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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Domestic Contact Service

**SUBJECT : Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination;
Dr. John M. Nichols**

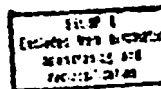
ATTENTION : Mr. George Masulin

1. Dr. John Marshall Nichols, a University of Kansas pathologist, has testified at the Clay Shaw trial that "Photographic evidence of President Kennedy's assassination was 'compatible' with the theory that the fatal shot was fired from the front."

2. Dr. Nichols, born 28 March 1921 at Charleston, West Virginia, was employed by the Department of Pathology, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, when he was approved for contact use by the Office of Security in 1957. He had just returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia where he visited research institutes and met with various medical men. Office of Security records indicate that the Contact Division of Domestic Contact Service planned to debrief Dr. Nichols on this trip with scientific requirements relating to this area on an ad hoc basis. The information to be discussed was classified through **CONFIDENTIAL**.

3. This office would appreciate any additional information that the Domestic Contact Service could provide regarding this proposed relationship with Dr. Nichols. In particular, this office is interested in ascertaining

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whether or not contact was actually made with Dr. Nichols. If contact was made, we are also interested in finding out how long this contact was maintained and how many meetings were held. We also request copies of any reports for which Dr. Nichols was the source.

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