

Since September, 1963, This Man Has Known...

✓ Since the night of September 4 to 5, 1963, this anguished man who was seated in front of me knew that all the persons who had participated in any manner whatsoever in the assassination of Kennedy, or who knew about the murder a bit too much, were condemned to disappear.

And, precisely, he too knew too much.

Why did he wish to speak?

Because he wished that finally all be cleared. Because neither the White House, nor the FBI, nor Robert Kennedy, to whom he sent pressing letters for three months, never gave him the least chance to speak.

And also because, heretofore, too many distortions have been written concerning the mysterious death of John Kennedy.

He told me:

"The world MUST learn... The truth is unusual and complicated. It throws a different light on the affair."

In the Antwerp Region

It may be easily understood why I am not revealing the identity of this man. I will only say that he is a Belgian deep-sea sailor; he is married, has children, and lives somewhere in the Province of Antwerp.

I met him by mere chance, through a friend. It happened when in New York people were speaking so much about the "Death of a President," when Jackie Kennedy conflicted with William Manchester, when "Look" bought for millions the right to publish Manchester's work, and when "Newsweek" hurried to publish another version, the version of L. B. Johnson.

The unknown man who was facing us had said something which aroused my curiosity. I asked for specifications. He shrugged his shoulders and replied.

"For me, it is dangerous to speak with a newspaperman. Words are newspapermen's weapons, and these weapons could be deadly."

He Interested Me

He interested me. First, I wanted to gain his confidence; during the following days, I did all I could to learn his secret.

He did not want to say anything.

I persevered; my patience was boundless.

When I ascertained that his internal conflict had become too tough, and that I had a chance to penetrate his intimate world, I fired all my batteries.

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DRAFT OF THE LETTER OF PEETERS, THE SAILOR OF ANTWERP, ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND REPRODUCED FROM THE DIARY OF THIS SAILOR (NOVEMBER 19, 1963):

"President Kennedy Will Not Celebrate Christmas with His Family; By Then He Will Be Dead and Buried"

Registered, Airmail

November 19, 1963

Mr. President,

I have the honor to forward this letter to you for the purpose of informing you about a possible attempt on your life.

During the night of September 4 to 5, I met in a bar in Antwerp, rue de la station (Railroad Street), one Ivan Kutscharenko, born in Kiev. This man said that he was an officer of the Russian Navy. He was in the company of four or five persons. They had drank a great deal. He told me:

"President Kennedy will not celebrate Christmas with his family; by then, he will be dead and buried."

Please answer me if you receive this letter.

Excuse me for my French errors; I am Fleming.

Respectful regards.

Your servant,

(signature illegible)

Finally, the moment came when the sailor spoke.

The things that I am telling here are quite different from the technically polished story of the famous American newspaperman Joachim Joesten, or from the book of three hundred thousand words of William Manchester which certainly is a book with a very interesting historic background; however, it is a book which does not strike at the heart of the matter.

The whole world knows how John Kennedy was assassinated. The whole world also knows who was the supposed murderer, or murderers. We learned that from the Warren report.

In this article, I am telling WHY Kennedy was assassinated, and what was the true cause of the plot.

"Het Koetsierke" (The Cabman" /?/)

During the night of September 4 to 5, 1963, many gay people were gathered at the cafe "Het Koetsierke," in the

Stationstraat (Railroad Street) in Antwerp, which is located in the immediate vicinity of the famous section of sailors, near the port.

"Het Koetsierke" had an international reputation. People from all over the world assembled there. Everybody knew everybody, and all the steady customers mutually treated each other.

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LETTER OF J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR OF THE FBI
ADDRESSED TO THE SAILOR OF ANTWERP PEETERS
ON OCTOBER 30, 1964

"The FBI Does Not Have Your Letter"

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(EMBLEM OF THE FBI)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

October 30, 1964

Mr. L
Rue
Willebroek, Belgium

Dear Mr.

Your letter of October 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the letter to which you referred was not received by the FBI. I am, however, forwarding a copy of your communication to the Chief, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for any information he can furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

On the evening of September 4, 1963, my sailor, whom I shall call "Peeters" from now on, also was in the "Het Koetsierke," where he used to come regularly for the purpose of taking a drink. Suddenly, five foreign sailors entered; without the slightest difficulty, they created the atmosphere which characterizes the milieu of sailors.

Obviously, they already had drunk too much and they seemed determined to drink more.

