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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT : ~~Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination:~~
~~William Clarence WOOD, Jr.,~~
aka William BOXLEY

1. The New York Times of 12 July 1968, p. C 35,
carried an article headlined "Garrison Claims Foreign Spy Link".
The article includes the following:

"Over the telephone, Mr. Garrison also
introduced an investigator for his office, Bill
Boxley, as a former Central Intelligence Agency employee
instructor in the 'clandestine operations depart-
ment'. He said he had found Mr. Boxley while
seeking a 'man who had been with the intelligence
agency but still cared about the United States'.

"Mr. Boxley then said his real name was
William C. Wood; he was 48 years old, originally
from Texas; he had worked 10 years as a newspaper
reporter--last on The Denver Post from 1948 to
1950; he had been with the intelligence agency two
to five years in the EX-109 overseas and in
Washington and had 'used as many as 10 different
names in operations with the agency'."

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2. In December 1944 William Clarence WOOD, Jr. was approved for duty with OSS in a writing/publishing assignment. He did not serve with OSS, however, because he was assigned instead to combat infantry duties in the Southwest Pacific. On 13 December 1950 he was cleared for duty on the island of [redacted] as Chief Instructor in Clandestine Operations. He arrived in [redacted] in March 1951. A year later he suffered a nervous breakdown and was returned to Washington. Medical examination indicated that the breakdown had been induced by family problems and overindulgence in alcohol. Subject was assigned to our headquarters training component in May 1952 as an instructor. (S)

3. In December 1952 he was found lying on a sidewalk near an Agency installation and at his own request was taken to Emergency Hospital. He failed to report for duty and in January 1953 was arrested for drunkenness. On 27 January 1953 he resigned at the request of CIA.

4. On 11 July 1953 WOOD telephoned to say that he was scheduled for brain surgery in Dallas, Texas, on 13 July. He requested that a CIA representative be present. No surgery was performed, but WOOD was given sodium pentothal in connection with a spinal tap. While under the influence of sodium pentothal Subject said that he had served overseas with CIA and had seen many people killed. He said that CIA was a bunch of dirty cut-throats and that he would not be surprised if they sent one of their men to cut his throat. He also said that one day he would show CIA that he is smarter than they are. After he got well, he would go back to school and get his degree and fight the CIA with everything he had.

5. An FBI report from Dallas, Texas, 30 April 1957, showed that Subject had telephoned long distance from Midland, Texas, to a Chinat intelligence officer in Formosa, claimed former CIA employment, and offered to "help you with things I know". Then he called a person in Lubbock, Texas, who was believed to be his wife. He told her that he had talked with Chiang KAI-CHEK's intelligence representative in Formosa and that she and the baby would receive \$700 - \$1000 a month "if this thing goes through". (u)

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6. FBI information of 3 March 1967 indicated that Subject was again drinking heavily.

7. The foregoing is provided for your information. We should appreciate receipt of any later information on Subject which may be in your possession.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Robert
for James Angleton

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