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Re: Eugene H. Brading
AKA Jim Braden

THE BRADING FILE

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman
Committee Investigating the United States
Central Intelligence Agency
Room 245
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Church:

There has been considerable speculation and theories regarding the assassinations of former President John Kennedy and his brother Robert Kennedy.

Because I was in Dallas, Texas, on the day former President Kennedy was assassinated and I was interrogated at the Sheriff's office following the assassination and because I was in Los Angeles, California the night Robert Kennedy was shot, books, magazines and newspapers have made me the object of being a part of these assassinations. My life has been totally ruined by these untrue accusations and innuendoes.

A book written by a Peter Noyes, C.B.S., K.N.X.T., Los Angeles, California Newsman, has forced me to leave my residence in California for fear of abuse and harrassment by law enforcement agencies there in California. The book is totally about me and my alledged part in the assassination plot against former President Kennedy and his brother Robert Kennedy. The book was written solely for the purpose of defaming me.

I am enclosing a photostatic portion of a copy of a sensation seeking, scandal tabloid, which is self-explanatory.

Your committee is investigating the United States Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. Reflections from the "Tattler" tabloid refer to the former C.I.A. Agent who has stated, "I helped plan the assassination and said the actual operation was ramrodded by me", and he further states, "I am a member of a west coast Mafia family. The only things that I have tried to ramrod were oil and gas well drilling ventures and trying to earn a legitimate livelyhood. The earning of my livelyhood is unusually remote at this time because of the notoriety connected with the Kennedy assassinations.

At the precise and exact time that former President John Kennedy was assassinated I was seated in the United States Probation and Parole offices in the Federal Building, Dallas, Texas. I had viewed the former President's motorcade from in front of the Tiches Department Store and then I proceeded to the Federal Building. I was under United States Parole at that time and it was necessary for me to visit Mr. Roger Carroll, Chief United States Probation Officer, Dallas, Texas, and advise him that I was leaving for

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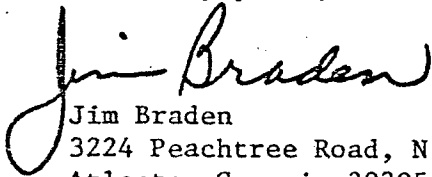
Houston, Texas that same day. When I arrived at the United States Probation Office, Mr. Roger Carroll and his receptionist, Miss or Mrs. Sands (according to Mr. Carroll) were unlocking the door to the Probation Office in order to enter. They had viewed the motorcade as I had. We discussed it briefly and I completed my interview with Mr. Carroll, left his office, then later learned of the former President's assassination. Under the penalty of perjury I am going to swear to the foregoing statement.

With regards to the Robert Kennedy assassination, I was married at that time to Mrs. Jean De Sanders, widow of Neil De Sanders, Lone Star Cadillac Company, Dallas, Texas. We were in bed at the Century Plaza Hotel the night that Robert Kennedy was shot. My former wife is now living in Rancho Santa Fe, California, under the name of Jean Burger or Mrs. Kurt Burger.

I wish this matter to be thoroughly investigated by your committee and I wish to learn the name of the former C.I.A. Agent in order to bring the matter into Federal Court for my remedy. I submit that there is no such former C.I.A. Agent and that the tabloid "Tattler" has conspired with Mr. Moulder and Mr. Morris in order to stigmatize, vilify and damage me and my family completely. I have never been connected in any way, manner, shape or form whatsoever with organized crime or a so called Mafia, nor am I at this time nor will I be in the future.

If your committee would use your powers in order to learn the truth regarding this matter, I would sincerely appreciate it. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Committee Members
Committee Investigating the United States Central Intelligence Agency

Hon. William Colby, Director
United States Central Intelligence Agency

Section That Cracks Kennedy Case

**By JOHN MOULDER
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Two members of a sniper team who killed President John Fitzgerald Kennedy have been identified by a former Central Intelligence Agency operative. Named were Loran Hall, a

sharpshooter figure with a background of intrigue, and Elaido del Valle, a Cuban congressman under the Batista Regime and later an underworld figure in the United States after Fidel Castro's rebel government took over the island republic. The former CIA agent says several other persons who considered themselves "American patriots" helped plan the

assassination and said the actual operation was ramrodded by Eugene Hale Brading, a member of a West Coast Mafia family.

