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PURPOSE:

To report information furnished by L. H. Harrelson, a Potential Confidential Informant (PCI) of our Chicago Office, and a polygraph examiner for Keeler Polygraph Institute, Chicago. Information relates to Perry Russo and Mrs. Sandra Moffett McMaines, ex-girl friend of Russo and polygraph examinations given them by Harrelson's source. This recommends source's information be paraphrased and summarized and disseminated to Attorney General.

BACKGROUND:

New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy has alleged a conspiracy for this purpose existed between Clay Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald. Perry Russo and Sandra Moffett McMaines allegedly were present in Ferrie's apartment and heard discussions in this regard. Russo was Garrison's principal witness against Shaw in 3/67 following which Shaw was indicted for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

It was subsequently disclosed that Russo was subjected to drugs and hypnosis prior to his testimony, for which Garrison has been criticized. It has also been disclosed that Mrs. McMaines was contacted in Omaha, Nebraska, by representatives of Garrison's Office, and strongly urged to return to New Orleans to give testimony.

INFORMANT'S INFORMATION

Harrelson advised he learned the following information in a telephone conversation with a source in New Orleans whom he did not identify, but whom Harrelson

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knows well as he is also a polygraph examiner, having been trained at the Keeler Polygraph Institute. Harrelson was advised by his source that Russo appeared at source's office on 6/19/67 to be afforded a polygraph examination regarding his story of the plot to assassinate President Kennedy. Russo's breathing, however, was so erratic he was considered an unfit subject for polygraph examination. Russo told Harrelson's source that he did not know if Clay Shaw was at the meeting or not. Russo stated he had fully intended to go into court and testify that he did not know if Shaw was present or not but became angered at a question by Shaw's attorney. Russo admitted that he had undergone psychiatric treatment for a year and a half and also admitted homosexual acts. After giving Garrison a verbal report, Harrelson's source stated he was told in no uncertain terms to keep his mouth shut.

Harrelson's source also stated he gave Mrs. McMaines four separate polygraph examinations at the request of an attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, following a pretesting interview during which she admitted becoming pregnant by Russo and engaging in prostitution in New Orleans. She denied ever meeting Shaw or Oswald and stated she never attended a party at Ferrie's apartment. She also stated Russo asked her to marry him to keep him out of the service. Also she stated she had been contacted by two of Garrison's men in Omaha in an attempt to persuade her to return to New Orleans to give testimony. This she refused to do even after being promised new clothes and that she would stay at the finest hotels. Polygraph examination indicated McMaines was substantially truthful.

OBSERVATIONS:

Harrelson furnished the above information on an extremely confidential basis and urged that under no circumstances should his identify be divulged and that extreme caution be exercised in use of his information in order not to in any way violate the confidential relationship between the PCI and those individuals he named. It is believed that the information regarding Russo's admissions and Mrs. McMaines having been afforded polygraph examinations should be furnished to the Attorney General.