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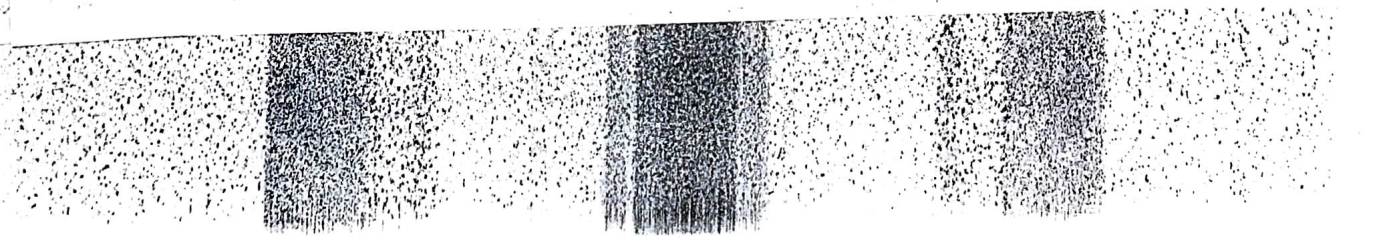
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30 Apr 1964

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Director of Naval Intelligence (OP-921D)

Subj: Death of President Kennedy

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5430.13A

1. Readdressed and forwarded.

2. It is believed that cognizance of the request contained in paragraph 3 of the basic letter should be assumed by the Office of Naval Intelligence in accordance with the provisions of reference (a). Accordingly, the basic letter is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

3. Information is provided that a thorough review of Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps records has failed to establish the identity of Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA.

Robert A. Scherr
ROBERT A. SCHERR
By direction

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Special Agent W. C. KUEHL

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Washington, D.C.

ORIGIN OF THE CASE
JAG req of 30 Apr 64 w/CMC First Endorsement of 7 May 64

AGENTS PARTICIPATING
Special Agent Robert D. GILL

REFERENCES
(a) ONI 152 of 13 May 64, s/s, w/encl.

ENCLOSURES (1) Copy of undated statement of Maj. H. A. COMMISKEY, Sr.	COPY TO (ONI) (3) ✓	PERIOD COVERED 14 May 64 - 21 May 64
CHARACTER OF INVESTIGATION SPECIAL INVESTIGATION - Special Inquiry	ONI FILE NO. ONI-2852-7(b)	STATUS CLOSED

SYNOPSIS

Upon receipt of information to the effect that Subject may have been involved in the death of Pvt. M. D. SCHRAND, USMC in the Republic of the Phillipines in 1958, the Warren Commission requested the assistance of the Navy Department in interviewing the former Security Officer of the activity involved and in conducting a series of tests on a weapon identical to that responsible for SCHRAND's death.

Interview of LCDR Clark B. WALBRIDGE, USN-RET, former Security Officer of NAS, Cubi Point, R.P., disclosed that he continued to be of the opinion that SCHRAND's death was accidental and the result of a malfunction in the receiver section of his weapon caused by an impact on the butt of the piece incurred in the course of conducting Manual of Arms evolutions. He also clearly recalled interviews with three of SCHRAND's close associates who related that SCHRAND was a "bug" for drill and spent considerable time practicing the Manual of Arms. In this respect, LCDR WALBRIDGE pointed out an error in his statement of 9 January 1958 which incorrectly indicated that SCHRAND was not prone to exercise his weapon as a drill piece. He could provide no additional information pertinent to this inquiry. A series of tests (Encl (1)) conducted on three weapons identical to that in SCHRAND's possession at the time of his death disclosed that in nine of a total of thirty drop tests the weapon(s) would have discharged had they been loaded.

Files of ONI contain no additional information pertinent to this investigation not previously reported or referred to herein.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ROBERT P. JACKSON, JR., CAPT.

None

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Enclosure (1) to ONI ltr ser 20316P92

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1. This investigation was predicated upon the request of the Judge Advocate General of 30 April 1964 with Commandant of the Marine Corps First Endorsement of 7 May 1964.

