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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas
ASSAULTING OR KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of a self-explanatory confidential report and additional information pertaining to captioned matter, two copies each of the report and information are enclosed for the Dallas and New Orleans Divisions.

The enclosed information was made available by PCI LEONARD BARRELSO on 6/26/67, on an extremely confidential basis. PCI urged that under no circumstances should his identity be divulged as a source of this information and extreme caution be exercised in any use of this information so as not to in any way violate the confidential relationship between PCI and those named in the enclosed material.

Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the enclosed information and PCI's unquestioned value to the Chicago Division, this information is not being submitted in a form suitable for dissemination and is submitted for information purposes only.

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On June 22, 1967, L. H. Harrelson, in a telephone conversation with a confidential source in New Orleans, Louisiana, obtained the following information with regard to Perry Russo.

This informant, who is well known to L.H.H. and who is a polygraph examiner having been trained at the Keeler Polygraph Institute, stated that Perry Russo was examined by another polygraph examiner with the Sheriff's Office in New Orleans and that he had heard that the Sheriff's Office examiner stated that Russo was lying regarding the story of the plot to assassinate the late John F. Kennedy.

This informant also advised L.H.H. that Perry Russo had been subjected to narco-interrogation, using sodium pentathol and that he had further been subjected to hypno-interrogation. He stated that a local psychiatrist subsequently blasted District Attorney Garrison for using these two techniques and suggested that Russo should be examined on the polygraph which should be more reliable. This informant stated that he received a call requesting him to examine Russo in regard to his story. He stated that he was told that Russo wanted to meet him first to see what kind of a person he was.

He stated that he made an appointment and met Russo for the first time Friday, June 16, 1967. He stated that at this time he talked for a while and Russo requested that he be given a trial run on the polygraph and that he wanted to be asked 10 or 20 questions and intended to lie to some of them to see if the examiner could detect it. The source stated that he instead had Russo write down a number on a piece of paper and place it in his pocket. He stated that he then made Russo a bet of \$5.00 that he could pick out the number. He further stated that Russo called the bet, the test was run and the examiner picked out the number.

He stated that Russo appeared in his office on June 19, 1967 to be examined in regard to his story reporting the plot to assassinate the late John F. Kennedy. He stated that he attempted to examine Russo but that his pneumo tracing (breathing) was so erratic that he reported to D.A. Garrison that he felt Russo was an unfit subject for polygraph testing at this time. He further stated that he did talk with Russo about his tracing and explained to him that he obviously had something bothering him. He stated Russo told him that he told the story in court because he was getting so much pressure from D.A. Garrison and also NBC. He stated that Russo further made the statement to him that he did not know if Clay Shaw was present at the meeting or not. He stated that Russo added that if he had to say "yes" or "no" that he would have to say "no" that Clay Shaw was not present.

This examiner stated that he asked Russo why he went into court and under oath stated that Shaw was present at the alleged meeting. He stated that Russo replied that he fully intended to go into court and testify that he did not know if Shaw was present or not but became angered by Shaw's attorney's question, "Do you believe in God" and afterwards did testify that Shaw was definitely present.

This informant stated that Russo admitted having undergone psychiatric treatment for one and one-half years. He stated that Russo admitted to homosexual acts.

This informant stated that he fully believes that he would have been able to break Russo had he continued. He stated that after giving a verbal report to Mr. Garrison that Mr. Garrison told him in no uncertain terms to keep his mouth shut and not to say anything about the test or what Russo said. This informant further stated that his official written report to Mr. Garrison is going to indicate that in his opinion Russo was an unfit subject on Monday, June 19, 1967.

NOTE:

The erratic breathing pattern that was described by this informant can indicate claustrophobia, however, in all of the experience that I have had in conducting polygraph examinations, an erratic breathing pattern as a general rule is an indication that the subject is being deceptive.

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ARRANGEMENTS:

At your request, LILLIE MAE MC MAINES was examined on the polygraph, a detection of deception technique.

PROCEDURE:

Standard polygraph procedure was exercised throughout this examination.

RESULTS:

Subject was examined in this office on June 19, 1967. She was given a Relevant and Irrelevant type examination for the purpose of ascertaining if she possessed any knowledge of an alleged meeting in Dave Ferrie's home wherein there was verbal intercourse relating to a plot to assassinate the late John F. Kennedy.

During the pre-test interview, the Subject stated that she was born Lillie Mae Moffett on October 22, 1944, in Lucedale, Mississippi. She stated that her real mother died when her younger sister was born and that she was raised by one of her father's cousins, James Moffett, and his wife Ethel. She referred to these people as her parents. She stated that she was raised near Mobile, Alabama. She said that she does not know whether or not James and Ethel Moffett ever adopted her.

