

- Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

March 17, 1967

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

The Attorney General
Director, FBI

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

The "Washington Post" newspaper for March 17, 1967, on page A1, carries an article entitled "Hypnotized 3 Times In Probe, Russo Says." In this article it is reported that Gordon Novel, a night club operator, has been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury in New Orleans, Louisiana. Novel, according to the article, told newsmen that he expected to be questioned about "activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum dated March 17, 1967, which sets forth information which [redacted] has volunteered to this Bureau concerning Sergio Arcacha Smith. We have previously furnished to you data in our files concerning Sergio Arcacha Smith.

Your attention is also called to our letter to you dated February 24, 1967, wherein we set forth information from a source who has been in contact with New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of the late President Kennedy. For your confidential information, the source mentioned in our February 24, 1967, letter is [redacted]

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

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Harold Barfoot Sanders, Jr. (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General

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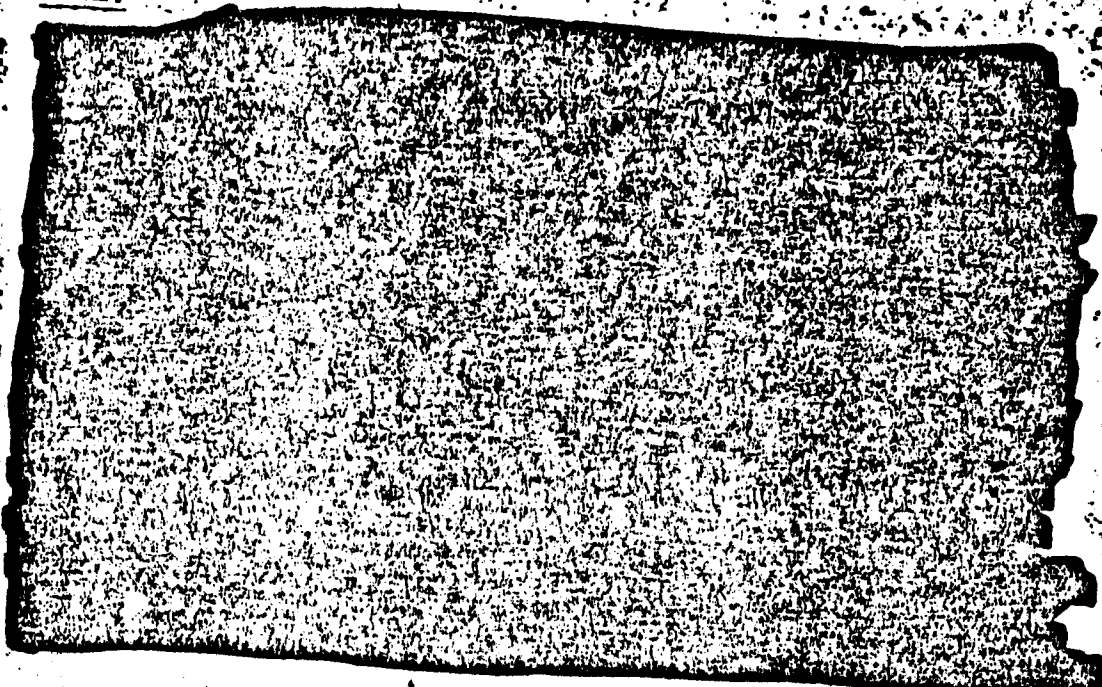
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The Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (Enclosure)
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[redacted] who has in the past furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability, advised on February 20, 1967, that [redacted] way, [redacted]

[redacted] introduced to Sergio Arcacha Smith, the head of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front.

[redacted] stated in subsequent conversations with Smith the possibility was discussed of purchasing explosives, firearms, P-T boats and jet aircraft. Smith, [redacted] said, was especially interested in purchasing machine guns, antipersonnel mines, a 2MM Swiss Solohren Rifle and automatic M-2 .30 caliber carbines. [redacted] said Smith was discussing the possibility of obtaining medical supplies such as blood plasma, drugs and the like.

[redacted] discussed Smith's proposition and, during the discussions, recalled some prior information that they had gained concerning an explosive cache. [redacted] said they had learned [redacted]

[redacted] that in Houma, Louisiana, there were large stores of explosives in some old magazines. [redacted] stated he could not recall the name of the individual who told 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 Houma Air Base and his original information indicated the magazines contained oil company explosives.

[redacted] said [redacted] related to Smith it was his understanding plugged automatic weapons could be purchased from a firm in [redacted]

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the North and new barrels for these weapons could be purchased from a West Coast firm. [redacted] told Smith he had also determined the possibility existed that he could purchase surplus Canadian Vampire Jets at the cost of \$3,000 each.

[redacted] said Sergio Arcacha Smith displayed numerous photographs and documents relating to the atrocities being committed by the Castro regime in Havana, Cuba, and the Isla of Pinos.

[redacted] He advised that it became apparent the plans of this group were becoming more and more complicated.

[redacted] told Smith the whole plan was far too complicated.