Elements within the CIA and the Mafia, financed by wealthy right-wing interests, planned and carried out Kennedy's assassination, according to the ex-agent.

Much of this information has been provided to governmental agencies investigating the CIA by W.R. Morris, a Lorretto, Tenn., author who has been probing the Kennedy case for a decade.

Ten men, according to the former agent, attended a meeting in Mexico City on Sept. 18, 1963, where the assassination of Kennedy was discussed.

Among those present at the meeting, he said, were:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the man the Warren Commission named as the "lone assassin" of President Kennedy in what critics believe is the greatest coverup in history.

CLAY SHAW, a New Orleans

businessman whom District Attorney Jim Garrison charged with conspiracy to kill Kennedy. Shaw was tried and acquitted.

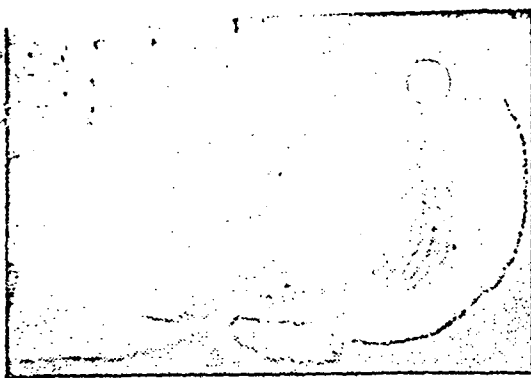
DAVID FERRIE, private investigator for Louisiana Mafia boss Carlos Marcello and a key witness in Garrison's abortive investigation of the Kennedy conspiracy.

Only two of these men are still living — Hall and Brading.

Here's how the others met their deaths:

After a New Orleans newspaper prematurely broke the story of Garrison's investigation in early 1967, Ferrie, later labeled by the DA as "one of

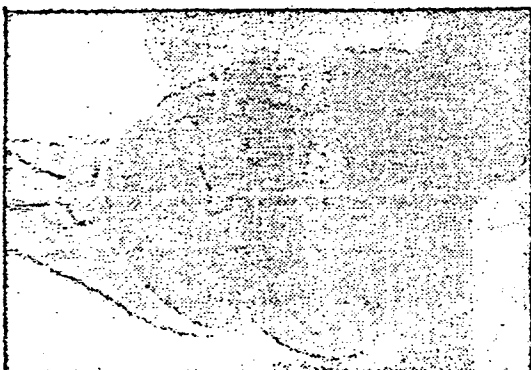
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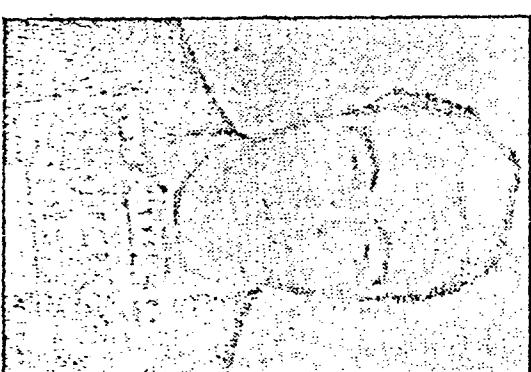
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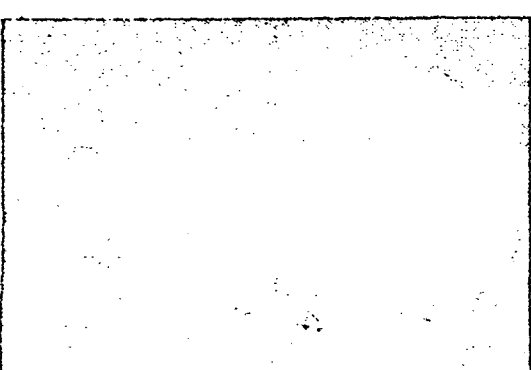
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