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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
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

David Lewis - see below when made

The following information concerning comments, observations and information of various news media in the New Orleans area in connection with the investigation of District Attorney JIM GARRISON in connection with the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY is being furnished to the Bureau:

Mr. TOM HARVEY, UPI, on 3/1/67, telephonically advised that a man named RAY BERG, who is working for the RUS Research Company in Houston, owned by R. C. COOKE, is attempting to peddle to radio and newspaper a tape made by JACK S. MARTIN and DAVID LEWIS for \$2,500. This tape was supposedly made by MARTIN and LEWIS and LEWIS is supposed to have revealed the names he furnished to GARRISON in the assassination case. MARTIN reportedly had gone to Houston, Texas, but was back in town and was in telephonic contact with UPI every hour. In addition, HARVEY advised there is a JIM HAWTHORNE from KMBC Radio Station in Honolulu, who is allegedly tied in with this radio station and two television stations in Honolulu and according to HARVEY also promotes for a California company named the Brilliant Music Co. HAWTHORNE came to New Orleans with one GINA VILLINE.

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HARVEY reported that HAWTHORNE had contacted UPI and endeavored to have them call GARRISON to get him to confirm to the UPI that he had an agreement with HAWTHORNE to furnish exclusively GARRISON's life story and the rights to his investigation to HAWTHORNE.

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HARVEY advised that UPI did not go along with that and HAWTHORNE was reportedly staying at the Sheraton-Delta which is the Claiborne Towers. According to HARVEY the girl HAWTHORNE brought with him is the typical Hollywood type with a mini-skirt, no bra and "well stacked". This girl appeared to ED COCK of UPI to have free access to GARRISON's Office and has been seen around GARRISON's office on numerous occasions. HARVEY advised that on the night of 2/28/67, GINA VILLINE, who is originally from Tulsa, Okla. but has been living in Honolulu and allegedly has a three-year old daughter in Dallas, came to the UPI in tears, stating that she was frightened. She reported that First Assistant District Attorney CHARLES WARD had placed her in a motel under the assumed name of GINA MORRISON, name of motel not recalled by HARVEY and WARD came to the motel and endeavored to have sexual relations with her but she told WARD she was there on business and he then propositioned her about going to Phoenix, Arizona. VILLINE stated that she had been to the Elmwood Plantation and had talked to MOSCA and JOE MARCELLO and in addition, had met with some of GARRISON's staff at the Fontainebleau Motel. HARVEY stated that VILLINE was told that she should report any information she had to the FBI if she thought she was being put into prostitution.

[REDACTED] advised on 3/2/67 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The informant reported that GINA VILLINE told him she was a free lance reporter who works for the same television stations in Honolulu as does JIM HAWTHORNE. VILLINE said [REDACTED] She also advised that her mother is employed at the Lemonwood Motel, Dallas, Texas.

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The informant stated that GINA VILLINE advised the group that she was in Honolulu and took HAWTHORNE to the plane and he suggested that she come to New Orleans with him, but she declined; however, upon returning home she changed her mind, packed her clothes, drew all her money out of the bank and flew to New Orleans, stopping in Dallas to drop off her child.

Ja ✓ C. Upon arriving at New Orleans, VILLINE said she went to Tulane and Broad where she met District Attorney GARRISON and that GARRISON promised her an exclusive story on the assassination. GARRISON asked her where she was staying and she furnished the name of a small motel, the name of which the informant did not recall and at that time GARRISON offered to move her into a room at the Fontainebleau Motel. She accepted GARRISON's offer and after moving had some misgivings and she then moved from the Fontainebleau to room 1619 at the Sheraton-Delta.

During contact with GARRISON, VILLINE stated that GARRISON told her he was going to Phoenix, Arizona in the near future and offered to take her with him. In addition, GARRISON's assistant, CHARLES WARD visited her room at the Sheraton-Delta and "propositioned" her both on his behalf as well as asking her to go to Phoenix with GARRISON. The informant advised that VILLINE does not plan to make the trip, as far as he knows.

Informant stated that GINA VILLINE is presently still trying to develop a story in New Orleans and hopes to interview DAVE LEWIS.

According to the informant, another idea kicked around by the news sources, particularly one JOE WASHBURN (phonetic), CBS, is that GARRISON has teamed up with BOBBY KENNEDY to embarrass the JOHNSON Administration insofar as the Warren Report is concerned and possibly enhance the chances of BOBBY KENNEDY becoming Democratic nominee for President.

The informant said that other information that has been gained by the news sources is that GARRISON is investigating a training camp supposedly operated by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the Covington-Slidell area which was engaged in training Cubans for the invasion of Cuba. According to these sources, two field radios found in FERRIE's apartment after his death are alleged to have come from this camp.

