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FROM : SA J.A. BERNARD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

DATE: 11/22/63

Re BuTel 11/22/63.

On 11/22/63, at 6:35 P.M., contact was had with PD 426-S who is close to the leadership of the Oregon Communist Party as well as a general source on information regarding racial matters.

No informant had knowledge of any individual, or of any circumstance which might shed any light on captioned matter. Informant assured Agent that should any information of any possible significance come to his attention he would immediately notify SA BERNARD.

ACTION: File.
Memorandum

TO: SAC
FROM: SA J.A. BERNARD
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
RE: BUTFEL 11/22/63.

DATE: 11/22/63

At 6:20 P.M., 11/22/63, contact was had with Officer CHARLES TRIMBLE, Intelligence Unit, Portland PD, regarding captioned matter. He stated he had learned of nothing which might shed any light on captioned matter, but assured his complete cooperation.

The only possible racial extremist of interest to this matter is DALE J. BENJAMIN, a would be evangelist and self-styled National States Rights Party member, who in the past has posed as the Oregon state chairman of this group. It never was an established group in Oregon. BENJAMIN resides at 4922 S.E. 86th St. He has been outspoken against Jews and integration. Two other admirers of his — both youthful, who graduated from John Marshall High School, Portland, in June, 1962, are EDMUND CRUMP and WILLIAM EDWARD HOLBERT, Jr. CRUMP in particular is anti-Jewish and to a lesser extent anti-Negro.

Officer TRIMBLE has had personal contacts with DALE J. BENJAMIN on several occasions, developing from a complaint made by BENJAMIN several months ago. At writer's request, Officer TRIMBLE a few minutes prior to 6:20 P.M., by his own statement telephonically contacted BENJAMIN, whose voice he readily recognizes. BENJAMIN in response to casual inquiry of pretext nature stated he had spent the afternoon from about 2 P.M. to shortly after 6 P.M. at the Central Christian Church, Portland. He remarked in response to comment by TRIMBLE that he, BENJAMIN, thought the assassination of the President was a terrible thing and volunteered that he believed the person responsible was some Cuban revolutionary antagonistic towards the President. He commented that he supposed that the rightwingers in the South would blame.

Shortly before 6:53 P.M. Officer TRIMBLE advised, after prior consultation with SA BERNARD that he had just talked to WALTER HUSS, head of the Freedom Center, an outspoken critic of the President and self-styled anti-Communist. HUSS advised TRIMBLE that he, HUSS had had a hectic day, what with having received numerous telephone calls from various persons who berated him severely for his anti-Kennedy outlook. He noted 2 persons had identified themselves as BRIAN DIT and WAYNE CROSS. One unknown person accused him of being a "murderer". HUSS expressed regret at the assassination, describing it as terrible. He noted that there was no reason for resorting to violence as was done, that if the President was not living up to expectations the ballot could be used to remove him.

An elderly sounding woman who answered telephone 15-635, 355 S.E. Grant St., the address of EDMUND CRUMP, in answer to a pretext call at 7:15 P.M., advised SA BERNARD that CRUMP was working this evening and would not be off work until 11 P.M.
At 7:50 P.M. a pretext telephone call was also made by Agent to
the residence of WILLIAM EDWARD HOLBERT, Jr., 9248 S.E. Taylor St.,
telephone #AL3-1235. A male youth, judging from the sound of his voice,
answered. He advised that WILLIAM HOLBERT, Jr., was not then available
to his knowledge but he could find out where he could be reached. When
inquiry was made about contacting him on 11/23/63, he commented that HOLBERT
would be working all day, at which time the call was concluded. ROBERT young brother, to which I am presumed the person was answering.

SHORTLY prior to 8:30 P.M., 11/22/63, SA FRANCIS J. SMITH made a
pretext call to LOUIS WHISPELL, an alleged Marxist, whose views are so
extreme that even CP members avoid him. WHISPELL stated that he had worked
all day 11/22/63, and was unavailable for a job the following day as he would
be working again then.

An effort was made to contact CHARLES B. MAXEY, proprietor of the Maxey's
Buy Rite Grocery, 4601 N. Williams Ave., Portland, on the evening of 11/22/63.
It was ascertained from a youthful sounding female at the Grocery, presumably
his daughter, since the store is a family operated affair, that MAXEY had
a heart attack a month ago and currently is confined at the Beth Kaiser
Hospital, Portland. MAXEY is an established Source on racial matters used by
SA BERNARD.

OBSERVATIONS

Sources known to SA BERNARD have been alerted. Nothing developed.

There are no Klan or other established hate type groups in this
Division.

This office has no "bombing suspects", identified or listed as such
in connection with racial matters. The only persons remotely near the
category of "bombing suspects" are DALE J. BENJAMIN, EDMUND CRUMP and WILLIAM
HOLBERT, Jr., the presence of all three of whom was established, as indicated
above, as being in Portland this date.

ACTION: NONE

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