

INFORMANTS

All criminal, security and racial informants of the Chicago Division were contacted on November 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1963, with negative results except for those which are set out later under this heading.

All potential bombing suspects and active members of the Chicago Chapter of the American Nazi Party (ANP) with the exception of [REDACTED] were present in Chicago during the pertinent period. [REDACTED] was reportedly at the ANP Headquarters in Virginia. Pertinent individuals who have been active in affairs of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico and Cuban affairs in Chicago were all at their places of employment after 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963. All Chicago Nation of Islam (NOI) leaders, except [REDACTED] were present at a NOI meeting in Chicago on the night of November 22, 1963. [REDACTED] reportedly was in Phoenix, Arizona. Approximately sixty-five NOI members identified as present at this meeting.

The following individuals who have been active in the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico were at their places of employment after 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] observed in the vicinity of his residence after 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963.

The following individuals active in Cuban affairs in Chicago were at their places of employment after 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963:

[REDACTED]

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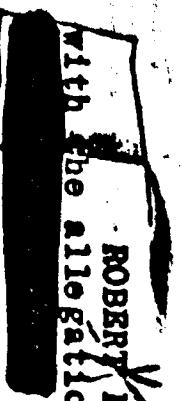
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Reference is made to the FD 302 of SA HUBERT N. HAST reflecting an interview with Colonel JACK REILLY on November 28, 1963, and to the FD 302 of SAs ROBERT R. GLENDON and HERBERT K. STALLING reflecting an interview with TONY PEREZ on November 29, 1963.

The information concerning the late hour meetings held by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) with JOHN BOSSEN at the Senate Theatre prior to the assassination of the late President KENNEDY

This informant has been interviewed and he can attach no significance to the President's assassination and these meetings.

ROBERT FESTENSTEIN, who was interviewed in connection with the allegations allegedly made by CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI,



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Possible Cuban Connections
With LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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On November 30, 1963, [redacted] advised SA ROBERT J. TOMPKINS, Jr., that during December of 1960, he was engaged in investigating the activities of BEN JAFFE (who is presently the subject of an Anti-Racketeering case under the Criminal Intelligence Program in Chicago; however, he resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is the owner of the Tropicana Hotel). He advised that during this investigation he had an occasion to converse with Rev. BILL BEENY of St. Louis, Missouri, concerning BEN JAFFE while in Del Rio, Texas in December, 1960. He advised that he read in the Chicago "Tribune" newspaper dated November 27, 1963 that the same Rev. BEENY of St. Louis, Missouri, reportedly a candidate for governor of Missouri, had offered a home and job to Mrs. LEE OSWALD.

He advised that he conversed with BILL BEENY regarding BEN JAFFE inasmuch as BEENY was leasing radio time on Station XERF, which is located in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico directly across the river from Del Rio, Texas and is allegedly owned by BEN JAFFE.

He advised that the nominees of JAFFE regarding the ownership of this radio station were ARTURO GONZALEZ and his partner (FNU) BOSQUEZ, well-known residents of Del Rio, Texas. He advised that he knows of no un-American activities or sympathizers of BEENY; however, BEENY was closely associated with GONZALEZ and he, [redacted] has suspected GONZALEZ to be a Communist and closely associated with Cuban activities. He advised that GONZALEZ is married to a Cuban and has made numerous trips to Cuba (before and after the Castro revolution).

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[redacted] further advised that WILLIAM BURNES of International Advertising Agency, San Antonio, Texas, is also familiar with BEENY as he, BURNES, was engaged in securing radio time from station XERF on behalf of BEENY.

[redacted] is characterized as a [redacted] as well as operating [redacted] and is considered extremely reliable.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO E. PEDROTTI
Date: December 2, 1963

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: CG 62-6115

Bureau File #: 62-109060

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis:

WILLIAM WALDMAN, Vice-President, Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., advised gun sold with telescopic sight already mounted. One THOMAS VALLEE, 4614 N. Paulina, Chicago, arrested Chicago, 11/2/63 in possession weapons and ammunition. No apparent connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Interview with associate JOHN ROSSEN, Chairman, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, indicates no connection with OSWALD. Miscellaneous negative information set forth.

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WILLIAM J. WALDMAN, Vice President Chicago Sporting Goods, Incorporated, 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Italian carbine in question, Serial Number C2166, was sold by Klein's to A. HEDDEL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, with a four power rifle scope mounting. The mounting of this scope was done by Klein's at Chicago prior to shipment of the weapon to Dallas on Nov 27, 1963.

Mr. WALDMAN explained this fact is shown on Klein's order blank for rifle in question, which blank is stamped March 13, 1963, and bears transaction number 270592. He noted the order blank bears notation, "ITALIAN CARBINE 6.5 x 45 SCOPED". A single price of \$19.95 was shown which price did not include postage and handling. If rifle had been sold alone, Mr. WALDMAN advised, the price would show as \$12.78. If rifle were shipped with rifle scope unmounted, separate entries would appear on the order blank as would separate prices for both the rifle scope and rifle.

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by SA ROBERT I. DOLAN/MQ Date Dictated 12/2/63

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DATE 12/2/63

Mr. WILLIAM WALDMAN, Manager, Klein's Sporting Goods, 4540 West Madison Street, advised that he has checked his sales records from the year 1960 to date and has not located a record of his firm having sold a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber British Service revolver, serial number V510210.

Mr. WALDMAN advised that this weapon was sold by the British government in several large lots during the years 1957 and 1958. This particular model gun was imported directly into the United States by only a few munitions importers. Mr. WALDMAN further advised that in order to import this gun, the importer would have had to be issued an import license by the Munitions Division of the United States Department of State.

