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4 February 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Security [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : FENSTERWALD, Bernard, Jr.
Committee to Investigate Assassinations (CIA)
[REDACTED]

1. This memorandum is for information purposes only.
 2. In order to keep you informed of significant developments regarding those individuals or associations that may detract from the true image and purpose of this Agency, your attention is invited to the attached report prepared by [REDACTED] of this Staff.
 3. The attached Office of Security file on FENSTERWALD and his committee has been set up for future reference.
- [REDACTED]

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29 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: FENSTERWALD, Bernard, Jr.
(Committee to Investigate Assassinations - CIA)

1. Bernard FENSTERWALD, Jr., former Chief Counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practices and Procedures, announced in early January 1969, via local Washington radio and TV programs, that he had left his position with the Senate Subcommittee. He stated that he and several other individuals had started an organization known as the Committee to Investigate Assassinations (CIA), located at 915-15th St., N. W. 20005 (telephone number 347-3837).

2. Subject identified the following persons as being connected with the Committee to Investigate Assassinations:


New Orleans District Attorney, Jim GARRISON
RAMPARTS writer, Bill TURNER (William W. TURNER)
Writer, Mark LANE
Writer, Josiah THOMPSON
Writer, Harold WEISBERG
Writer, William Bradford HUIE (paid James Earl RAY \$25,000 for his story)
Comedian, Mort SAHL
Sierra Club member, Roy COUPLING (Phonetic, not further identified)

All of these individuals have been critical of the Warren Commission Report, the FBI and CIA.

3. Subject said his group would like to open offices in Dallas, Texas and Mexico eventually. When asked about how he was going to finance the Committee, FENSTERWALD said: "I wish I knew. I think that there probably are people in this country, who are interested in the subject, and also who probably are not frightened enough of the government, that they will contribute money."




4. The CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DIRECTORY (88th Congress), March 1963 gives the following bio data on Subject.

"FENSTERWALD, Bernard, Jr. - Staff Director, Subcommittee on Anti-Trust and Monopoly Leis., Senate Judiciary Committee; home, 851 N. Lexington St., Arlington, Va.; b. Nashville, Tennessee, 2 Aug 1921; son of Bernard and Blanche (LINDAUER) FENSTERWALD; married 4 June 1947 to Elizabeth Irene VOSBURY; child, Bernard FENSTERWALD III; lived 1938-1942, 1946-1949, Cambridge,



Massachusetts; Harvard College, 1938-1942 (B.S. magna Cum laude); Harvard Law School, 1946-1949 (LL.B); School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, 1946-1950 (M.A.); Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, 1954-1955. Entered Active Duty as Ensign, Navy, 1942; released as Lt., 1946; present rank; Lt., USNR, WWII Service, S. W. Pacific, 1943-1945; Assistant to Legal Advisor, Department of State, Washington; 1954-1958, administrative Assistant, Senator HENNING, Missouri. Member, Boston Bar Association."

5. Of interest in the reprint of Subject's interview with Chuck STONE on WWDC Radio (program: COMMENT) on 6 January 1969 is his allegation (reiterated several times during the broadcast) that CIA is responsible for the authorship and publishing of a new book about the John F. KENNEDY assassination entitled "Farewell America". (See attached summary). CIA is not responsible for the book and in fact, the publisher, Rene LAMARRE, head of Editions Nouvelles, Frontieres, traveled to New Orleans in April 1968 where he contacted both Mark LANE and Jim GARRISON. LANE refused to be involved and GARRISON is said not to have taken the book seriously.



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31 March 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
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1. At the request of [REDACTED]
I met with [REDACTED] General Counsel, in his office
on 30 March 1971. [REDACTED] explained that Mr. Fensterwald
would be coming into the building to see him this week to look at
some pictures that the Agency possesses and which appeared in
the Warren Commission Report.

2. Mr. Fensterwald heads the Committee for Investigating
Assassinations. He is interested in one picture in particular which
appeared in the Warren Commission Report, the subject of which
was an individual going into the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.
This individual has never been identified, but Mr. Fensterwald
believes he knows his identity. [REDACTED] expressed his doubts
about this.

3. [REDACTED] proceeded to review the file, which
consists of newspaper articles, radio interviews, and the like
pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy, Robert
Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] thanked me for
producing the file, saying that he was able to refresh his memory
on many points and felt that he would not need to see the file again.