Subject stated that she is presently married to Harold McMaines, aged 38 years. She said that he does not have a regular job and works out of an "employment office" in Omaha, Nebraska, as a truck driver and as a furniture mover.

The Subject stated that ever since she was old enough to understand and remember, her "mother" constantly told her that her older sister Gertrude, who lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, was "a tramp and no good." She stated that these statements

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finally caused her to run away from home in 1962 and proceed to New Orleans to locate her sister Gertrude. She said that she just had to find out if her sister was really "bad."

During six hours of interview and interrogation, the Subject gave the following information regarding her stay in New Orleans, her return to Mobile, Alabama, then on to San Bernadino, California, then back to New Orleans, then to Omaha, Nebraska, and finally to Des Moines, Iowa.

Subject stated that when she first went to New Orleans she decided to use the name Sandra Moffett. She explained that she had been in New Orleans for approximately three weeks before her sister permitted her to go out "on the town" by herself. She said that the first night she went out alone she met Perry Russo. She said that the meeting occurred about 10:30 P. M. as she was walking down Bourbon Street and that Perry Russo, "Ken," Lefty Peterson and "Timmy" were also walking along Bourbon Street. She related that as they passed on the street, Timmy winked at her and she smiled. She continued that they all stopped on the sidewalk and talked. She said that during this conversation, Perry Russo volunteered to drive her home.

She continued that she, Perry Russo, Lefty, Ken and Timmy all got into Perry's car and proceeded to drive toward her sister's home where she was staying but they stopped on the way for coffee and gasoline. She said that Perry Russo asked her if she would go to school with him the following morning and she replied to him that she would go with him provided her sister would permit her to do so.

She continued that Perry Russo stopped by the house the following morning but her sister would not permit her to go with him but her sister did agree that she could attend a party that was being given for Ken Wink that night.

Subject stated that that party was held at a place called the Frenchman's Inn. She said that Perry was supposed to pick her up at 8:00 P. M. but he was late because it was raining hard. She said that she and Perry arrived at the party at approximately 9:00 P. M.

The Subject stated that she and Perry continued to date until the early part of 1963. She said that she became pregnant and after she told Perry that she was pregnant he told her to "get lost" until after the baby was born and then she should look him up again.

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The Subject stated that when she first told Perry Russo that she was pregnant, a man (unknown to her) placed Perry in a hypnotic trance and questioned him. She said that while in the trance, Perry acknowledged that he was the father of her yet unborn baby. She said that Perry later denied that he was the father.

C She went on to explain that she, Perry, and the unknown "hypnotist" (she described his age as between 40 and 50 years) went to a place called the Royal Castle and, while there, this unknown "hypnotist" again placed Perry in a hypnotic trance. She said that he did not question Perry at this time but gave him a post-hypnotic suggestion, "When I snap my fingers you will awaken, get off the stool, walk to the door and then return to the stool where you will freeze in your tracks and will be unable to move." She said that when the man snapped his fingers, Perry opened his eyes, got off the stool, walked to the door and then turned and walked back to the stool. She said that Perry stood by the stool and went through what appeared to be attempts at moving his body but he did not actually move. She added that, in her opinion, Perry was faking his inability to move while standing by the stool.

P Subject said that the next time she saw Perry (after telling him that she was pregnant) was a very short time later and she spent about one-half hour talking with him in his home. She said that when she departed his home, a friend of his named "Fido" knocked her down on the lawn, hit her in the stomach with his fist, and made the comment, "Why don't you leave him alone?" She explained that she screamed loudly when struck by Fido hoping that Perry would come outside but he did not. She said that Fido went into Perry's home after knocking her down and striking her. She said that as soon as she regained her sense of direction, she got up and went home.

Y The Subject stated that when she was about three months pregnant, she attempted suicide by taking 175 aspirin. She said that a girl friend named Kathy found her and took her to the Charity Hospital in New Orleans by taxicab. She said that her stomach was pumped at the hospital and she said that the hospital notified the police department but her girl friend Kathy talked the officer out of taking her to jail.

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Subject stated that when she was about four months pregnant, she married a Frank Adams in Dallas, Texas. She did not tell the circumstances surrounding a divorce from Adams.

The Subject stated that when she was between 15 and 16 years of age, her "mother" took her to a psychiatrist because she had run away from home. She said that she visited the psychiatrist about four times but she did not know what he reported about her.

Subject related that she gave birth prematurely on August 30, 1963. She said that she was released from the hospital on September 3rd or 4th, 1963. She said that she went to Perry Russo's house the day following her release from the hospital but she did not see or talk with him again until June or July of 1964.