Then, the five sailors recognized a sailor from Hamburg whom Peeters also knew. Peeters said so to one of the five sailors who was leaning on the counter near him. This sailor said to Peeters in French:

"Sing with us."

The contact was established. The sailor took the arm of Peeters and all of them sang.

When the unknown sailor had sung and drunk, he began to talk.

A COMPLETELY DRUNK RUSSIAN

- A formidable night was in store for our friend Peeters.

When he found himself in a taxi at five in the morning, while the others had returned to their boats, the mind of Peeters was still not quite clear. He did not quite realize that a completely drunk Russian had told him a secret which could endanger the peace of the world.

Peeters was quite drunk. He had drunk a lot with the Russian and his four friends. However, Peeters was beginning to recover slowly his lucidity.

Through the fog of alcohol, Peeters remembered the sixth man of that memorable night. It was a blond athletic and handsome fellow of about forty years of age. He continuously was in the vicinity of the other five sailors and acted like an intent and congenial spectator; nevertheless, he kept a certain reserve and he drank with care.

This man had accompanied the group when the five sailors had intended to stagger toward another cafe, the "Stommeleire." He had not said anything. He stood leaning on the counter, he smiled, and drank calmly.

The Sixth Man

When Peeters and his new friends parted, the unknown, the sixth man disappeared suddenly.

However, he had not forgotten the Belgian sailor. The following morning, he was there again. During the two next months, he did not leave Peeters out of view.

That is when Peeters became afraid. His fear became even more intense when the mysterious individual told him:

"Shut up or your days are numbered."

A Russian Giant

Peter vividly remembered this Russian whom he had seen on that night at the "Koetsierke" and at the "Stommeleire." A giant of a man, about six feet, powerful, placid, with a red face, heavy eyebrows, curly blond hair, and actually nice and gay.

He could have been between 40 and 45 years of age. He was dressed in the uniform of an officer of the Russian merchant marine, and was obviously the chief of the group because the five sailors drank and sang in accordance with his orders. He also paid for all the drinks.

During one of his spontaneous moments, this "Ivan" had furthermore confessed to Peeters that he was a homosexual and that he wished to become a close friend of his new Belgian friend.

This officer spoke Russian with his companions and French with Peeters. He said that he could speak seven languages to perfection: Russian, French, German, Arab, Spanish, English and American.

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The photograph of the diary of Peeters is reproduced in this space (Translator's Note: The writings of the diary are illegible).

Peeters said:

"On the ship, I used to keep the logbook; that is why I also kept my own diary."

He used to say:

"English and American languages are greatly different. For a foreigner it is quite a performance to be able to speak English like a true American."

"Ivan" had five different passports with five different names. One of these passports was issued by a French Consulate.

He had shown to Peeters a Russian passport issued to Ivan Kutscharenko, born in Kiev.

However, when the Belgian sailor had attempted to take a closer look at the passports, "Ivan" suddenly took them back by saying:

"Do not do that."

His friends also spoke English, but not American. All of them allegedly belonged to the crew of a Russian ship anchored in Antwerp and scheduled to leave for the United States the following morning.

Ivan Kutscharenko, who seemed to be very proud of his rank of officer of the Russian merchant marine, had currencies of various countries: American dollars, German marks, British pounds, and French francs.

What Did Kutscharenko Say

What did Kutscharenko tell to sailor Peeters?

At a certain moment, when he was completely drunk, he decided that the Belgian sailor was his "No. 1 friend" and added that he was very sorry to leave for the United States the following day.

Peeters then made a remark concerning the Russo-American relations.

Thus, Ivan Kutscharenko evoked the dirty war in Vietnam. With a mysterious smile Kutscharenko added:

"We now are in 1963 and, my dear, do you think that the war in Vietnam is about to end. It is altogether stupid. Do you wish me to tell you something? The war in Vietnam is only a beginning, a prologue. It will become much dirtier and more atrocious, not only in Vietnam but also in China and in America."

"Why also in China and in America?"

"Russia Will Remain Neutral"

"The present-day world has three great powers: Russia, the United States, and People's China. We, the Russians, have decided to become the first world power, but we do not wish to go to war.

"We want to induce China and the United States to destroy mutually each other. In order to achieve our plan, it is necessary to widen the Vietnamese conflict into an open war between Peking and Washington."

"Kennedy Is a Pacifist"

While the Russian was talking in this manner, Peeters was agreeing, and thinking about something else. He had a certain sympathy for the big Russian, but he was not interested in politics in the least.