Mr. WALDMAN advised that he will continue the search of his records prior to the year 1960 and he will immediately advise should a record be found of sale of the before described gun.

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By SA ROBERT L. ALEXANDER/bap Date Dictated 12/2/63

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Mrs. VIRGINIA SICHTA, Forster Appelt Manufacturing Company, Lanark, Illinois, advised that this company is engaged in the manufacture of gun accessories and equipment and that this company sold a universal sight mounting fixture to the Graves Enterprise Company at 6920 Lake June Road, Dallas, Texas to be shipped direct to ~~Andy's Gun Shop, 137 Hurst Boulevard, Hurst, Texas.~~ This fixture was described as bearing the printing Forster Brothers, Lanark, Illinois, and is used for mounting and alignment of telescopic scopes on rifles. Mrs. SICHTA stated that Graves Enterprise telephonically contacted their company on November 1, 1963, to request the fixture be shipped air mail, special delivery. She stated that this is an extremely unusual request and it was mailed at a cost of over \$6.00 and shipped on the same date, November 1, 1963.

On 11/22/63 at Lanark, Illinois File # CG 62-6115

by SA J. GLENN MC KENZIE/kzh Date dictated 11/27/63

Date 12/2/631

Mr. WILLIS HARPS, 1808 South 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois, telephone number Olympic 2-6705, telephonically advised that in regard to the weapon used in the assassination of President KENNEDY per public news sources, he had formerly owned an Italian made Caccano 6.5 caliber bolt action rifle. This rifle was of approximately a 1939 vintage and the serial number is unknown to him. No scope was attached to the rifle and he had purchased same from Magee's, 7100 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, about 1½ years ago. He had refinished the stock and had finished it with plain varnish. In approximately May, 1963, he had traded in this rifle at Klein's located on West Madison Street, west of Kedzie, receiving \$5.00 credit.

He concluded that he was furnishing this information in view of the fact of the weapon used in the assassination and the fact he is a member of the National Rifle Association.

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by SA RAYMOND F. BABB/sfs 5

Date dictated 11/22/63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1963

Chicago, Ill

TOM POWERS, Reporter, Chicago Tribune advised that one of his ~~photographers~~ had been advised anonymously that the Chicago Police Department had arrested one **LEE HARVEY OSWALD** under a assumed name on November 2, 1963, in possession of a rifle. This individual allegedly appeared in Judge **KOWALSKI's** court.

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by SAC M. W. JOHNSON/MAQ Date dictated 12/2/63

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LUKE CHRISTOPHER HESTER who is employed with NBC News, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of residence, 1211 Michigan Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, on November 28, 1963, at which time HESTER advised that he was born and raised in New York City and has only resided in the Chicago area for the past five years. After being appraised of the situation concerning the Bureau interests in the assassination of President KENNEDY, Mr. HESTER stated that he would be of any assistance and would advise of any information he possessed. He stated that a few days ago his superior, BILL CORLEY, News Manager, for NBC News, Midwest Bureau Merchandise Market, Chicago, Illinois, asked if he had any contacts in New York City by which information concerning a New York license plate could be obtained. CORLEY, knowing that HESTER used to be a native of New York, requested that he obtain a listing on New York license plate 311ORF, inasmuch as this automobile had some connection with OSWALD and the assassination. HESTER stated that he subsequently contacted his father-in-law, HUGH LARKIN, who resides at 5309 17th Street, Maspeth, New York, to see if he could be of assistance in obtaining information concerning the license plate. HUGH LARKIN thereafter advised him that the information was "frozen" and that only the FBI could obtain this information.

Mr. HESTER further stated that he was not aware of the background concerning why or how this license plate was connected with OSWALD, but that his superior, Mr. CORLEY, would probably know the circumstances surrounding the license plate and its connection. He requested that the FBI contact Mr. CORLEY for any further information.

On 11/28/63 at Evanston, Illinois File # 62-6115

by SAs LANSING P. LOGAN and JOHN P. QUINLAN/MAQ Date dictated 12/2/63

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Mr. BILL CORLEY, News Manager, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) News, Merchandise Mart, advised as follows:

He recently became News Manager for NBC in Chicago and has administrative control over news items he feels should be investigated by reporters as possible stories of interest.

Several days ago, exact date unknown, it was brought to his attention, from an unrecalled source, that an individual alleged from New York had been arrested by the Chicago Police Department for a minor traffic violation and a search of this individual's automobile resulted in the finding of numerous rounds of ammunition and a weapon, make and caliber unknown. He did not know the name or address of the person arrested and did not know the disposition of the arrest. Inasmuch as the arrest occurred on the same day, November 2, 1963, the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY was to attend the football game between the United States Air Force Academy and the West Point Military Academy at Soldier Field, this arrest became of interest to CORLEY. Subsequently the above arrest became even more interesting to him when he learned of the details of the assassination of the late President. Although he knew of no connection between the individual arrested on November 2, 1963 and the man accused of the assassination, CORLEY assigned a Chicago television reporter, LEN O'CONNOR, to investigate and determine if there could possibly be a connection.

To assist O'CONNOR, CORLEY asked LUKE HESTER, a Chicago NBC employee who formerly worked in New York City if HESTER had any contacts in New York who could check on New York automobile registration 3110RF, inasmuch as this registration plate had some connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the assassination. HESTER later informed CORLEY that the FBI in New York had placed a "freeze" on any information concerning this registration. By "freeze" CORLEY explained he meant that no information could be given out concerning this registration because the FBI had requested New York authorities to keep the information confidential.