Subject then related how Perry Russo photographed her on several occasions while she was engaging in the act of coitus with different men. She explained that Perry had his own dark room and developed the pictures himself.

Subject then related that she and a girl named Ann visited her baby in the hospital frequently. She further stated that her "parents" came from Alabama to New Orleans and also visited the baby in the hospital.

Subject continued that her baby was released from the hospital on September 20, 1963, and on this same date she left New Orleans with a James Robert Ervin (Russo had introduced her to him). She said that the two of them and the baby went by bus to her "parents'" home. She gave her "parents" address as Box 326 in Eight Mile, Alabama and she said that this town is located near Mobile.

She went on to explain that James Robert Ervin was unable to find employment in Mobile and so he went to New Orleans and obtained a job in an establishment called Little Crystal Cafe. She said that this establishment is located on Royal Street in New Orleans. She said that Jimmy worked and stayed in New Orleans during the week and he would hitchhike to her "parents" home in Eight Mile, Alabama, over the weekends.

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Subject stated that she and Jimmy left Eight Mile in February of 1964 (leaving the baby with her "mother") and they went to San Bernadino, California, where they stayed with an aunt of hers. She said that from the time she left New Orleans to go to Eight Mile and then to California, she did not make one trip to New Orleans.

Subject related that she and Jimmy went through a wedding ceremony in Tiajuana, Mexico, in June of 1964. She continued that Jimmy left her the latter part of this same month. She said that the day after Jimmy left her, she went to New Orleans by bus.

Subject related that when she arrived in New Orleans, she called Perry Russo and he came to the bus depot and drove her and her personal belongings to his home. She said that she spent the night in Perry's apartment and then the following day she rented a room for herself. She said that after she rented the room, she went job hunting and she met James Robert Ervin on the street. She said that they decided to live together again. She said that she did obtain a job as a barmaid. She said that she and Jimmy lived together for only one week and he again walked out on her. She said that he left on July 3, 1964.

The Subject said that she then turned to prostitution as a means of supporting herself and in order to save up enough money to get her baby back from her "mother." She further explained that she gave Perry Russo "around a hundred dollars" to keep for her but he never gave it back to her. She said that on one other occasion, she loaned Perry \$20.00 to use to pay his insurance but he did not repay this money either.

The Subject stated that the first time she met Dave Ferrie was in either the latter part of January of the first part of February of 1965. She explained that she was with Perry Russo and he wanted to see Dave Ferrie about something and so the two of them went to Dave's apartment. She said that Perry introduced her to Ferrie and his two roommates. She said that they stayed at Dave's apartment for only a few minutes and they left.

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RESULTS (cont'd):

The Subject said that the next time she saw Dave Ferrie was less than a week after first meeting him and was on a Sunday. She explained that Dave invited her to his apartment for lunch with him and his two roommates. She said that Dave picked her up at her place in a blue Ford station wagon and they arrived at Dave's apartment at approximately 12:30 or 1:00 P.M. She said that she stayed at this apartment until about 5:30 P.M. at which time he drove her back to her place.

Subject said that she next saw Dave Ferrie on the following Wednesday or Thursday when he came by Sam's place where she was employed. She said that Dave asked her if she would go out with him the following Friday night.

Subject said that on this Friday night, Dave picked her up at her apartment about 6:00 or 6:30 P.M. and they first proceeded to Dave's apartment where one of Dave's roommates and his date were waiting. She said the four of them then went to several places to dance and drink but they did not have dinner.

The Subject emphatically denied ever meeting Shaw or Oswald. She said that she never attended a party at Dave Ferrie's house. She stated that she had never been to a football game but she did attend basketball and baseball games with Perry Russo and Lefty Peterson.

The Subject stated that Perry Russo was extremely interested in politics. She said that he was a Republican and a strong advocate and backer of Goldwater.

The Subject stated that she attended a political meeting with Perry Russo and three other men but she could not be sure of their names. She related that the meeting was held in a big house on Canal Street in either April or May of 1965. She said that she and three men stayed in a back room of the house and watched television. She said that she did not see all of the people at the meeting. She said that she did not hear anyone speaking Spanish nor did she see any Spanish, Cubans or Puerto Ricans at this meeting.

The Subject commented that Lefty Peterson is "off upstairs" but is a good guy otherwise.

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The Subject explained that Perry Russo habitually made notes about everything. She said that he made notes of things he had to do, the times he was supposed to be somewhere, and places he had to go. She said that Perry told her he made notes of everything because he was so busy that he did not want to forget anything.

