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FROM: BETSY PALMER (BP)

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I reviewed portions of files at the FBI on Thursday, October 20, 1977 that related to Lawrence J. Howard, Jr. The documents I saw are as follows:

File # 62-109060

Sub A - Washington Capital News Service, indexed 3/7/68
Sub A - Washington Post Times Herald article, 12/30/67
Sub A - Washington Post Times Herald article, 1/12/68
Sub A - Los Angeles Times article, 1/12/68
Sub A - Red Comet article, 1/7/68
Sub A - New Valley Mail, Granada Hills, California, article 1/24/68

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With the exception of two documents, all the material on Lawrence Howard, Jr. was either known to us or of such little value that a review of the file contents is not warranted. The material was gathered largely in relation to the Garrison investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

New information on Howard was supplied in Document #7189, Section 179. A synopsis follows:

FBI memo to Director from Buffalo, New York office, dated April 1975. Text: On April 18, 1975, Sheriff Allen L. Capwell, Wyoming County, New York, came to the Buffalo FBI to related the following information obtained from Richard Monroe Margeson, Rochester, New York, Webster Road,

Wyoming County, New York, whom Capwell has personally known for the past five years and believes to be stable. Margeson supplied his information to Capwell on April 14, 1975.

Margeson stated he was living in Los Angeles in 1962 and met Lawrence Howard, Jr. who was collecting funds for anti-Castro forces. Howard went to Florida Keys for six months and returned late in 1962 with Rudy Hernovdez and unsub (sic) aka "Slim", a white male, 5'6" - 5'9" in his 20's. All were employed by Jack Casey to paint and refurbish the old Union Temple. Through these people, Margeson met a man called "Tex" who arrived from New Orleans late in 1962 or early 1963. He described him as a hit man, in his late 20's, 5'6" - 5'9", slender, 135 pounds, former military and a rotten disposition. He furnished his name as Lee Harvey. Margeson came forward with the information after seeing a TV documentary regarding the Warren Commission which said Oswald was in Russia in 1962-1963.

Additional information on Howard was contained in File #62-109060, Section 160, #6498. It involves an interview with Richard G. Lubic after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. Lubic was closely associated with Kennedy during the California primary and travelled with him.

The interview with Lubic was conducted on June 25, 1968. Robert Kennedy was assassinated on June 4, 1968. Lubic states that Stephen Jaffee, of Jim Garrison's staff, contacted him in May of 1968 trying to arrange a meeting between Garrison and Kennedy, the purpose of which was for Garrison to warn Kennedy of a possible attempt on his life. Lubic worked through Frank Mankiewicz to set up a meeting, but Mankiewicz later reported that RFK was not interested in meeting Garrison.

The FBI report (56-156) to the Director, from SAC, Los Angeles, was titled KENSALT. According to Lubic, Stephen Jaffee related a conspiracy story to Lubic who, in turn, asked him to repeat this information to Ron Buck, a Los Angeles attorney and partner of Pierre Salinger in the operation of The Factory, a night club in Los Angeles. Jaffee claimed that "The Committee" had placed \$10 million in the hands of a secondary group to locate appropriate individuals to carry out the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He claims Edgar Eugene Bradley and Lawrence Howard were members of this group. According to Jaffe, Jim Garrison claims "The Committee" is composed of National States Rights Party, Anti-Castro Cubans, oil depletion interests and persons opposed to the U.S. policy of rapprochement with the Communists.

This conspiracy story of Jaffe's is similar to the one this Committee has received from Lila Hurtado, aka LIBRA. Ron Buck figures prominently

in the LIBRA claims of a conspiracy. Jaffe's and Hurtado's reliability need to be checked if there is any interest in pursuing this angle.

I also found an interest in Section 105-8255, Section 233, #5583, dealing with Don Maley of the National Enquirer who was seeking information about the Sylvia Odio incident. This document had a notation that a five-page memo, designated Top Secret, Third Agency, had been deleted.