December 1949. Information acquired 18 December 1948. SHAW (identified by job title) has agreed to lease to the CSR government 1,000 feet of space for a display of merchandise in New Orleans. The lease is for one year, starting 1 April 1949.
- c. 00-B-4933-49, 14 June 1949. Information date late April and early May 1949. Results of a trip SHAW made in March through May 1949 in West Indies, Central America, and Northern South America.
- d. 00-B-4934-49, 14 June 1949, same general subject and background as above.
- e. 00-B-4935-49, 14 June 1949, as above.
- f. 00-B-35477, 20 June 1951. Results of a SHAW trip in 1951 in Central and South America and the Caribbean area.

5. On 9 May 1961 General C. P. Cabell, then DDCI, addressed the Foreign Policy Association of New Orleans. It is believed that he was introduced by Clay SHAW.

6. On 3 March 1967 the Washington Star reported that Garrison had arrested SHAW and had made public charges that SHAW, FERRIE, OSWALD, and others had plotted the assassination in the apartment of FERRIE at 3390 Louisiana Parkway, New Orleans. SHAW has said that he never saw OSWALD. He denies having used the name Clay BERTRAND. Jack S. MARTIN said that FERRIE had mentioned

SHAW to him. J. Monroe SULLIVAN, executive director of the San Francisco World Trade Center, told the Associated Press that SHAW was in San Francisco and touring the Center with him on the day of the assassination. SHAW, now retired, was formerly the managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. He is 54 years old. Ramsey Clark, U.S. Attorney General, said that the FBI had investigated SHAW late in 1963. "On the evidence that the FBI has, there was no connection found with the assassination."

7. Memorandum No. 94-67, 23 March 1967, from Chief, New Orleans Office, to Director, Domestic Contact Service, re SHAW.

a. The first contact of the New Orleans office of the DCS with Clay SHAW occurred in December 1948. A name check request was returned "no info" on 23 March 1949. SHAW was contacted by Mr. Hunter Leake of the New Orleans office seven times in 1949, twice in 1950, five times in 1951, nine times in 1952, once in 1953, twice in 1954, twice in 1955, and twice in 1956. SHAW is the source of eight OO-B reports submitted by the New Orleans office. At one time he had the "Y" number 185. The last contact took place on 25 May 1956. On 23 January 1967, Jack S. MARTIN phoned the New Orleans office, said that he was working on an important undercover deal for Garrison and Detective Louis IVOX, and was calling at Leake's request. He was calling to ask the head of the CIA office to telephone SHAW on his unlisted number. No such call was made. The writer, [redacted] asks that the General Counsel be informed and that he provide advice.

NOTE AT LEAST 28 CONTACTS WITH HUNTER LEAKE OF CIA/DCS. →

LLOYD RAY (CIA) → (see ENCLOSURE)

W.P.M. Martin
Say I'm King
How we call (1/14)

8. Undated and unsigned memorandum (probably produced by [redacted]). The following additional information was provided by the New Orleans office of DCS.

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Since 25 May 1956 Mr. [Husbenzeker] had seen SHAW casually, by chance, in various downtown New Orleans restaurants, and greetings were exchanged. The last such casual encounter was just before SHAW's retirement in 1965.

9. On 7 March 1967 Pravda published an article called "Clay Shaw of the CIA" datelined Rome, 6 March 1967, written by V. YEREMKOV. The article charged that CIA made use of the services of Clay SHAW for CIA's own interests in Italy. The Pravda piece notes that the DA in New Orleans is accusing SHAW of participation in the assassination conspiracy. It says SHAW spent "some years" in Rome as a World Trade Center leader. It claims that the Center was a cover for financing anti-Communist activity. CIA gave directives to SHAW. The World Trade Center was a branch of "Peznider" (sic), "which the newspapers in Switzerland openly accused of 'criminal operations'...." (Comment: It appears that all of the Pravda charges are untrue, except that there was a CIA-SHAW relationship. So far as is known, SHAW was never asked to use his relationship with the World Trade Center for clandestine purposes and, in fact, he has not been in Italy.)

③ SHAW NOT IN ITALY? I BELIEVE THAT'S INCORRECT.

Yes it is



10. Memorandum from [redacted] to C/CI/R/ [redacted] 8 March 1967 subject: Italian Aspects of the Clay SHAW Affair. The Corriere della Sera of 5 March 1967 has an article about SHAW, the assassination, and the World Trade Center. Contains no relevant information.

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11. A memorandum marked only for file, 16 March 1967, signed [redacted] Stevens, says that J. Monroe SULLIVAN, #260207, was granted a covert security approval on 10 December 1962 so that he could be used in Project QRENCHANT. SHAW has #402897- [redacted]

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12. Memorandum from [redacted] to [redacted] 24 March 1967, Subject: "Trace Results on Persons Connected with Centro Mondiale Commerciale" (World Trade Center), filed [redacted] folder, Clay SHAW - working papers.

④ THIS IS REALLY INTERESTING! WHAT THE HELL IS PROJECT QRENCHANT? AND WHY WAS SHAW GRANTED A COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL?

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CONFIRMS PERINDEX
& WORLD TRADE
CENTER ASSOCIATION.

a. The 5 March 1967 issue of Il Messaggero links SHAW with the World Trade Center. Others linked to the center were traced, with results reported in this memorandum. No relationship to the Garrison investigation appears here. A report on "Parmidon", a Swiss corporation with principal offices in Rome, is also in the file because the World Trade Center and Parmidon are associated. Again, there is no information here which relates significantly to the case Garrison is trying to build in New Orleans.

13. The Washington Post, Outlook, 2 April 1967, "Seeking Truth in New Orleans in the Middle of the Night", George Lardner, Jr.

a. Garrison's men drove RUSSO to SHAW's French Quarter home. RUSSO posed as a Mutual of Omaha salesman. He knocked at door; SHAW answered. RUSSO said that he was Clem BERTRAND.

b. SHAW is a 54-year old bachelor and socialist who pioneered the 33-story International Trade Mart in New Orleans. He was subpoenaed by Garrison's office on 1 March 1967. According to his friends, his questioners did not advise him of his rights. They told him they had evidence of a meeting with FERRIE and OGWALD. There was a fuss and SHAW was arrested and booked on conspiracy to murder JFK. That night Garrison's men raided SHAW's apartment and confiscated whips, chains, a black net cap, a cape and hood. RUSSO told reporters that he did not know Clay SHAW, but he identified the man arrested by Garrison as Clem BERTRAND.

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is any
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to help

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