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89-35

Miami, Florida
December 11, 1978

RE: ASSASSINATION OF
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

By letter dated October 20, 1978, the United States Secret Service, Miami, Florida, furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami, a copy of a letter sent to that agency by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Miami, Florida, dated October 13, 1978. The DEA letter advised that an informant for DEA had indicated that he was acquainted with Frank Sturgis of Watergate Notoriety, and during a conversation Sturgis told the informant that he had killed President John F. Kennedy. This remark was supposed to have been made in the presence of an individual by the name of Bill Johnson. DEA advised that this informant could be made available for interview.

On November 7, 1978, Peter F. Gruden, Inspector in Charge, DEA, Miami, Florida, advised that the informant in this matter was Thomas Joseph Holt. Gruden stated that Holt was of questionable reliability, irrational, unpredictable, and described him further as a murderer and perjurer. He advised that the only reason Holt was an informant for DEA at this time was that Holt had furnished information of internal nature. Gruden advised that David R. Wiser, Inspector, DEA, Miami, could furnish more details concerning Holt.

On November 8, 1978, David R. Wiser advised that Holt had come to DEA and had made allegations of wrongdoings against a DEA Agent. Wiser advised that to date the internal investigation in this DEA matter has not uncovered any evidence to indicate any truth to the allegations of Holt. He advised that the evidence to date indicates to the contrary. Wiser advised that Holt had stated that during the late summer 1978, he (Holt) was on Biscayne Boulevard in the downtown Miami area, when he came upon Frank Sturgis, who was accompanied by one Bill Johnson. Wiser advised that Holt stated that during

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this encounter, Sturgis stated that he had killed John F. Kennedy. Wiser stated that he asked Holt "Why would Sturgis impart this interesting bit of news to Holt who was a known government witness and publicized DEA informant from the past?" And Holt replied that it was "one hit man to another". Wiser advised that Holt had indicated an intention to go to the news media regarding his allegations against the DEA. Wiser further stated that he thought it likely that Holt would also make mention of the Sturgis comment, in that he had reported this to DEA, and that they had done nothing about it. Wiser advised for this very reason he wrote a memo concerning what Holt had reported, and for this reason it was furnished to the Secret Service.

Wiser made available a copy of this memo dated October 4, 1978, which is attached.

Wiser further stated that in a case in which Holt was a witness for the prosecution Holt had allegedly called a defendant during a trial and told him he was going to "get him". The defendant in this matter, at the time of the call, had a recording of his telephone call made which was played for the presiding judge. Holt denied making the call to the defendant, and the judge ruled that Holt's testimony could not be permitted.

On November 9, 1978, Wiser had advised that Bill Johnson was William J. Johnson, date of birth March 11, 1931, FBI number 133677C, last known address 1890 N.E. 118th Road, Miami, Florida.

On November 31, 1978, Wiser advised that Holt had been polygraphed on three occasions by DEA on November 30, 1978, and he had failed the three polygraphs concerning his allegations about DEA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
(ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1978
DALLAS, TEXAS

Re Miami teletype to the Bureau dated 11/9/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated 12/11/78, as captioned-above. Enclosed for Dallas is one copy of same LHM and original interview notes for THOMAS J. HOLT.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, in the opinion of the interviewing Agents, THOMAS J. HOLT is a mentally unstable individual, and DEA suspects that he was a one time heavy user of cocaine.

DEA has no objections to identity of HOLT (Name) being set forth in LHM.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Miami Office, and this matter is being considered RUC.

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