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12/21/65

*Lester F. Dotterrer*  
*Lester Dotterrer*

SAC, WFO (157-750) (RUC)

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5170 HEB/JEH JFK 12/21/95 RACIAL MATTERS

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*Lester Frederick Dotterrer*  
67-23-145  
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ReUrlet dated 10/22/65, regarding information concerning subject.

A review of the WFO indices disclosed the following information pertaining to the subject.

Baltimore Teletype to Bureau, 11/22/63, entitled, Miscellaneous Information Concerning the Assassination of President KENNEDY, set forth that Mrs. NELLIS DRUMMOND, 7004 Greig Street, Apartment 27E, Seat Pleasant, Maryland, furnished information pertaining to an individual claiming to be a Nazi. She advised that she had overheard this individual making statements expressing satisfaction over the death of KENNEDY; also, he was reported by her as stating, apparently in regard to then Vice-President JOHNSON, "we will have to kill him too". It was noted on the communication that JOHN GRIGES, Secret Service, Washington, D. C., was appraised of the above.

The above individual overheard by DRUMMOND making the above statements was identified through the tag number of his automobile as being LESTER FREDERICK DOTTERRER, 5824 St. Clair Drive, Prince Georges County, Maryland.

WFO letter to Secret Service, 12/5/63, regarding the Assassination, confirmed the above information related by DRUMMOND concerning DOTTERRER's statements.

Bulet to WFO, 4/3/59, captioned, WUPERS: George Lincoln Rockwell-RM, concerning LESTER FREDERICK DOTTERRER (no copy to Richmond) sets forth that DOTTERRER telephonically contacted the Bureau on 3/1/59, advising that he had been ousted from the American Nazi Party. He stated that he had been expelled as the result of a rifle being stolen from ROCKWELL and ROCKWELL considered him a prime suspect. He desired Bureau assistance in establishing his innocence.

- 2 - Birmingham
- 1 - Richmond (Info) (Enc. 3) (RM)
- ① - Baltimore (Info) (Enc. 3) (RM)
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Bulet further noted that he had been discharged from the Army in 1945, following a neuropsychiatric examination which disclosed a chronic anxiety state. It would appear that DOTTERRER may be somewhat mentally unstable.

On 4/1/59, former WF 1022-C(RAC) advised SA ELMER TODD that a meeting of WUFENS on 3/31/59, was attended by "Lester Sharp (real name Dotterer)". This source further advised on 3/25/59, that ROCKWELL suspected DOTTERRER as stealing a rifle.

On 3/19/59, DOTTERRER appeared at WFO and advised SA F. B. MC GIVERN that he had lost his job at the Naval Gun Factory by reason of reduction in force. He stated that he had applied for work at other agencies and firms and had been turned down because of some derogatory information. At this time he indicated a hatred for "Jews". He stated it was the B'Nai B'rith and other Jewish organizations which were causing him his trouble.

On 3/19/59, Captain RAYMOND S. COLE, Assistant Chief of the Arlington County Police, Arlington, Virginia, identified LESTER FREDERICK DOTTERRER, 229 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, D. C., as being at American Nazi Party Headquarters on that date.

(S) WFO airtel and LHM, 7/8/58, captioned [Legation of Yeman] WDC-IS [Yeman] set forth information concerning DOTTERRER. (Information emanating from a very sensitive source which is classified "confidential" for dissemination because it reflects the Bureau's investigative interest in [a foreign diplomatic establishment] and since information furnished if disclosed could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof). (S)

DOTTERRER contacted the [Yeman Legation] (S) on 7/2/58, and advised that he wanted to go to [Yeman] (S) in order to be of help to the Arabs (S) (S)

On 7/1/58, DOTTERRER contacted SALEM BADER, President, United States Arab-Asian Institute. BADER described DOTTERRER as follows: (S) (u)

He resides at 229 Pennsylvania Avenue; (S) (u)  
He is a sincere person, is Pro-Arab and (S) (u)

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did not like the U.S. DOTTERRER is an expert engineer, expert mechanic and had been working for the U.S. for a number of years; Had been fighting Zionism for fifteen years. (S)(u)

On 7/1/58, DOTTERRER contacted the [Yeman Legation] (S) and advised them that he was ashamed of being an American (S)

A check of The Credit Bureau, Inc., on 7/8/58, disclosed that his age was 44, he was married to AMALIA, and was employed as a mechanic at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.

