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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New Orleans teletype, 9:24 p.m., 3/1/67, to Bureau and Dallas.

Retel stated that [redacted] stated SHAW was apparently the man that a Levee Board policeman was supposed to have seen with LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the lakefront in New Orleans. This source stated that his source for the above information was an unknown television reporter. This informant has no information concerning any incident involving OSWALD and a Levee Board policeman but believes the remark referred to a short-lived news article appearing on 2/28/67 in the New Orleans States-Item.

The New Orleans States-Item of 2/28/67 states: (11)

"The States-Item learned today that District Attorney JIM GARRISON has been given testimony that WILLIAM DAVID FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were seen together in New Orleans shortly before President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

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"This is in direct contradiction to FERRIE's statements before his death that he did not know OSWALD..

"GARRISON's investigators were told by a New Orleans area law officer that he was making a routine check on Breakwater dr. at the lakefront in the early morning hours in the fall of 1963 when he found two men sitting in a parked car.

"One of the men identified himself as OSWALD, the officer said. The States-Item's informant was not clear on how the other man identified himself. But the officer has since identified FERRIE's body positively as that of the man he saw in the car.

"The officer took the pair to his headquarters where his superior declined to arrest them on the grounds there was insufficient evidence they were guilty of any wrongdoing.

"After the assassination, the officer said, he recognized OSWALD's face and name from the pictures when he was accused of killing the President. He said he took no action because it was well known that OSWALD had lived in New Orleans.

"Last week, when FERRIE's name was prominently linked to the probe, the officer gave the DA's office his information."

An article in the next edition of the New Orleans States-Item states that a New Orleans law officer has told investigators for the District Attorney that he picked up LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the lakefront here in late 1962. The officer denied to newsmen an earlier report that he picked up DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE at the same time.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.