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Date dictated 12/2/63

CORLEY personally knows of no connection between the aforementioned arrest in Chicago and the assassination of the President. He is still interested in this matter inasmuch as the FBI in New York has put a "freeze" on the license plate information.

CORLEY concluded by stating that if he received any additional information in this matter, he would immediately contact the FBI in Chicago and would cooperate with the FBI in any way possible.

He was unable to supply additional information.

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Thomas Holbert Vallee

Detective LAWRENCE COFFEY, Area 6, Chicago Police Department, furnished the following information:

Chicago Ill. 3-11-15-1933

One THOMAS VALLEE, described as a white male, residence at 4614 North Paulina was arrested at 9 A.M. on November 2, 1963, on the basis of a traffic violation involving a wrong turn. The arrest occurred a short distance from VALLEE's reputed residence. At the time of this arrest, VALLEE was found to be in possession of a knife, and he was so charged (carrying a concealed weapon). COFFEY advised that he was assigned to investigate this matter as a result of information furnished to his office by investigators of the Secret Service Division in Chicago. He stated that the Secret Service had received information to the effect that the individual known as THOMAS VALLEE was in the possession of a "small arsenal", referring to a rifle or rifles and a large amount of ammunition. In view of the planned forthcoming visit by President KENNEDY for the Army-Air Force game to be held in Soldier's Field, Chicago, on November 2, 1963, the Secret Service passed this information on to officers of the Chicago Police Department on the basis that this individual possibly provided a threat to the President's life.

From the time this information was first furnished to the Chicago Police Department (a couple of days prior to November 2, 1963), officers of the Chicago Police Department placed a 24 hour surveillance on VALLEE and his activities. Finally on the morning of November 2, 1963, at about 9:00 A.M., surveilling officers noticed VALLEE make a wrong turn, and on this basis proceeded to arrest him. The officers found a knife in the front seat of VALLEE's car and formally charged him with carrying a concealed weapon.

Subsequently, officers of the Chicago Police Department conducted a search of VALLEE's home and discovered an M-1 rifle, a carbine rifle and about 2,500 rounds of rifle ammunition.

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COFFEY described VALLEE as being a Marine veteran of seven years who received a disability check monthly from the Veterans' Administration.

VALLEE appeared in Rackets Court, Branch 27, before Judge KOWALSKI on November 2, 1963, at which time his case was continued until November 26, 1963, and on November 26, 1963, VALLEE appeared with his attorney and his case was again continued until January, 1964, in Branch 46. Along with Detective COFFEY, Detective JAMES MADDEN, Chicago Police Department, investigated this matter.

Date December 2, 1963

MAURICE G. MARTINEAU, Supervising Agent, Secret Service Division, Chicago, furnished the following information:

A short time before November 2, 1963 (estimated to be about three days prior to November 2, 1963) the Secret Service Office in Chicago received information to the effect that one **THOMAS VALLEE**, residence 4614 North Paulina, was in possession of a large amount of rifle ammunition, along with a collection of guns. Along with this, information was received that **VALLEE** was of definite anti-**KENNEDY** and anti-Administrative sentiments, that he was an ex-Marine, that he had been wounded during the Korean War and that he received complete disability from the Veteran's Administration. In view of the fact that President **KENNEDY** was due into Chicago for the Army-Air Force game to be held at Soldier's Field in Chicago on November 2, 1963, Agents of the Secret Service Office conducted a pretext interview of **VALLEE** on October 30, 1963, three days prior to the President's planned arrival. During the course of this pretext interview, interviewing Agents noted that **VALLEE** had two M-1 rifles in his possession, along with a .22 caliber revolver and an estimated 1,000 rounds, in miscellaneous ammunition.

The Secret Service Office immediately notified officers of the Chicago Police Department after the pretext interview mentioned above and a 24 hour surveillance was placed on **VALLEE** and his activities by the Chicago Police Department. On November 2, 1963, officers of the Chicago Police Department arrested **VALLEE** on a technical traffic violation and found in his possession a knife and the officers charged him with an "assault with a deadly weapon" charge. At the time of his arrest on the traffic violation, the police found in the trunk of **VALLEE**'s vehicle 300 rounds of ammunition. They subsequently searched his home at 4614 North Pauline and found additional ammunition.

MARTINEAU advised that his office had verified on the day of President **KENNEDY**'s assassination, through a source, that **VALLEE** was employed at his place of business during the entire day. He added that **VALLEE** is employed as a photo lithographer at **IPP Printing Company**, 625 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.

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In fact, it was ascertained that VALLEE at that time and prior thereto was working both days and nights rather diligently. According to police officers, VALLEE makes in the neighborhood of \$5 an hour, receives time and a half for over-time, receives double time on Sundays and received a \$398 paycheck for the week previous to November 2, 1963.

MARTINEAU described VALLEE as a white male, born November 15, 1933, 30 years of age, 5'7", 155 pounds, single, currently residing at 1725 West Wilson in Chicago. He added that VALLEE has in his possession a California operator's license bearing the number K808309 in the name of THOMAS ARTHUR VALLEE, 2101 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California. It was noted also that VALLEE drives a 1962 Ford Falcon bearing New York License No. 31-10RF.

From interviews conducted by Agents of the Secret Service and officers of the Chicago Police Department, it appears that VALLEE is a "loner", that he was classified by an Army Veteran's Hospital as a "schizophrenic", that he is an active member of the John Birch Society, that his feelings have been much influenced by that society, and that he has a silver plate in his head as a result of his injury in service.

