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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
 - DALLAS, TEXAS
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 - MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies and for Dallas two (2) copies of a LHM reflecting information furnished by FRANK BARTES on 3/13/68, at New Orleans, La.

BARTES stated that his purpose in notifying the FBI regarding enclosed information was his belief that HAROLD WEISBERG was in some way attempting to tarnish the names of Cubans by implicating them in some way with the assassination plot against President KENNEDY. He advised that he had no information which could possibly tie any Cubans in with this plot.

BARTES advised that due to the possible threat to himself or to a member of his family he would probably notify the New Orleans Police Department to make this information a matter of record in the event of some attempt to do harm to himself or to a member of his family.

For the information of receiving offices, BARTES, a Cuban National, has resided in the United States for approximately seven years and has previously furnished information to this office.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 15, 1968

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Frank Bartes, 1608 Mason Smith Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, telephonically advised on March 13, 1968, that he had been contacted by one Harold Weisberg for the purpose of an interview on March 12, 1968. Weisberg described himself as the author of a book on the assassination of President Kennedy. Weisberg wanted to talk with Bartes concerning his knowledge of certain events relating to the Assassination of President Kennedy. He stated that he was assisting District Attorney James Garrison in his investigation into the assassination and believed Garrison to be an honest and sincere individual.

Weisberg stated that he had a picture of the man whom he did not identify which was taken at Dallas at the time of the assassination and who supposedly was either an associate of Bartes or the Cuban group that he headed in New Orleans at that time which was known as the Cuban Revolutionary Council. This individual was reportedly involved in the assassination. Bartes advised Weisberg that he had no knowledge of any such individual and could not furnish Weisberg any information of value with regard to the assassination.

Weisberg told Bartes that there were a number of people that wanted to cut his (Bartes') throat. Bartes stated that this sounded like a threat; however, when he questioned Weisberg as to what this meant, Weisberg did not give any names but only added that if these persons could not get to Bartes they knew that he had a large family and might get a member of his family. Bartes commented that he was not afraid of whoever might wish him harm but knew of no reason why he should have such enemies.

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Weisberg commented during the conversation that he did not personally like Mark Lane, another author of a book concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He added that he had no respect for Lane but did not give his reasons. Weisberg also stated that it was his opinion from investigation that he conducted that Oswald was not a "communist." Bartes stated that he believed that Oswald was a communist. Weisberg criticized Carlos Bringuier, another Cuban residing in New Orleans, for accusing Oswald of being a communist. Weisberg considers Bringuier to be emotionally guided in his opinions.

Weisberg mentioned the name Richard Davis on several occasions in attempting to obtain comments from Bartes concerning his knowledge of Davis. Bartes did not furnish any information to Weisberg concerning Davis but advised this was because he knew of Davis socially but did not have any information which could possibly tie in with the assassination plot against the President. Bartes commented that Weisberg must have been somewhat confused as he called him Mr. Davis on three occasions and when corrected by Bartes, Weisberg apologized but did not offer an explanation. Weisberg indicated to Bartes that Garrison would subpoena him with regard to the Clay Shaw trial; however, he did not indicate when the subpoena would be issued. Bartes told Weisberg that he did not feel he had any information that would be of value to Garrison's investigation but would submit to the subpoena if he received one.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE
Date 3/19/68

Harold Weisberg has written a number of books which are vitriolic and diabolical criticisms of the Warren Commission, the FBI, Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department. Weisberg's books contain inaccuracies, falsehoods and deliberate slanting of facts. Weisberg has history of Communist Party sympathies and was dismissed by State Department in 1947 for such fact. Weisberg reportedly now assisting New Orleans District Attorney Garrison in his probe of the assassination, and attached memorandum reports interview by Weisberg with Mr. Frank Bartes, a Cuban national who has lived in the U. S. for seven years. Weisberg appears to be attempting to tie in Cubans with the assassination.

This information is being furnished to the Department, Secret Service, and CIA.

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