2. Enclosure (1) to reference (a) reflects that two former marines, Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA, provided information to the Warren Commission tending to suggest that Subject may have been implicated in the death of Private Martin D. SCHRAND, 1639694, USMC, on 5 January 1958 at Cubi Point in the Republic of the Philippines. As a result thereof the Commission requested the assistance of the Department of the Navy in locating and interviewing CALL and CARNARATA. The Commission further requested that LCDR Clark B. WALBRIDGE, USN-RET, former Security Officer of NAS, Cubi Point, R.P., be interviewed concerning his knowledge of SCHRAND's death in light of the above information and that a series of tests be conducted on a Winchester Model 12 Riot Type shotgun, the same model in SCHRAND's possession at the time of his death, in an attempt to determine if it is possible to discharge the weapon by a jar or drop on the receiver section with the safety in an "off safe" position.

3. On 15 May 1964, Mr. John ELY, Attorney, Warren Commission, VFW Building, Washington, D.C., was interviewed to obtain complete identifying data concerning CALL and CARNARATA, supra. At that time Mr. Ely advised that it was no longer necessary for either man to be interviewed and that he would initiate correspondence cancelling that portion of the Commission's request for investigative assistance. He explained that he had personally spoken with both CALL and CAMARATA and that neither could provide any information pertinent to the Commission's inquiry. He thereupon provided the following identifying data from the Commission's files:

Richard Dennis CALL
Res: R.D.#1, Hellertown, Pennsylvania
Mil. Ser: U.S.M.C., September 1956 to December 1959
Ser. No: 1592849

Donald Peter CAMARATA
Res: 601 Burlingame Avenue, Capitola, California
Mil. Ser: U.S.M.C., Discharged September 1959
Ser. No: Unknown

4. Subsequently on 18 May 1964, Mr. Ely telephonically confirmed the fact that CALL and CAMARATA need not be interviewed and advised that Mr. J. Lee RANKIN, Counsel for the Commission would so advise Capt. Mack K. GREENBERG of the Office of the Navy Judge Advocate General.

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5. On 18 May 1964, LCDR Clark B. WALBRIDGE, 351009, USN-RET, residing at 3713 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia was interviewed at ONI. At the onset of the interview LCDR WALBRIDGE was advised of the nature of the inquiry and provided with a copy of the SCHRAND investigation for examination. He thereupon advised that it was his opinion at the time and continued to be his opinion that SCHRAND's death was the result of an accidental discharge of his riot gun in the course of his conducting Manual of Arms evolutions with the weapon. He explained that it was also his opinion at the time that the actual discharge was caused by a blow on the butt plate of the riot gun which in turn caused a malfunction in the receiver section resulting in the weapon's discharge. He further pointed out an error in paragraph 6 of his written statement of 9 January 1958 which states in part as follows: "Statements of the victim's friends indicated to the investigator that the victim was not prone to exercise his weapon as a drill piece." He stated that the sentence should read that the victim WAS prone to exercise his weapon as a drill piece. He indicated that interviews with three of SCHRAND's close associates elicited information to the effect that he (SCHRAND) was unusually impressed with the USMC, that he loved weapons of all types and that he was a "bug" for drill and spent considerable time practicing the Manual of Arms. Witness opined that the above noted error was a typographical proofreading one as the interviews with SCHRAND's three associates stood out clearly in his mind.

6. LCDR WALBRIDGE continued that his opinion that the discharge of the weapon took place within eight inches of the left armpit was based upon the presence of powder burns on the left side of SCHRAND's rib cage and the inside of his left bicept. He stated that he measured these powder burns as beginning eight inches from the left armpit. However, he went on to point out that to the best of his knowledge powder burning did not begin until a point approximately six inches beyond the muzzle of any weapon because of the lack of oxygen in the immediate proximity of the muzzle flame. In view of this he opined that the muzzle of the riot gun could have been as much as fourteen inches away from the left armpit at the time of discharge.

7. LCDR WALBRIDGE explained that there were many factors entering into his opinion as to the cause of SCHRAND's death which included all of the following facts and circumstances.

9. On 15 May 1964, a "bug" test was conducted. (a) He personally had the duty on the night in question and arrived at the scene within minutes of the accident. He immediately called in three other vehicle patrols and approximately ten additional men who sealed off the general area and commenced a search for any persons in the vicinity. That search as well as a second one the following day met with negative results. He further pointed out that an indigenous guard in a radio controlled boat patrol approximately three quarters of a mile off shore, who heard the shot in question, reported no activity in the vicinity of the waterfront.

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(b) The riot gun in question had been issued to SCHRAND for purposes of his watch. Upon arriving at the scene he (Witness) found an expended shell in the chamber of that weapon and determined by smell and taste that the weapon had been recently fired. To the best of his knowledge SCHRAND's patrol was a single as opposed to a multiple one which precluded another shotgun even being in the general area; all of which led him to believe that SCHRAND was killed with his own weapon notwithstanding the fact that this could not be positively ascertained by ballistics tests as shotguns are not susceptible to such tests.