The informant said that the news sources also stated that ~~SERGIO SMITH~~ and ~~DAVID FERRIE~~ were both members of the Cuban Revolutionary Front. A reporter by the name of BOB JONES brought up the name of a man KILLIAM who is supposed to have had his throat cut in Pensacola, Fla. KILLIAM is supposed to have been a Cuban and was one of five Cubans who reportedly met in JACK RUBY's apartment the day after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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The informant stated that according to the news sources names mentioned as subjects of GARRISON's investigation are ~~MANEY CORTEZ~~ (phonetic), Cuban exile, ~~RICHARDO DAVIS~~, Cuban exile, ~~CARLOS QUIROZA~~, ~~SERGIO SMITH~~ and eight others whose identities are apparently unknown.

JACK DEMPSEY, police reporter for New Orleans States-Item, was alleged by the group to have talked to a patrolman whose name the informant did not catch and this patrolman told DEMPSEY he had stopped LEE HARVEY OSWALD and a second person whom he later identified in the morgue as DAVID FERRIE as being arrested on the Lakefront in New Orleans and taken to the Levee Board Headquarters where he was questioned by his Superior Officer, Superintendent CHIAMPONE (phonetic) and released. According to this officer, OSWALD supposedly identified himself with a Fair Play for Cuba card. This story was immediately retracted and the States-Item had to print a retraction of the story which appeared in one of its issues.

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The informant stated that other facets of the conversation were that RUBY had been at Oschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans during the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in New Orleans supposedly having an examination for cancer.

According to the informant the address of 910 North Rampart, a former coffee house has apparently been the subject of some investigation due to the fact that OSWALD was supposed to have frequented this place. This coffee house has since been torn down and is now a parking lot.

Informant said FERRIE had a friend by the name of ~~ALVIN ROLAN BEAUBOUF~~ whom the news media think was the person to whom FERRIE directed the alleged note which was found at his residence after his death. This individual and a LAYTON MARTENS were arrested in 1963 in FERRIE's apartment by the DA and at that time BEAUBOUF had a card of ~~JACK WASSERMAN~~ on his person.

Informant advised that according to news sources ~~CLAY SHAW~~ is supposed to have been arrested using the name of ~~CLAY BERTRAND~~ and ~~CLAY BRYANT~~, however, the informant said he had no specific knowledge of the source of this information and he does not know where SHAW was supposed to have been arrested.

The informant advised that the conversation concerning GARRISON's investigation was general in nature and he has no information as to the source of any of the newsmen's information. Informant advised that

~~_____~~ WILLIAM ~~NERVICH~~, private investigator, is running the whole investigation for the DA with a couple of selected attorneys and the other investigators in the DA's Office are being used as errand boys and are not learning any appreciable amount of information concerning the investigation.

ROBERT ~~GRUENBURG~~, reporter, Chicago Daily News, appeared at the New Orleans Office on 3/3/67 and advised he was running a story on District Attorney JAMES GARRISON and GARRISON's investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY. ~~GRUENBURG~~ advised that he had obtained most of his information from news sources and had been in touch with JACK DEMPSEY of the States-Item who broke the story of GARRISON's investigation, ARIHUR FELT, Times-Picayune, FRITZ HARSDORFF, City Editor of the Times-Picayune, and HAROLD JACOBS of the Times-Picayune. ~~GRUENBURG~~ inquired

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as to whether or not the New Orleans Office would give him any leads concerning people he could contact and was advised that this office would make no comment concerning this matter.

GRUENBURG advised he had picked up information from talking to various individuals that apparently JIM GARRISON was a "p---- man". He had picked up one story which he could not publish to the effect that when JIM GARRISON was taken to lunch by a Time Magazine man when they first sat down at the table GARRISON made the remark that the main thing he was interested in was "p----".

GRUENBURG advised that he had also heard at a smoker at which GARRISON attended with fourteen men there was a lewd dancer on the floor and GARRISON had sexual relations with her. Mr. GRUENBURG continued that he had come to the conclusion that the Federal Government and all branches had apparently taken a position of letting GARRISON continue his investigation until he hung himself. He asked specifically concerning this opinion of his and was advised that no comment could be made.

GRUENBURG stated that he intended to contact Mr. GEORGE HEALY and to also recontact ED COCKE of the UPI with whom he had previously talked and in addition, he intended to visit the French Quarter and make inquiries at the various bars concerning GARRISON. GRUENBURG said he intends to write a story based on any information developed and definitely intended to state his opinion in the story concerning what he thought the Federal Government was doing in letting GARRISON continue his investigation until he hung himself. No comment was made to Mr. GRUENBURG.

Above is for the information of the Bureau.