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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

MISC. - INFO CONCERNING. OO*DALLAS.

"NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE, FRIDAY, JULY TWELVE INSTANT,
REPORTED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (DA) JIM GARRISON THURSDAY
NIGHT TOLD THE TIMES-PICAYUNE THAT HIS OFFICE HAS EXCHANGED
INFORMATION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY

"THAT SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION"
AGAINST PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. GARRISON ASSERTED THAT
"THE GREAT AMOUNT OF DETAILED INFORMATION" HE RECEIVED FROM
THE FOREIGN COUNTRY CORROBORATES STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE THAT
KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED "BY ELEMENTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY". ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GARRISON DECLINED TO
IDENTIFY THE COUNTRY EXCEPT TO SAY IT IS IN EUROPE AND THAT

IT IS "A FOREIGN POWER THAT MILITARILY IS ON FRIENDLY TERMS
WITH THE U. S."

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID A REPRESENTATIVE
OF HIS OFFICE SPENT ABOUT ONE MONTH WITH "THE TOP MEN OF 12

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THEIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY" (THE FOREIGN COUNTRY) AND THAT THIS REPRESENTATIVE RETURNED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. GARRISON DID NOT IDENTIFY THIS REPRESENTATIVE.

GARRISON SAID THAT ABOUT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO, HIS OFFICE WAS CONTACTED BY AN "INTERMEDIARY" FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY, ALSO FRIENDLY TO THE U. S., AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR CONTACTING AND EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH THE COUNTRY.

GARRISON DESCRIBED THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE FOREIGN POWER AS CONTAINING "MORE SPECIFICS THAN HIS OFFICE HAD OBTAINED." HE SAID THE FOREIGN COUNTRY HAD "THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE DALLAS POLICE FORCE WHO PARTICIPATED; HAD ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE ASSASSINS AND LEARNED FROM HIM THE LOCATIONS OF THE SHOOTING POINTS IN DEALEY PLAZA WHICH HE LISTED AS THE DAL-TEX BUILDING, THE DALLAS BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING AND TWO GUNMEN IN THE GRASSY KNOLL AREA; HAD INFORMATION ABOUT A TRIP DAVID FERRIE MADE TO DALLAS FOR ONE OF THE ALLEGED PRE-ASSASSINATION MEETINGS AND INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER REPORTED MEETINGS IN DALLAS AND ELSEWHERE."

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GARRISON ASSERTED THAT THE FOREIGN COUNTRY MADE ITS PENETRATION "OF SOME OF THE PRE-EXISTING FORCES USED IN THE ASSASSINATION" WHILE ITS MEN WERE ON ANOTHER INTELLIGENCE MISSION IN THIS COUNTRY. GARRISON SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THIS PENETRATION, THE FOREIGN COUNTRY WAS "AWARE THAT SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN."

GARRISON, IN EXPLAINING THE PENETRATION, SAID "THE ASSASSINATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS. ONE OF THEM WAS AN ELEMENT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THERE IS NO REASON TO INDICATE THAT THE TOP COMMANDS OF THE AGENCY KNEW ABOUT IT AT THE TIME. THEY KNEW, OF COURSE, BY SUNSET, AND CERTAINLY IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINATIONS HAVE BEEN STANDARD INTELLIGENCE ASSASSINATIONS.

"THE OTHER COMPONENT WAS A HANDFUL OF EXTREMELY POWERFUL INDIVIDUALS IN THE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF THE SOUTHWEST OF THE U. S. WHO HAD PRE-EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

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"AND THERE WAS A VERY EFFECTIVE PENETRATION OF SOME OF THE PRE-EXISTING FORCES USED IN THE ASSASSINATION, SO THAT WHEN THE TIME CAME AND THEY BEGAN HAVING MEETINGS, LIKE WHEN DAVID FERRIE FLEW TO DALLAS FOR ONE OF THE MEETINGS, KNOWLEDGE WAS BEING ACQUIRED THAT SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING AND THEY WERE ABLE TO PICK UP THE MATERIAL AS THEY WENT ALONG."

