TO: SAC, HOUSTON

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89A-DL-60165)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY;
11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS;
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Enclosed for Houston and the Bureau are two copies of the letter dated March 8, 1992 from inmate THOMAS WHITE III to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) LARRY E. JARRETT; and two copies of a letter dated March 12, 1992 between the same two individuals. Also enclosed are two copies of January 21, 1992 airtel from WMFO to Bureau.

On March 11, 1992, AUSA LARRY E. JARRETT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas, provided the original of the March 8, 1992 letter described above to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Dallas, Texas. A pertinent portion of that letter describes an incident which WHITE claims occurred in Tampa, Florida, in 1963. WHITE describes overhearing a meeting which occurred between SANTO TRAFFICANTE, FRANK IPPILITO, aka "COWBOY," and an attorney by the name of FRANK/REGANO at an establishment identified as the S. M. S. ITALIAN CLUB, located on 19th Street and 8th Avenue, Tampa, Florida. It is alleged that the conversation involved the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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In the March 12, 1992 letter, WHITE expresses his concerns possible inmate retribution.

The January 21, 1992 airtel from Washington Field Office to the Director has been provided as background information.

Houston should be advised that prior to working as the AUSA, JARRETT worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County. JARRETT's first contact with WHITE occurred when WHITE sent in an unsolicited letter to JARRETT regarding the involvement of an individual in a rape case which JARRETT was handling. As a result of testimony WHITE provided, a conviction for aggravated rape was obtained by JARRETT in state court against an individual by the name of MARIO GARCIA. AUSA JARRETT advised that he never promised WHITE anything for his testimony in the GARCIA case.

LEADS

HOUSTON DIVISION

AT ALICE UNIT NUMBER ONE, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS:

Houston is requested to interview THOMAS WHITE III regarding his knowledge of the 1963 meeting between TRAFFICANTE, REGANO, and IPPILITO. In particular, Houston should attempt to obtain any identifying information regarding the location of the meeting, the participants, and the topics of discussion.

Additionally, Houston should attempt to illicit specific information regarding a Tampa police officer identified only as FNU MASSEY, a black male, who worked in the "Central Avenue" community of Tampa, Florida in 1963.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Regarding the January 21, 1992, airtel from WMFO to Dallas, Houston should abide by all of the warnings set forth on the document regarding symbol source NM 7856 OA 378.