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Director, DCS

27 December 1967

ATTN : OSS (Grant)

Chief, Houston Office

James Garrison/George Brown--Possible Attempt to Embarrass Agency

1. This confirms Haynes/Grant telecon of 27 December 1967.

2. Herbart Frensley, President of Brown and Root, Inc., reported to Haynes on 26 December that Mr. George Brown had received a disturbing telephone call on Friday, 22 December 1967 from Hugh Aynesworth, Houston Bureau reporter for Newsweek Magazine. Aynesworth told Brown that he had received information from Bill Gervage (spelling?), former assistant to New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, that Garrison might try to implicate Brown in the "Kennedy assassination plot".

3. The allegation is that in some unspecified manner, Brown was involved with the CIA in its objective of "covering up" the "conspiracy" for President Johnson. Aynesworth said Gervage has documents, including at least one in Garrison's own handwriting, which presumably have been extracted from Garrison's files. Aynesworth indicated that, if desired, he could secure these documents from Gervage for review by Brown.

4. In view of Brown's close cooperation with the Agency in its [redacted], Brown asked Frensley to communicate this information to Haynes. It is reported to Headquarters only as a matter of information. Neither Brown nor Frensley expect any response.

5. Haynes asked Frensley to keep him informed of any future developments in this matter.

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