MARTINEAU advised that investigation conducted by his office failed to reflect any evidence that VALLEE is in any way associated with LE^R HARVEY OSWALD, and his investigation fails to reflect that VALLEE's car, above mentioned, has been observed in the Dallas, Texas area.

MARTINEAU advised at the present time, no further investigation is being conducted by the Secret Service in Chicago regarding this matter.

Date December 2, 1963

CHARLES I. BARISH, Rackets Court, Branch 27, 1121 South State Street, advised as follows:

Judge KOWALSKI's docket books reflecting court appearances of defendants before Judge KOWALSKI in Rackets Court, Branch 27, were examined for appearances before Judge KOWALSKI on charges of possession of rifle and/or rifles, and also for possession of ammunition. These records were examined for appearances made on November 4, 1963, November 12, 1963, and all logical days appearing between November 4 and November 12, 1963 (noting that no court appearances are held on Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays). Appearances were also checked of defendants appearing after November 12, 1963, including all of the month of November (up to and including November 26, 1963). There was no record on any docket of an appearance by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and there was no record of an appearance by a defendant before Judge KOWALSKI on a charge involving the possession of a rifle or ammunition other than the appearance of one THOMAS VALLEE, a white male, 30 years of age.

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Miss CRYSTAL TILLMAN, Junior Clerk, Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, furnished the following information:

An examination conducted by Miss TILLMAN of the pending and closed files at the Chicago Police Department, including records maintained in "Alpha" and in "Soundex" files failed to reflect any information identifiable with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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ROBERT FESTENSTEIN, 2801 West Morse, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that he had learned the following from one, CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI:

JOHN ROSSEN, head of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), Chicago, has on many occasions expressed hatred of President KENNEDY and his family and has stated his extreme admiration for CASTRO of Cuba. He is a sexual degenerate and associates with CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI, 2026 North Burling, Chicago, who is employed as a practical nurse, St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago. ROSSEN furnishes money to CARMEN for her nurse's training. She is of Puerto Rican extraction but is married to a man of Polish extraction. ROSSEN has stated to CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI that he knows LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and he has sent money to OSWALD periodically over a period covering the past months.

On 11/21/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # 62-6165

by SA ROBERT L. BAKER/cmb Date dictated 12/2/63

Date December 2, 1963

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Martinez CARMEN JOSIAKOWSKI
CARMEN L. JOSIAKOWSKI, 2026 North Burling, Chicago,
Illinois, on November 27, 1963, located at her residence,
voluntarily agreed to accompany interviewing agents to the
office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago,
Illinois, for purposes of interview. Pursuant to this interview
she furnished the following signed statement:

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B-2-7-1925
 "November 27, 1963

"I CARMEN L. JOSIAKOWSKI knowing the official character of Special Agent ROBERT BAKER and DARWIN E. THORNTON as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do voluntarily make the following statement. I have been told by them that I need not make a statement but if I do it may be used against me in court. I reside at 2026 N. Burling, Chicago, Illinois and earn my living as a practical nurse. I am employed by the St. Joseph Hospital, 2100 N. Burling, Chicago, where I practice my occupation.

"I first met JOHN ROSSEN about two years ago when he was a patient in the hospital where I worked. He was in the hospital for prostate trouble and we began talking and became friends. During this relationship he asked me if I ever went to see Spanish films and when I said I did he offered to give me several passes to his theater. I accepted the passes and attended the show. Later I went to thank him and from that time on we began keeping company. Approximately two weeks after this we were intimate and since that time I have an an emotional attachment for JOHN ROSSEN and have become his mistress. ROSSEN has paid for my schooling in connection with my becoming a licensed practical nurse and pays for the rent of my apartment. He has also periodically given me money. This money is sometimes given in the form of cash and at other times by check drawn on a corporation maintained in connection with his theaters. ROSSEN signs these checks made payable to himself and also endorses the back of them before he gives them to me. JOHN ROSSEN and I

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have been intimate now for over two years and in this relationship JOHN ROSSEN has been normal and has not practised any sexual acts I would consider abnormal. I make this statement based on my experience as a prostitute for eight years. I have been arrested in the past for prostitution and have a criminal record. In connection with JOHN ROSSEN having any knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the individual who is supposed to have assassinated President KENNEDY, I can swear that ROSSEN, to my knowledge, does not know this person, has never paid him any money, has never communicated with him and has never discussed OSWALD either before the assassination, or after. As a matter of fact after the publicity of the assassination, was learned by ROSSEN he told me he did not know OSWALD. In addition over the last six month period ROSSEN has not left the city of Chicago on any trip either to Texas or elsewhere. Relative to myself I am not in any way connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I have not attended any meetings of this committee with JOHN ROSSEN or anyone else. I know that JOHN ROSSEN has been active in this committee and I also know that he has been a member of the Communist Party. He has discussed this background with me and in addition I have read his full party history in newspaper stories and I have heard it discussed on TV programs such as At Random and Irv Kupcinet's show. JOHN ROSSEN has also told me that he admires FIDEL CASTRO and believes that he was what Cuba needed in place of BATISTA. ROSSEN also admired President KENNEDY and voted for him. He has not indicated any dislike for KENNEDY or said anything that would indicate he wanted to harm KENNEDY. JOHN ROSSEN is a stable person and in fact one of the most stable person I have ever met.

"I have read the foregoing statement & declared the same to be entirely true.

