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MEMORANDUM

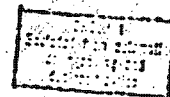
SUBJECT : Garrison Investigation of
Kennedy Assassinations
Donald P. (or T.) MORTON

1. On 6 August 1967 we were informed that the Vancouver (Canada) Star was running, or soon would run an interview with one Donald P. (or T.) MORTON, 35 years old, who had made the following claims.

a. That he was a CIA man and that in 1953 he delivered \$150,000 to David PERLIS for transfer to Cuba. (Comment: David W. PERLIS, now dead, was a pilot living in New Orleans. District Attorney James C. Garrison has claimed that PERLIS was one of a small group of conspirators who master-minded the assassination of President Kennedy. Allegations that CIA employed PERLIS have appeared in print. Thorough checks have shown that there was no association between PERLIS and this Agency.)

b. That in 1962 Clay SHAW gave MORTON an attache case containing \$50,000 which MORTON delivered to one Harvey Lee in Monterrey, Mexico. (Comment: There is no evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was in Mexico in 1962. There is no evidence, except the unsupported word of a criminal and drug addict, that Clay SHAW knew Oswald. SHAW is the only person indicted by Garrison to date on the charge of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.)

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c. That NORTON received \$500 a month pay from CIA and that he also received bonuses of \$5,000 for the action described in sub-paragraph a, above, and \$2,500 for that described in sub-paragraph b.

d. That NORTON reported to an unidentified oil company official in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

e. That NORTON lost his CIA job in November 1955 and was advised to settle down in Calgary.

2. Efforts are under way to obtain a copy of the edition of the Vancouver Sun containing the article herein described. However, C/E/BC/C is also requested to ask the [redacted] to try to get a copy for us, either independently or through Helson.

3. All pertinent Agency records have been checked. There is no record of a Donald P. NORTON or Donald T. NORTON. There is also no record of a Donald NORTON who matches any of the foregoing information.

4. The C/E/BC/C is also requested to obtain available information from Helson regarding NORTON's general character and reputation for veracity. Because District Attorney Garrison has made unfounded charges that CIA and the FBI are interfering in his investigation in New Orleans, inquiries to Helson should be low-key. It is requested that no reference be made to Garrison or his investigation. It is suggested that the only reason given for our interest be that NORTON has made false allegations that CIA employed him.

5. It is requested that a check be run in the files of WH/CGG to see whether Subject appears therein.

Donovan E. Pratt
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