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GARRISON SAID THE FOREIGN COUNTRY HAD OBTAINED "DETAILS" THAT HIS OFFICE DID NOT HAVE BUT ^H THAT IN SOME AREAS HIS OFFICE WAS ABLE TO GAIN MORE DATA THAN THE FOREIGN COUNTRY DID. GARRISON SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY'S BIGGER, MORE PROFESSIONAL OPERATION, ITS AGENTS WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP MORE ON DETAILS, ESPECIALLY IN DALLAS, THAN HIS OFFICE.

GARRISON SAID THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY "HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND THEY HAVE MADE A GREAT DEAL OF DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

"BUT THE REAL POINT IS THAT IT CORROBORATES NOT MERELY THAT PRESENT ^{ID} KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY AN ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY ¹ IN WHICH AN AGENCY OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED, BUT
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ALSO THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING IT
COULD TO CONCEAL THIS."

GARRISON ALSO SAID THAT EVEN IF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY HAD NOT LEARNED THAT THE INTELLIGENCE OPERATION
OF THE ASSASSINATION WAS PENETRATED "THEY WOULD KNOW BY NOW...
I SAY IN THE LAST MONTH OR SO THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO FIND OUT...
WHICH MEANS FOR ^HTHE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME
TO GRIPS AND BEGIN TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT SHEER MUSCLE
DON'T DO IT ANYMORE.

"IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY ARE GOING TO STOP USING IT, BUT IT
MEANS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THEY ARE
NOT GOING TO SUCCEED IN REWRITING HISTORY BY FORCE LIKE THEY
WERE DOING."

GARRISON SAID HE WAS MAKING THE DISCLOSURE REGARDING
THE CONTACT WITH THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT BECAUSE INDICATIONS ARE THAT ANOTHER "CIA-INSPIRED"
CAMPAIGN IN MAGAZINES SEEMS TO BE LAUNCHED TO DISCREDIT
HIS INVESTIGATION. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO AN ARTICLE
IN THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE APPEARING THIS WEEK.

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GARRISON ALSO DISCLOSED THE IDENTITY OF A MAN HE DESCRIBED AS A FORMER CIA AGENT WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN HIS OFFICE FOR THE PAST YEAR. THE AGENT HAD BEEN USING THE NAME "BILL BOXLEY" BUT IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS WILLIAM C. WOOD, A NATIVE OF TEXAS, AND A FORMER NEWSPAPER REPORTER WHO WORKED FOR THE DENVER POST.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT WOOD SAID HE BECAME CONNECTED WITH THE CIA DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTIES AND REMAINED WITH THE AGENCY "FOR MORE THAN TWO BUT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS." WOOD ASSERTED HE WORKED OVERSEAS AND IN WASHINGTON AND HIS AREA OF INTEREST WAS CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. WOOD CLAIMED THAT HE PERSONALLY TRAINED SOME ONE THOUSAND CIA AGENTS AND CASE OFFICERS.

WOOD SAID HE AND GARRISON WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY A "MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE" AND THAT ONE OF HIS PRIMARY DUTIES HAS BEEN "TO THINK IN INTELLIGENCE WAYS" IN RELATION TO THE INVESTIGATION. WOOD SAID HE WAS NOT WORKING AS AN INSIDE SOURCE OF CIA INFORMATION BUT RATHER AS AN INDIVIDUAL THINKING ALONG INTELLIGENCE LINES.

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FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH WILLIAM C. WOOD. MIAMI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MARCH FIVE LAST CAPTIONED "JAMES THOMAS MAYS - FUGITIVE. ASN RA TWO FIVE NINE TWO ZERO FOUR FOUR EIGHT. FUDE" REPORTED THAT A MURDER TRIAL WAS IN PROGRESS INVOLVING ANTHONY "TOUGH TONY" ESPERTI, WHICH HAD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. THE TELETYPE REPORTED THAT JAMES THOMAS MAYS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MISSING WITNESS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MURDER TRIAL. ACCORDING TO THE TELETYPE, MAYS WAS INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI OVER THE PAST WEEKEND, BY BILL BARRY, NEWS REPORTER FOR THE MIAMI NEWS AND WILLIAM BOXLEY, INVESTIGATOR WORKING FOR JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS ^{District Attorney} ~~DA~~ CONDUCTING THE PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THE TELETYPE REPORTED THAT AN EDITION OF THE MIAMI NEWS REFLECTS MAYS CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN OFFERED TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY BUT THAT HE REFUSED THIS AMOUNT.

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