"/s/ Carmen Osiakowski
2126 N. Burling
Chicago

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"Witnessed:

/s/ Darwin E. Thornton, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

/s/ Robert L. Baker, Special Agent,
FBI, Chicago, Illinois, 11/27/63"

Date December 2, 1963

Records of the St. Joseph's Hospital, 2100 North Burling, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that CARMEN L. OSIKOWSKI (variation in spelling noted), born February 7, 1925, Social Security Number 125-16-6007, marital status divorced, occupation practical nurse, has been employed from November 4, 1963 to date.

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ROBERT FESTENSTEIN, interviewed at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that prior information that he had furnished concerning the alleged association of JOHN ROSSEN that HARVEY LEE OSWALD had originated out of a conversation that occurred on the night of November 23, 1963 at the apartment of his mistress MARILYN SHERMAN, Wilson and Western Avenues, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI was not present at this time. He further advised as follows:

FESTENSTEIN was viewing a television broadcast featuring a short television interview of JOHN ROSSEN, Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). FESTENSTEIN and MARILYN SHERMAN both knew ROSSEN as a result of an acquaintance with CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI, ROSSEN's mistress. On television ROSSEN said in effect that the FPCC in Chicago had dissolved about a year ago. MARILYN SHERMAN said, "Like hell it has, they meet every Tuesday night." At this point FESTENSTEIN became confused in attempting to reconstruct the conversation which followed between him and MARILYN SHERMAN. He admitted that he had previously told SA BAKER of receipt of information from CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI; however, he now stated whatever information he furnished was obtained from MARILYN SHERMAN, who he believes obtained the information from CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI. He admitted that he told SA BAKER that conversation was to the effect that ROSSEN sent money to HARVEY LEE OSWALD; that ROSSEN knew OSWALD; and that money had been sent periodically over a period of the past five months. FESTENSTEIN now states that he is uncertain of the exact remarks of MARILYN SHERMAN, but now believes that she said money was sent to "them" in February and March. He asked SHERMAN whether it was "a lot of money", and she said "no, a little money".

FESTENSTEIN said that he interpreted the word "them" to mean money sent to OSWALD, but this was only his interpretation and he now says the name OSWALD did not come up at any time in this conversation with MARILYN SHERMAN. He stated that the entire conversation on this subject matter lasted no more than two

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minutes and would never have occurred except that it was prompted by the aforementioned television program. He stated that now in attempting to interpret SHERMAN's remarks about "them" he realizes that this reference appears to mean more than one individual, and could conceivably mean an organization. Further he now realizes that since the plural pronoun "them" was used, it could not in good logic refer to OSWALD as an individual. In fact, he stated he is now totally uncertain as to his recollection and interpretation of his conversation with MARILYN SHERMAN. He does specifically recall that SHERMAN did not mention the name OSWALD.

FESTENSTEIN now states he has had no conversations with CARMEN OSIAKOWSKI in the past three to four months.

During the period above information was furnished it was noted that FESTENSTEIN appeared confused and to have difficulty in thinking and in reconstructing subject matter concerning the conversation in which he had participated and upon which was based the information that he had furnished.

FESTENSTEIN advised that he is presently under severe mental strain due to a business failure and marital difficulties.

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MARILYN NELL SHERMAN, upon interview at her residence, 4539 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
"November 28, 1963

"I, Marilyn Nell Sherman, nee Reagan, make the following free and voluntary statement to Daniel P. Blake and Daniel R. Huntington, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make this statement, that it can be used against me in a court of law, of my right to an attorney, and say that no threats or promises were made to induce this statement.

"I can read and write the English language, reside at 4539 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, am separated from my husband, Bernard Sherman, and live with my two young sons. I am presently unemployed.

"I met John Rossen about a year and a half ago at Carmen Osiakowski's apartment in Chicago. At that time I was introduced to John Rossen as Carmen's boyfriend. Carmen had earlier told me of their meeting and relationship.

"For about the past year I, Robert Festenstein, Carmen, and John Rossen saw each other socially. Carmen and John would on occasion visit with me at my apartment, and on occasion, the four of us would go to dinner.

"All during this time John Rossen never mentioned his participation in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). I had learned from Carmen that John was involved in the FPCC, however. At no time did I ever hear John Rossen indicate any hatred or

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abnormal antagonism towards President John F. Kennedy. I do not recall politics being discussed in any way.

"I never heard the name Lee Harvey Oswald until I heard it on television at the time of President Kennedy's assassination.

"After the 10 PM news broadcast on Sunday, November 24th, after seeing John Rossen on television, I called Carmen. I did this to tell Carmen that I had seen John on TV. I did not ask Carmen if John knew Lee Harvey Oswald, and Carmen did not even mention Oswald's name. We just talked of the TV appearance of John Rossen, and where Rossen and Carmen had been earlier that evening.

"Carmen Osiakowski never told me that John Rossen knew Lee Harvey Oswald, or that Oswald had ever been in Chicago. In fact, Carmen has never mentioned Oswald's name, even after the President's death, except to say, in effect "that guy must have been crazy" or something to that effect.

"The only time money was mentioned in connection with the FPCC in recent months was in reference to a barbeque held on Chicago's South side to raise funds for the hurricane victims of Cuba. Carmen told me about this. I did not attend, nor have I ever attended any meetings with John Rossen. I don't know anything about the FPCC.

"I don't recall Carmen ever mentioning that John was sending money to 'them'.

"I want to clearly state that since the President's death, in my conversations with Carmen Osiakowski, there has been no reference to Lee Harvey Oswald as ever having been associated in any way with John Rossen.