On 11/29/65, a check of the files of The Credit Bureau, Inc., by IC GARY L. WOOD determined that as of 1961, LESTER F. DOTTERRER, 5824 St. Clair Drive, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, was married to his third wife, AMALIA, and had no credit rating. He formerly resided at 229 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., and was formerly employed by the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.

On 11/26/65, IC KENNETH SHAFFER determined from a check of the files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) that LESTER FREDERICK DOTTERRER, born 9/7/11, had D. C. operators license and as of 2/1/62, resided at 5824 St. Clair Drive, S.E., Hillcrest Heights, Maryland.

On 11/19/65, IC WILLIAM H. LYERLY caused a search to be made of the files of the Prince Georges County, Maryland, Police Department, and determined that LESTER FREDERICK DOTTERRER, born 9/7/11, Pittsburgh, Pa., resided at 5824 St. Clair Drive, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, in January, 1963. He was charged with assault 1/13/63. The disposition record showed that he was found to be "Not Guilty" on 1/14/63. These police records showed record of two traffic violations during 1963, and 1964.

A check of the following criminal records during November, disclosed no record pertaining to DOTTERRER:

U. S. Park Police; Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax, Va.; Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria, Va.; Arlington Police Department, Arlington, Va.; Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County, Maryland.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE      DATE: October 22, 1965

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-1398) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LESTER FREDERICK DOTERRER  
RACIAL MATTERS

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*Lester F. Dotterer*

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*157-1398-127*  
*157-1398-77*  
*0140-12724*  
*Lester F. Dotterer*  
*097-1143-14*  
*Lester F. Dotterer*

Enclosed for the New Orleans and Washington Field Office is one copy each of an FD-302 reflecting interview with LESTER FREDERICK DOTERRER, Birmingham, Alabama, on June 12, 1965, and one photograph for each division of LESTER FREDERICK DOTERRER.

DOTERRER, when interviewed on June 12, 1965, advised that he left Washington, D. C. about four weeks prior to June 12, 1965, hitchhiked to Montgomery, Alabama, and contacted retired Admiral JOHN G. CROMMELIN. CROMMELIN referred DOTERRER to Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Information Director, National States Rights Party, Birmingham, Alabama, and DOTERRER subsequently contacted FIELDS and told FIELDS how the FBI had "harassed" him. FIELDS, in turn, referred DOTERRER to THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR., Birmingham, Alabama, since BLANTON was on the "Committee to Stop Federal Harassment." DOTERRER contacted BLANTON during the latter part of May, 1965, and assisted BLANTON in picketing the FBI office in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 12, 1965. DOTERRER advised that he is extremely anti-Jewish and anti-Negro, believes President JOHNSON should be removed from office, and classified himself as a member of the "lunatic right-wing." DOTERRER denied being a member of or ever having been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party, or the National States Rights Party, and stated that he belongs to no organizations.

For the information of the New Orleans Division and the Washington Field Office, the files of the Birmingham Division reflect the following references to LESTER FREDERICK DOTERRER:

- 2-Washington Field Office (Enc. 2)
- 2-New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 2-Birmingham (1-157-1398)
- DRD:rte (1-174-6)
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BH 305-R on May 25, 1965, advised that THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR. and MITCHELL BURNS visited LESTER DOTTERRER on May 24, 1965, at a rooming house in the area of Twelfth Avenue and 30th Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama. DOTTERRER told BURNS and BLANTON that he was living in Birmingham for only a few weeks since leaving Washington, D. C., that he is a machinist by trade, and had to leave Washington, D. C. since he could not maintain employment in that city due to "FBI harassment."

BH 305-R reported on June 9, 1965, that THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR. planned to use DOTTERRER to picket the FBI office on June 12, 1965 and although BLANTON did not like or trust DOTTERRER, he felt he could still use him for picketing and similar chores.

BH 305-R reported on June 13, 1965, that DOTTERRER picketed the FBI office on June 12, 1965, carrying signs requesting the FBI to release information contained in FBI files regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING and "stop Federal harassment."

BH 305-R reported on June 15, 1965, that DOTTERRER recently arrived in Birmingham and was referred to BLANTON by DR. FIELDS, Information Director, National States Rights Party. BLANTON indicated that DOTTERRER is a "nut" and did not trust him, but planned to use him to picket the FBI office and similar such activities.

BH 305-R on June 15, 16, 21, 1965, reported that BLANTON does not trust DOTTERRER and did not intend to use DOTTERRER for such activities in the future.

BH 305-R on June 25 - 26, 1965, reported that BLANTON mentioned DOTTERRER in a joking manner, indicating that DOTTERRER was different than he, and that he did not trust DOTTERRER.