(c) Investigation disclosed that all of the wounds on SCHRAND's body were parallel to the vertical axis of his body. Also, the position of the powder burns supra indicated that SCHRAND's left arm was in a lowered attitude with the weapon between it and the left side of his body. As a result, it was deduced that for anyone to have shot SCHRAND would have necessitated his lying flat on the concrete parking area.

(d) The location of the wound with reference to the length of the weapon and the complete absence of anything in the immediate vicinity that could have been used to extend SCHRAND's arm reached to rule out the possibility of his having committed suicide.

8. LCDR WALBRIDGE went on that all of the above factors led him to the conclusion that SCHRAND's death was accidental and was the result of a malfunction in the receiver section of his weapon caused by an impact on the butt of the riot gun sustained in the course of conducting Manual of Arms evolutions. He further pointed out that his opinion had been formed at the time of the accident when all of the facts were fresh in his mind and that nothing had ever come to his attention which would cause him to change his opinion at this time. He concluded that the above was the extent of his knowledge concerning SCHRAND's death as it pertained to this inquiry.

9. On 15 May 1964, a "drop test" was conducted at Ordnance School, MCS, Quantico, Va., using three Winchester model 12 riot type shotguns. The guns were dropped in a vertical position (muzzle up), cocked and with the safety off, from a height of 24 inches to a concrete deck. Each weapon was dropped 10 times. Two weapons fired twice out of the 10 drops and the third fired five times. Technical details of the test are contained in enclosure (1). The shotguns used in the test were practically new. It should be noted that the Model 12 shotgun has no sear disconnecter. With the safety "off", only the sear engagement, (under spring tension) prevents the hammer from falling. A blow on the butt of the weapon causes the hammer to move to the rear, disengaging the sear. Sharpness of the blow and strength of the sear spring determine whether the hammer

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(p) The fact that the weapon had been damaged to such an extent as to be unusable is not surprising in view of the fact that the weapon was subjected to a severe impact. The fact that the weapon was damaged to such an extent as to be unusable is not surprising in view of the fact that the weapon was subjected to a severe impact.

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will re-engage with the sear or fall, firing the weapon. Older worn shotguns are more susceptible to accidental discharge by a blow on the butt than new ones. Dropping the shotgun on the receiver section was not considered valid inasmuch as the weapon's position would be parallel with the ground, and the wound on SCHRAND's body indicates the weapon must have been in the vertical position.

10. Files of ONI contain no additional information pertinent to this investigation not previously reported or referred to herein.

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After the test was completed the weapons were checked by Ordnance School of the Ordnance School. No discrepancies were found in the firing mechanism.

The test was witnessed by Special Agents Charles R. [unclear] and [unclear] of ONI and Sgt J. E. McGAUL of Ordnance School.

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Major [unclear]

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REFERENCES
None

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DETAILS OF REQUEST OR SPECIAL COMMENT
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Addressees are requested to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the contents of enclosure (1) and conduct the following inquiries:

Op-921D3: (According to enclosure (1), the Marine Corps is unable to identify the Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA, former members of the USMC mentioned therein. (1) Conduct appropriate inquiries at Navy JAG (CAPT KRAUS - Litigation and Claims Division) and/or the Warren Commission in an attempt to obtain identifying data on these two individuals so that they may be located and interviewed. (2) Interview LCDR Clark Bertrand WALBRIDGE, USN (Retired), 3713 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, along the lines suggested in sub-paragraph (c), paragraph 3 of enclosure (1).

Op-921D4: (S/A R. D. GILL) Comply with the request set forth in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 3 of enclosure (1). It is suggested that you first establish liaison with the appropriate USMC activity, which could be of assistance in this matter, for the purpose of obtaining a weapon identical to the one mentioned herein. It is requested that you make the necessary arrangements for the Marine Corps to conduct the desired test. If the Marine Corps is unable to conduct the test, furnish the weapon to the FBI with an appropriate request for the required examination.

Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA could not be identified in the files of ONI at this time due to the limited identifying data contained in enclosure (1).

HIGHEST PRIORITY HANDLING OF THIS INQUIRY IS REQUESTED.

HIGHEST PRIORITY
Approved: *H. V. Schultz*
H. V. SCHULTZ

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