"I have not seen John Rossen in about one month. About two weeks ago John called me to ask if I knew who other persons were in connection with Robert Festenstein's bankruptcy matter.

"I have read this statement consisting of three and a half handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Marilyn Nell Sherman

"Witness:

/s/ Daniel R. Huntington, Special Agent, FBI,
Chicago, Illinois, 11-28-63

/s/ Daniel P. Blake, Special Agent, F.B.I.
Chicago, Illinois, 11/28/63"

MARILYN SHERMAN advised that she has been the mistress of ROBERT FESTENSTEIN for the past four and one half years and that he has paid all of her expenses during this period. She estimated that he expended about twenty-six thousand dollars for this purpose. She advised further that in the summer of 1963 FESTENSTEIN borrowed four thousand dollars from JOHN ROSSEN, giving ROSSEN, as collateral, 108 imitation diamonds worth eight dollars each. Subsequent to this loan, FESTENSTEIN filed bankruptcy. She advised that FESTENSTEIN is alleged to have lost sixty-five thousand dollars while gambling in Las Vegas and that his total debts amount to more than two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. She said she does not know if either of these allegations are true. She stated that FESTENSTEIN has, with particular emphasis in recent months, been what she would call a "pathological liar" in that he enjoys telling stories and hearing himself talk. She said that this aberration had been most pronounced recently and was probably due to his financial difficulties.

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On November 28, 1963, Colonel JACK REILLY, Director of Special Events, Office of the Mayor, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised that he had learned from TONY PEREZ, an employee of Wieboldt's Downtown Department Store, Chicago, Illinois, that JOHN ROSSEN, who is the Chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) had a meeting with members of the FPCC in his theater late at night during the period shortly prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY. Colonel REILLY indicated that he was furnishing the above information in view of the possibility that it might have some significance in connection with President KENNEDY's assassination.

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~~TONY~~ PEREZ, an employee at Wieboldt's Department Store, Chicago, Illinois, stated that he had no first hand knowledge of meetings of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) with JOHN ROSSEN whom he described as the Chairman of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC at ROSSEN's theatre, the Senate Theatre located at Madison Street and Kedzie Avenue, Chicago.

PEREZ advised that about two years ago he had engaged in debate with ROSSEN at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and that he represented the Chicago Council for a Democratic Cuba which opposed the FPCC line who were apologists for FIDEL CASTRO. PEREZ stated that he had no specific information of allegations concerning the assassination of the late President KENNEDY.

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Mrs. GUSSIE ROSENBERG, Assistant Secretary, Holiday Inn, advised their record under folio number 8180 reveals one NEIL DEVLIN, 46 Pine Tree Road, Northbrook, Illinois, checked into room 104 of that motel at 12:58 p.m., November 20, 1963, and checked out at 1:39 p.m., November 21, 1963. Also included in his bill was an amount of \$8.80 for a bar bill. He indicated he was employed by Russell Stover Candies and he was driving a Chevrolet with 1963 Illinois license MG 5955. The license number was checked by one of the employees and was correct.

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~~TOM W. MASKILL~~, residence 732 Ellwood, DeKalb, Illinois, telephone 758-8282, was interviewed at the Holiday Inn where he is employed as a bartender. He advised on the night of November 20, 1963, one of the guests at the Holiday Inn came to the bar at about 5:00 p.m. and stayed to about midnight. During this time he was drinking quite a few martinis, eleven in fact, for a total cost of \$8.80. The fellow got a little high and during the course of the evening, he happened to be talking with one of the other customers about the assassination in Vietnam. Someone said this is a democracy and it could not happen here. The fellow said it's going to happen, the President will be shot. There was further talk by the individual in which he showed himself to be very anti-democratic and anti-DALEY. The other customers became very dissatisfied with his talk and some comment was made the talk was bordering on insurrection.

Finally about midnight the individual was helped from the bar by a busboy at the Holiday Inn to his room. He had signed the bill for the martinis which was checked against his signature on his registration card for room 104 of the Holiday Inn. The individual was working with some candy outfit.

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JOHN PEDER ~~WAAKESTAD~~, 1311 West Lincoln,
DeKalb, Illinois, was interviewed at the Holiday Inn where
he is employed as a busboy. He advised on the night of
November 20, 1963, he had occasion to be in and out of the
bar at the Holiday Inn, during which time he heard one of
patrons making comments against the government and against
the Catholic Church. One of the comments made was that the
government was making "asses" of themselves.

At about 12 midnight, he was called to assist this
individual to his room, which he did, taking him to room 104.

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The information developed at the Holiday Inn, DeKalb, Illinois, was turned over to Special Agent THOMAS D. STRONG, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, who also appeared at the Holiday Inn in DeKalb. Agent STRONG advised they would continue to check this information and would depart at that time for Northbrook, Illinois, where they were to interview NEIL DEVLIN. Therefore, no additional investigation in this matter was conducted by the Chicago Office.

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Officer CREIGHTON, Chicago Police Department, 6th Area, Homicide, telephonically advised at 10:15 P.M. that he had just received a call from Officer MIKROT, Chicago Police Department, who had been taking complaints. MIKROT received a call from one FRANK MC GEE, 2834 West Palmer, Chicago, Illinois, no telephone. MC GEE told MIKROT seven to ten days ago he had been in the "Black Pearl", a bar at Diversey, just east of Clark and one ANDY PAPPAS, operator of Andy's Grill, just across the street from Black Pearl, told MC GEE, "President KENNEDY would be assassinated and the Syndicate will take care of things in Dallas".

