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TO: DIRECTOR ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DIVISION FIVE
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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (44-new)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, ORLEANS PARISH, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA; CLAY LAVERGNE SHAW DASH VICTIM; CR. OO: NEW ORLEANS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL MARCH THREE LAST CAPTIONED QUOTE ASSASSINA-
TION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. MISC. DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING
DASH OO DALLAS UNQUOTE.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE TWENTYFIVE P.M., CST THIS DATE SHAW
APPEARED AT THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI WITH HIS ATTORNEYS
IRVING DYMOND AND EDWARD F. WEGMANN AT WHICH TIME SHAW, WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF HIS ATTORNEYS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

SHAW AND HIS ATTORNEYS ADVISED THEY WISHED TO FILE A CIVIL
RIGHTS COMPLAINT AGAINST DA JIM GARRISON INASMUCH AS THEY BELIEVED
THAT SHAW'S CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED IN CONNECTION WITH
CHARGES AGAINST SHAW FILED BY GARRISON. THEY STATED THEY BELIEVED
THAT GARRISON HAD MANUFACTURED THE TESTIMONY OF SEVERAL WITNESSES
UTILIZED BY GARRISON IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED TRIAL OF SHAW.

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IN REGARD TO THE TESTIMONY OF VERNON J. BUNDY, THEY STATED THAT BUNDY, AN ADMITTED HEROIN ADDICT, HAD TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED SHAW AND OSWALD MEETING AT THE NEW ORLEANS LAKE FRONT. THEY STATED THAT PRIOR TO BUNDY'S TESTIMONY AT THE SHAW PRELIMINARY HEARING TWO YEARS AGO, BUNDY HAD BEEN GIVEN A POLYGRAPH TEST WHICH HE HAD FAILED AND THAT THE NOPD OFFICER WHO GAVE THE TEST HAD SO INFORMED GARRISON. UPON HEARING THIS GARRISON ALLEGEDLY REMARKED QUOTE I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHETHER HE'S LYING OR NOT, WE DID NOT TELL HIM TO LIE SO WE ARE PROTECTED UNQUOTE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TESTIMONY OF PROSECUTION WITNESS JAMES A. HARDIMAN, HARDIMAN, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE USPO, TESTIFIED THAT IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX HE DELIVERED MAIL TO A FRIEND OF SHAW'S WHO WAS RECEIVING SHAW'S MAIL ADDRESSED TO CLEM BERTRAND. THEY ADVISED IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SON OF HARDIMAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER OPEN CHARGES FOR THEFT WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT IN ORLEANS PARISH.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TESTIMONY OF ROGER CRAIG WHO TESTIFIED FOR THE PROSECUTION THAT AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION HE WAS A DEPUTY SHERIFF AT DALLAS, TEXAS, AND WAS PRESENT DURING THE

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QUESTIONING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AT THE DALLAS PD. HE TESTIFIED AS TO ALLEGED STATEMENTS MADE BY OSWALD. THEY INFORMED THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CAPT. WILL FRITZ WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ASSASSINATION PROBE FOR THE DALLAS PD, WHO TOLD THEM THAT HE KNEW CRAIG AND THAT CRAIG WAS NOT PRESENT DURING ANY ATTEMPTED QUESTIONING OF OSWALD. THEY ADVISED THAT WITHIN THE PAST YEAR OR SO CRAIG, WHO IS NO LONGER A DEPUTY SHERIFF, CAME TO LIVE IN NEW ORLEANS AND WAS EMPLOYED BY WILLARD ROBERTSON, A POLITICAL ALLY OF DA GARRISON AND WAS ONE OF THE THREE ORIGINAL FINANCIAL BACKERS OF AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, WHICH SUPPLIED MONEY TO GARRISON FOR HIS INVESTIGATION.

HE FURNISHED IDENTITIES OF ADDITIONAL PROSECUTION WITNESSES WHOM IT WAS BELIEVED TESTIFIED TO MANUFACTURED TESTIMONY.

SHAW ADVISED THAT HE WOULD, WITH HIS ATTORNEYS, PREPARE A SIGNED STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE LISTED ALLEGATIONS. SHAW STATED THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD BE LENGTHY AND SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO THIS OFFICE WITH THE STATEMENT IN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.

LHM BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE. AIRMAIL COPY FORWARDED DALLAS.