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ASSASSINATION OF FRESIDENT JOHN FITZ ERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

Carlos Pringuier, New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate (CSD), appeared in the New Crieans Office of the FBI on October 10, 1968, and furnished the following information:

He advised that he was visited by Diche Aurnor on the afternoon of October 9, 1968. She furnished Nor Address as Fosh Office Box 1282, Louisiana State University in Nor Octobers, louisiana, 70122. Turner advised Bringuier that she had received a letter from Philip Geraci, III, approximately two weeks ago. Geraci is presently in the United States military stationed in Vietnam. Geraci advised Turner in his letter to transmit a message for him to Carlos Bringuier. Geraci advised that he had been contacted by Hareld, Weisberg, author of the book, "WHITEWACH," who has been assisting New Orleans District. Attorney James, Carrison in his investigation of the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Geraci did not advise Turner as to what method Weisberg had used in contacting him. Geraci claimed that Weisberg indicated that he, Geraci, would be subposened by the New Orleans Grand Jury through the offorts of District Attorney Garrison if he did not state that he had previously been hired by Carlos Bringuier and that he, Fringuier, and some other Cubans had gone to a training camp for Cubans in the New Orleans area. Weisberg added that if Geraci did not comply with this request he would be indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury.

Turner further advised Bringuier that Geraci's mother had been cooperating with Carrison and had made some type of deal with him. She did not indicate what kind of deal had been made. Turner commented that an agency which she did not identify, was building a case against Weisberg because he was spreading KGB propaganda in the United States. Turner did not identify this agency to Bringuier.

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Turner stated that Geraci is due to arrive in New Orleans shortly as one of the members of his immediate family is very ill. She added that she does not know what Geraci plans to do regarding this situation.

Bringuier advised that he told Turner to write Geraci and tell him to go shead and tostify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury and tell the truth. Bringuier stated that he first met Geraci in 1963 when Geraci, who was of high school age, came into his store, the Casa Roca, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, to inquire about what he might do to assist in any anti-Castro activity. Bringuier stated that he gave Geraci some material to read and at one time gave him some bonds to sell from which the revenue would be used to support arti-Fidel Castro activities. Bringuier stated Ceraci did not receive a commission for selling these bonds and was not employed by him. Ceraci discontinued the sale of bonds as he claimed he was stopped by an officer, not identified, who stated he could not sell these bonds without a permit. Bringuier related that he again saw Ceraci on August 5, 1963, at the Casa Roca. Geraci was again interested in discussing ahti-Castro activity and was accompanied by a companion. While Bringuier, Geraci and his companion were talking, Lee Harrey Oswald entered the Casa Roca and showed interest in joining the CSD and in obtaining as much information as possible concerning this organization's activities. Bringular advised that he excused himself at this time to make a deposit in the bank and left Geraci, his companion and Oswald talking. Bringulor added that he has only seen Garact once since August 5, 1963, and this was at a showing of Vietnam films in the New World Theater at 1117 Decatur Street in New Crleans in 1966 or 1967.

The following concerning Philip Geraci, III, is contained in the files of the New Orleans Office of the FRI:

Deputy Sheriff Don Borne, Juvenile Division, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Gretza, Louistana, advised on May 5, 1968, that Geraci, whose home address was 2201 Green Acres Read, Metairie, Louisiana, in 1965, ran away from his residence on April 20, 1965. Geract, in fact, was under psychiatric treatment. He affiliated with Cubars who were anti-Fidel Castro in their political outlook.

Philip Geraci, Jr., of the above address and the father of Geraci, III, advised on May 5, 1965, that the family physician had placed his son on tranquilizers and ordered him to receive psychiatric treatment. He received this treatment at the Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans. Geraci, III, was to have had an appointment with his psychiatrist on April 20, 1965, the day he ran away from home, and may have run away because he thought he might be committed for psychiatric treatment.

On May 29, 1965, Deputy Sheriff Borne advised that Geraci, III, had been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, and released to his parents in Metairie, Louisiana, in order that he be committed privately to an insane asylum.

On July 30, 1965, Geraci, III's, parents had him privately committed to the State Hospital at Mardeville, Jouisiana, for treatment. He had been diagnosed with schizophrenia reaction with obsessive compulsive features and with the recommendation for further evaluation and treatment.

November 29, 1963, concerning his meeting Lee Harvey Cavald at the Casa Reca on August 5, 1963. Information furnished by Geraci paralleled information regarding this incident as furnished by Carlos Bringuier, above. Geraci stated that he and his companion talked to Oswald for approximately ten to fifteen minutes concerning various guerilla tactics, firearms and other subjects. Geraci stated, during this interview, that he could not recall Oswald discussing Marxism, Communism or any other political philosophy at this time. Geraci added that he had no further contact with Oswald other than that one incident.