*MC GEE described himself as an employee of the City of Chicago in Architectural Department. CREIGHTON advised the Address Telephone Directory shows Palmer Plaza Apartments at 2834 West Palmer, telephone AL 2-9866 or 9862.

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Andy Pappas
 ANDREW PAPPAS, 2600 North Lakeview, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is the owner of what was previously known as Andy's Lounge, 559 Diversey Street, Chicago, and which is presently called the Sinners Nine. He said that he also operates a liquor concession directly across the street in the Food Liner Market where he was working on November 22, 1963. PAPPAS stated he has never to his recollection made any statement which would indicate he wished to harm President KENNEDY. He denied having any affiliation with anyone associated with the criminal world. He stated he was a supporter of President KENNEDY in the 1960 election and that he has always been a staunch Democrat. He said that he and an individual named FRANK MC GEE have discussed politics at length on occasion but usually only on a local level. In this connection he noted that he has not seen MC GEE since the middle of last summer and felt that he had not had a political discussion with anyone in recent weeks. PAPPAS could not recall being in the Black Pearl Bar and Restaurant on November 16, 1963, and noted that on that date his brother, GEORGE PAPPAS, of Dearborn, Michigan, was visiting with him through the week end. PAPPAS advised that he has no recollection of any discussion with any persons of recent date the subject matter of which could have remotely been construed to constitute a threat or an implied threat against the President.

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 DON BUZAN, Owner and Operator of the Food Liber Market, across the street from the Sinners Nine Bar, 559 West Diversy Street, Chicago and ANGELINA FIORE, Clerk, employed by ANDREW PAPPAS in the liquor concession in this market both advised that shortly after 1:00 p.m. on November 22, 1963, PAPPAS appeared at work and as far as they could recall remained at his work for the rest of the day.

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1.

On November 29, 1963, a call was received at the Chicago Office from an individual who identified herself as VLASTA CROSBY, 5524 West 64th Street, Chicago. Mrs. CROSBY stated that at the time of the call, she was at McHanon's Tavern, 63rd and Central, Chicago. She advised that she was calling because of the fact that she was with LEE OSWALD at the time OSWALD shot the President.

Shortly after the call from Mrs. CROSBY, a call was received from Telephone Operator 43, Cicero, Illinois, who advised that the call to the Chicago Office from VLASTA CROSBY was not placed from McHanon's Tavern, as she had indicated, but that the call had originated from the Star Lounge, 2300 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois.

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1. Mrs. VLASTA CROSBY was contacted at the Star B10-27-1925
Lounge, 2336 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois. At the outset Cicero
of the interview, Mrs. CROSBY was advised that she did not Ill
have to make any statement, and that any statement made by
her could be used against her in a court of law. She was
advised of her right to retain an attorney prior to making
any statement. Mrs.

Mrs. CROSBY stated that she resides with her
husband, FRED MITCHELL, at 5524 West 64th Street, Chicago,
Illinois, and that MITCHELL is employed as a driver by the Texas
Advance Transportation Company, Cicero.

She advised that about two years ago, she met LEE HARVEY OSWALD at a bar, the name of which she could not recall, in Chicago. She stated that the bar was located somewhere in the vicinity of 16th Street and Crawford, Chicago.

She indicated that shortly after her birthday, October 27, 1963, she traveled to Dallas, Texas, with JIMMY DILL, JOHNNY (LNU), and "him." She identified "him" as LEE OSWALD.

She was unable to furnish any details regarding the purpose of the trip, or the location she stayed at while in Dallas. She claimed that she was with OSWALD and had been eating chicken with him just prior to the time OSWALD shot the President. Mrs. CROSBY was unable to account for her activities following the shooting or preceding the shooting; however, she did advise she returned to Chicago on November 28, 1963; however, the means of her travel to Chicago were unrecalled. Ill. Texas

Mrs. CROSBY stated that JIMMY DILL is in jail at the present time, but she could not recall the location of the jail. The only identifying data she knew about JOHNNY (LNU) was the fact that he "froze both his feet off" two years ago in Chicago.

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Mrs. CROSBY stated that her husband was originally from Lubbock, Texas, and that her father-in-law, who has no first name, operates a large ranch in Lubbock.

During subsequent questioning of Mrs. CROSBY, she admitted three arrests for prostitution, one arrest for petty larceny, which resulted in a sentence which was served at the Women's Reformatory at Dwight, Illinois, and also a period of hospitalization in the Chicago State Hospital for alcoholism. Mrs. CROSBY stated that she had had shock treatment while at the Chicago State Hospital, but could furnish no details regarding her release from the hospital, other than the fact that she just "walked off."

Mrs. CROSBY finally admitted that on Thursday, November 21, 1963, she and her husband went out to have a few drinks, and concerning the evening, she stated "I looked so nice." Mrs. CROSBY admitted she could not recall circumstances following her drinking two or three drinks on the evening of Thursday, November 21, 1963, but stated inasmuch as she could not recall her activities, she may have been in Dallas.

Mrs. CROSBY was asked if she suffered from cancer, and she replied, "Yes, I have cancer of the heart."

The following description of Mrs. CROSBY was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Race
Sex
Date of birth

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes

Peculiarities:

White
Female
Oct. 27, 1925,
at Cicero, Illinois
4 ft. 9 in.
90 lbs.
Black
Brown
Admitted alcoholic;
admitted mental patient,
Chicago State Hospital,
admitted arrests for pros-
titution and petty larceny.

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3.

