

Memorandum

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TO : Cartha D. DeLoach
 Assistant to the Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 11, 1967

FROM : Cliff Sessions
 Director of Public Information

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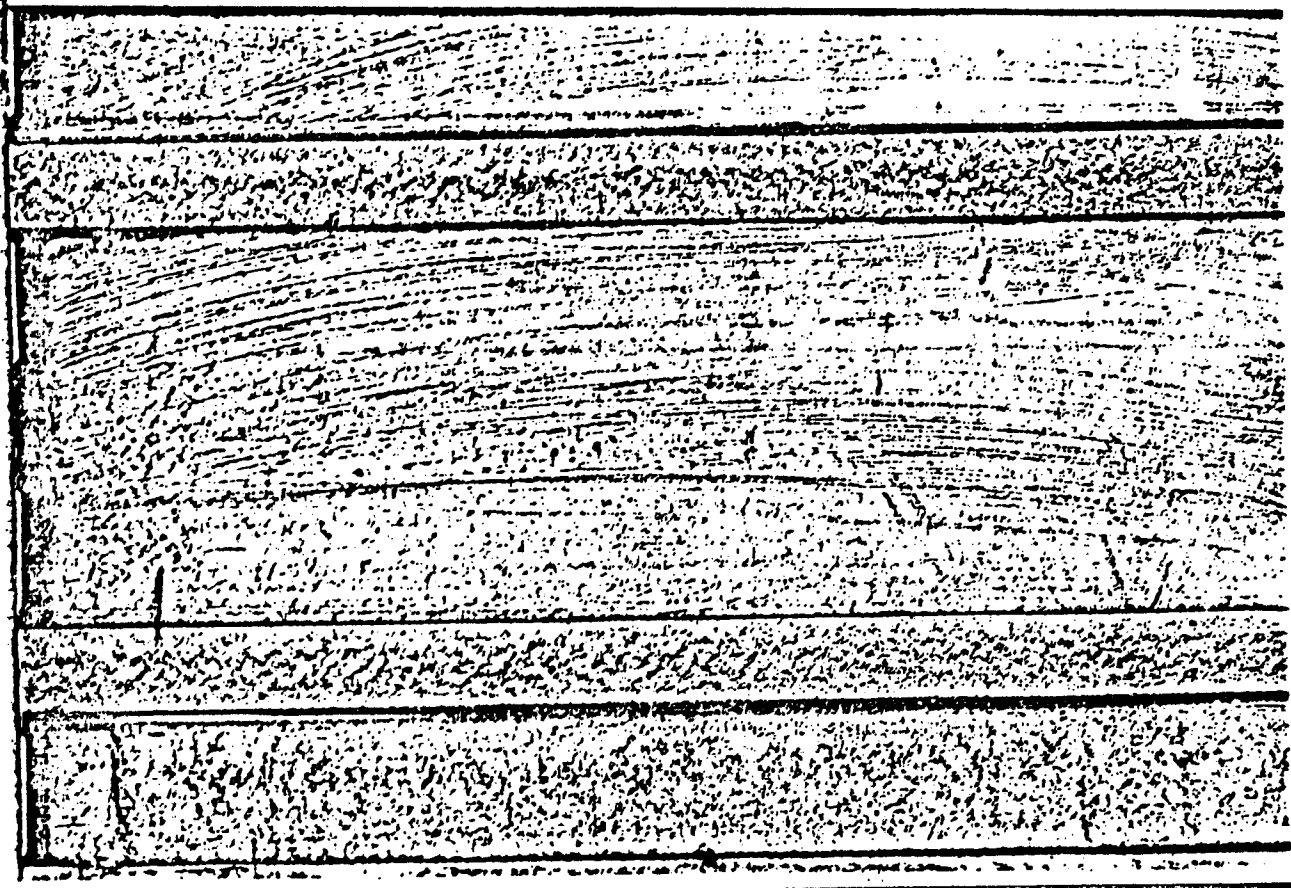
SUBJECT: Could you send me, within a day or two, a draft of a reply to the enclosed letter or a memorandum suggesting material for the reply?

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April 5, 1967

The Honorable Ramsey Clark
The Attorney General of the
United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

It was a great pleasure to have met
you Monday evening and I enjoyed your speech very
much.

Now I am writing about a matter
which concerns the recent developments in New
Orleans relating to an alleged conspiracy in the
assassination of President Kennedy. We have, as
have numerous other journalistic publications,
followed those developments with curiosity.
In the course of our studying the situation in
New Orleans and in collecting on-the-record material
already in the National Archives, our reporters
have learned that certain reports and documents
have been classified and withdrawn by the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. It occurred to me that
in view of what has happened in New Orleans, you
might be willing to declassify these reports and
documents, specifically those which pertain to the
alleged conspiracy.

I hasten to add that I realize this
would be an important decision and I make the
request so that the information already available
can be rounded out in terms of its value, both
historically and journalistically.

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The Honorable Ramsey Clark

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My thanks and appreciation in advance
for your consideration of this matter and I hope
to be hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



George P. Hunt

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

Reference is made to your letter of April 6, 1967, to Assistant to the Director Cartha D. DeLoach of this Bureau which enclosed a copy of a letter to the Attorney General from Mr. George P. Hunt, Managing Editor of "Life" magazine.

In his letter to the Attorney General, Mr. Hunt wrote: "It occurred to me that in view of what has happened in New Orleans, you might be willing to declassify these reports and documents, specifically those which pertain to the alleged conspiracy."

This Bureau knows of no conspiracy in the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Furthermore, New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has made no information available to this Bureau concerning any alleged conspiracy nor, to our knowledge, has he furnished any information in this regard to any Federal agency.

As to the question of declassifying certain Federal Bureau of Investigation reports and documents which were furnished to the Warren Commission by this Bureau and which are now being maintained in the National Archives, please be advised that such data was excluded from public disclosure under the guidelines approved by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, who at that time was Special Assistant to the President. The guidelines approved by Mr. Bundy were furnished to this Bureau as an enclosure to Mr. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach's letter to me dated July 8, 1965, entitled "Public disclosure of Warren Commission records." Mr. Katzenbach was Attorney General at that time.

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Mr. Cliff Sessions
Director of Public Information

Our basic position concerning the public disclosure of material emanating from this Bureau in connection with our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy is expressed in my letter of February 15, 1965, to the Attorney General entitled "Public Disclosure of Warren Commission Reports and Working Papers." I informed the Attorney General that it was my view that the final decision as to public disclosure of the material in question rests with the Department of Justice.

In connection with your request to be furnished material for your use in answering Mr. Hunt's letter, I would like to point out that this Bureau has received information from several sources that "Life" magazine has been financing some of Garrison's investigation. You may desire to consider the foregoing facts in preparing a reply.