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ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
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DALLAS, TEXAS

A few days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, exact date unrecalled, [REDACTED] Special Agent, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATF), U. S. Department of Treasury, Dallas, Texas, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA of the FBI) that he and several other ATF Agents, names not furnished, participated in the search of the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) and surrounding area immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] together with Military Intelligence Agent [REDACTED] and a SA of the FBI, held a conference at the Dallas ATF Office until approximately fifteen minutes before the assassination of President Kennedy. The ATF Office is approximately two blocks from the scene of the assassination.

In approximately 1970, [REDACTED] was at the Kansas City, Kansas Office of the ATF on official business and met with a SA of the FBI. At this time, [REDACTED] was advised of a statement in a book by Sylvia Meagher which stated that a person identifying himself as a "Secret Service Agent" was stopped by the Dallas Police shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy near the "grassy knoll." This SA of the FBI pointed out to [REDACTED] that ATF Agents normally identify themselves as "Treasury Agents" and that the Secret Service Agents are also "Treasury Agents." [REDACTED] was advised at this time that the person stopped by the Dallas Police Officer shortly after the assassination was either himself or one of the other ATF Agents searching the TSBD and surrounding area. [REDACTED] merely shrugged his shoulders and neither confirmed nor denied this theory.

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In addition, shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, a member of Legion 2, 112th MIG, Dallas, Texas, believed to be either Military Intelligence Agent [REDACTED] or the Lieutenant Colonel in charge, name unrecalled, advised that a Military Intelligence Agent, believed to be named Powell, first name unrecalled, was at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy and went into the TSBD to help the Dallas Police search the building. When he tried to leave the TSBD a short time later, he was accosted by a Dallas Police Officer and was not allowed to leave until he identified himself as a Military Intelligence Agent. It should be noted that the front door of the TSBD where the Military Intelligence Agent was accosted by the Dallas Policeman is only a few yards east of the rear of the "grassy knoll" where the Dallas Policeman was supposed to have stopped a "Secret Service Agent." b7c-

Furthermore, it should be pointed out that numerous plainclothes Deputy Sheriffs from the nearby Dallas County Sheriff's Office and several Postal Inspectors from the nearby U. S. Postal Inspector's Office were reported to have participated in the search of the TSBD and surrounding area.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 1/18/79, captioned as above.