Mrs. CROSBY admitted that her whole story concerning her being with LEE OSWALD was entirely false. She was unable to offer any explanation as to why she called the FBI Office stating that she was with OSWALD except that she was under the influence of alcohol. She further stated that all the information she had concerning this matter was obtained from reading the newspapers and she was not acquainted with OSWALD.

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1.

During the course of the interview with VLASTA CROSBY, an individual who identified himself as ED KELLEHER, operation manager, Advance Transportation Company, stated that he was in the bar in an effort to try to catch FRED MITCHELL, a driver for Advance. KELLEHER explained that MITCHELL is a chronic alcoholic and that unsuccessful efforts had been made in the past to detect MITCHELL drinking on the job, which would result in his discharge. KELLEHER explained that he was at the Star Lounge as a result of three or four telephone calls to Advance on the morning of November 29, 1963, by a woman who identified herself as MITCHELL's wife, and who left a message asking MITCHELL to contact her at the Star Lounge. KELLEHER stated that his records indicate that MITCHELL's wife is named ANN, and the last record the company had of MITCHELL's wife was the fact that she was in a hospital with incurable cancer. Ill

5524 W. 64th St

PETE ADAMIS, owner of the Star Lounge, 2336 South Cicero, advised that he has not seen VLASTA in the bar for approximately two months, but he explained that this is not unusual, as she and "all the other drunks" hang out at Mary's, also known as the Blue Danube, 2300 South Ciero. ADAMIS stated that he considered VLASTA as an alcoholic and stated had he been there when she came into the bar, he would not have served her, but explained that she had been served by a new bartender who was not aware of the fact that VLASTA is an alcoholic. Chicago Ill.

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Chicago, Ill
Reverend A. N. CORPENING, Pastor, Rogers Park
Baptist Church, 1900 West Greenleaf Avenue, advised that on
Sunday November 24, 1963, he had dinner at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. JAMES H. SMITH, 1707 West Wallen Street, Chicago. Mr.
SMITH related to him that on November 22, 1963, while at
his job, one of his co-workers received a telephone call
before the announcement of President KENNEDY's death and this
co-worker came back from the telephone shouting "we got him".
Mr. SMITH also related to Reverend CORPENING that this
man was in the habit of criticizing the American form of
government, prior to the date of President KENNEDY's assassination.

Reverend CORPENING advised that he did not know
the place of Mr. SMITH's employment, nor did he know the
identity of the individual at SMITH's employment who was
supposed to have made these remarks.

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James H. Smith

JAMES HAROLD SMITH, 1707 West Wallen Street, furnished the following information:

Chicago, Ill.

He is employed as a machinist at Major Wire Company, 3664 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This firm employs approximately 24 people and is privately owned by Mr. JORDAN VAGEUSKI (phonetic).

Mr. SMITH related that shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, he observed that ADOLPH ZONER (phonetic), a machinist at Major Wire went into the shipping room to answer a telephone call. ZONER came back shortly thereafter highly excited shouting, "we got him now". After approximately 10 minutes, Mr. SMITH was able to talk with ZONER and then asked ZONER what he had meant. ZONER replied laughing, "we got that communist Kennedy", and added, "he was no president."

SMITH advised that ZONER has been employed at Major Wire since the early spring of 1963 and since that time has spoken ill of the American form of government claiming that it was "communistic". Mr. SMITH does not recall ZONER mentioning the form of government that would be agreeable to him.

Mr. SMITH stated he does not know the home address of ZONER, but can describe him as a white male, 45 years of age, 6', 185 pounds, brown balding hair, combed straight back, brown eyes, wears glasses, and is "cross eyed".

SMITH stated that ZONER has been seen by him to carry a revolver in his pants pocket while on the job at Major Wire.

Mr. SMITH advised that he went to the owner of Major Wire and reported ZONER's actions and he understood that ZONER was reprimanded for his remarks.

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ADOLPH ZONER, 729 West Roscoe Street, Chicago, Ill was interviewed at his place of employment, the Major Wire Company, 3664 North Elston Avenue. Prior to this interview, ZONER was informed that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also informed of his right to an attorney.

ZONER advised that he has been employed as a tool and die maker at Major Wire since June, 1963. He stated that he was previously employed by Handy and Harmon, Incorporated, Chicago, in the same capacity and left that employment after that firm moved from Chicago.

ZONER stated that he was born on August 20, 1912 at Chicago, Illinois. He has Social Security Number 323-01-2772.

ZONER was questioned concerning his comments made to fellow employees of Major Wire Company following the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

ZONER said that shortly after 12 o'clock noon on November 22, 1963, he received a personal telephone call from his wife informing him of the assassination of President KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas. ZONER stated that he was unable to recall exactly what he may have said when he returned to his work area at Major Wire Company, but is positive he did not say "We got him". As best as he could now recall he was of the opinion that he probably commented to his fellow employees that "Someone beat me to it." in referring to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

ZONER stated that he considers himself "a 100% American" and has lived by the Constitution and will die by the Constitution. He stated that he voted for President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT but later was sorry he had done so since in his opinion ROOSEVELT turned out to be "a lunatic".

ZONER stated that he believed that President KENNEDY should have either been "deported or killed" because KENNEDY had taken away the rights of the American

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people. ZONER did not elaborate on this remark.

ZONER stated that he is an avid reader of the Congressional Record and other publications relating to our constitutional form of government and said he bases his opinions on his studies of these writings.

ZONER advised that he has made no attempts to conceal his political beliefs. ZONER stated that he had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY other than what he has learned from public news media.