The Subject explained that on one occasion she went to Perry's house and Mike Fitzgerald was there. She said that Mike told her that he had just found Perry in the bathroom with his wrists all slashed up and that he had tried to commit suicide. She said that she then left and did not see Perry.

The Subject stated that when Perry first introduced her to Jimmy Ervin, he suggested they all go to Jimmy's apartment and he would like to make photographs of her and Jimmy engaging in coitus. She said that a girl friend of hers named Jeannie became very angry with Perry when he made this suggestion. She said they did not go.

The Subject stated that the most men she ever engaged in sexual intercourse with, one immediately following the other, would be two. She said that these were two men she hustled when she was working as a prostitute. She related that she hustled one man one night and he went into the bathroom after undressing. She said that she locked him in the bathroom, took \$120.00 from his pocket and ran out of the room. She stated that on one occasion Perry wanted to photograph her and a girl named Kathy engaged in a sex act together but she said that someone came in unexpectedly and the act was never consummated.

The Subject related that two investigators from District Attorney Garrison's office came to her home in the middle of the night of March 8, 1967, in Omaha. She said that they requested her to leave immediately with them and return to New Orleans for the purpose of looking at some photographs. She said that they told her that they did not know what the photographs were. She continued that she told them that she could not leave then because she had a coat and other clothing in the cleaners. She said that these two men, Simms and Jonah, told her not to worry---they would buy her some new clothes. She said that they further told her that she would stay in the finest hotels and eat the finest foods.

RESULTS (cont'd):

C She continued that her husband (Harold McMaines) spoke up and stated that he did not want to let her go and that he wanted to consult with an attorney. She said that the two investigators then offered to buy a ticket for her husband also. She said that after her husband insisted on talking with an attorney first, the two investigators told her husband not to consult with an attorney because she might get hurt if he did and they wanted to keep everything quiet. She said that they did leave however.

O The Subject explained that she told this entire story to a reporter named Zimmerman with the World-Herald in Omaha. She said that after the story appeared in print she and her husband both lost their jobs. She went on to relate that the reporter Zimmerman told her that she needed an attorney and arranged for her to meet attorney Lex Hawkins.

O The Subject was given four separate tests and was asked the following relevant questions and gave the answers indicated:

P First Test:

- Y Q. Do you have any intention of trying to lie to me during this test? A. No.
Q. Have you told me the complete truth since we have been talking? A. Yes.
Q. Did you attend the party at Ferrie's home that Perry claims you attended?
A. No.
Q. Did you ever meet Shaw? A. No.
Q. Are you deliberately trying to withhold any information from me regarding the party? A. No.

Second Test:

- Q. Have you told me the complete truth here today? A. Yes.
Q. Did you attend the party Perry says you did? A. No.
Q. Are you trying to withhold any information from me regarding this case?
A. No.

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Third Test:

- Q. Did you lie to Mr. Hawkins at all? A. Yes.
Q. Did Perry ever tell you that the President was going to be assassinated?
A. No.
Q. Did you go to the party at Dave's house that Perry says you did? A. No.
Q. Are you attempting to protect or cover up for anyone? A. No.
Q. Are you trying to hold back any information from me now? A. No.

Fourth Test:

- Q. Have you told me the complete truth here today? A. Yes.
Q. Would you lie if it would help you stay out of jail? A. Yes.
Q. Were you ever present when any people talked about assassinating the President? A. No.
Q. Is Perry telling the truth about you attending the party? A. No.
Q. Are you attempting to withhold any information from me now? A. No.
Q. Have you purposely lied to any of my questions? A. No.

During the first three tests, her polygrams contained reactions to the relevant question: "Are you trying to withhold or conceal any information from me?" Following the third test, she explained that she suspects Perry Russo might be "a little queer" for Mike Fitzgerald. There was not a reaction to the question on the test following this explanation.

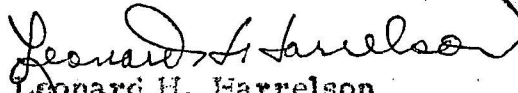
The Subject was asked by this examiner why she thought Perry Russo was telling this story. She explained that the last time she saw him, which was in June or July of 1965, he asked her if she would marry him. She stated that he said that he wanted to marry her so that he wouldn't have to go into the military service. She stated that she told him she would not marry him. She then quoted him as saying, "You have got to marry me and help keep me out of the service." She stated that she again told him she would not marry him and then further quoted him as saying, "If you won't marry me, I'll have to find someone else who will." She added that she believes he is telling this story in an endeavor to avoid going into the military service.

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CONCLUSION:

After careful analysis of this Subject's polygrams, it is the opinion of the examiner that she told substantially the truth during her examination and interrogation.


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