Actually, everyone has nowadays his own little ideas about Vietnam, China, and the United States. That is why, the Belgian sailor replied to his interlocutor:

"You bore me. You had enough to drink. Go back to your ship and sleep. In fact, Kennedy is a pacifist. He will never start a war against Red China."

Ivan remained silent for several minutes. Then, he looked straight at Peeters and whispered:

"Comrade, I am going to tell you something, and it is no farce. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHRISTMAS FOR JOHN KENNEDY... HE WILL BE BURIED LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS..."

Ivan added in an even lower voice:

"And his successor will do exactly what John Kennedy did not want to do; he will widen the war in Vietnam... He will increase the number of Americans in Saigon.... He will bomb Hanoi.... He will provoke China more and more.... Johnson and his friends are looking for war, and that is what we wish.... Kennedy has to disappear from the stage...."

"Ivan, that is altogether stupid."

"However, you can believe me. All is already arranged; all the measures have been undertaken in order to silence the murderer...."

Ivan Kutscharenko's Button

Thus, Ivan Kutscharenko tore off a button from his uniform, gave it to Peeters, and said:

"A souvenir from me. A proof of my friendship...."

As I already mentioned, Peeters remained with his Russian friends until five in the morning. They went to another tavern, the "Stommeleire" to drink.

They parted while staggering and singing. The Russians went to their ship, and Peeters went home by taxi.

The following day, the Belgian sailor was again in the port and saw again the blond athlete whom he had met the night before at the "Koetsierke" and at the "Stommelaire," the man who had watched them.

The man approached Peeters in friendly manner and invited him to take a beer. He spoke French. He was very joyous. He ordered a second beer, and obviously attempted to intoxicate Peeters. He laughed and said:

"Tell me now what did this Russian drunkard say to you last night?"

Peeters replied:

"Oh, all of us were drunk. We spoke like drunkards that is all."

An Insisting Unknown Man

However, the unknown man wanted to know more. He insisted:

"Did the Russian speak about his boat? Why did he show to you his passport? Do you know his name? Did he speak politics with you? What kind of souvenir did he give you?"

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The photograph of a button appears in this space. The caption under the photograph reads:

BUTTON OF THE UNIFORM OF THE MYSTERIOUS IVAN

"What kind of a souvenir did he give you?"

"Why do you wish to know all that? I have nothing to do with that Russian. I do not know him. He was drunk and I was drunk."

"Tell me everything and I will give you a lot of money."

"Money? Why money?"

"Perhaps, you prefer to have difficulties?"

"I do not wish anything. Let me alone." (Translator's Note: The expression in the original is much stronger and obscene).

Peeters continued his story and said:

"I found that all these questions were singular and worrisome. The unknown man bothered me with his questions. I refused to accept his drinks. I told him that my family was waiting for me. I called a taxi. The unknown man followed me in another car to my home."

Peeters Wonders

Peeters was asking himself many questions. What did the blond athlete want from him? Where had he come from? Who was Ivan Kutscharenko? Was Ivan Kutscharenko his real name? Was he a secret agent? And who was the blond athlete?

Above all, the name of Kennedy obsessed Peeters.

What was true in this Kennedy story? Was the American President really a key figure in an international drama? Did the Russians want to eliminate Kennedy because he was a pacifist and because they wanted to see in his place a bellicose Johnson?

Peeters Could No Longer Sleep

It was a terrifying experience for Peeters who concentrated exclusively on Ivan's words. Peeters could no longer sleep.

The following weeks were even more strange.

The blond athlete followed each move of Peeters. Now, Peeters had his shadow. He could see the athlete in the streets, in town, in the port, in the familiar taverns, at the football stadium, etc.

The man was where Peeters was.

From time to time, he addressed Peeters and tirelessly repeated the question what did the Russian tell him and why did Ivan speak so openly?

Tirelessly, Peeters replied the same thing:

"He did not tell me absolutely anything interesting. Do not insist. It does not make any sense."

Then, one day, in the beginning of November, the blond giant became impatient. He became abrupt. He threatened:

"If you know something, shut up. Do you understand?"

Peeters had pains to reply. When he was able to speak, he whispered:

"Actually, I do not know anything. Leave me alone."

The unknown man was gone.

I Kept the Logbook

Peeters said:

"On the ship, I kept the logbook, and that is why I also kept a diary at home. I had written all that Ivan told me and I had written also the fear of the perpetual presence of the unknown man.

"I was exhausted. My life had become a nightmare. I hid my diary because I was persuaded that the foreigner could do anything. I did not sleep any longer. I barely ate. I no longer went out. I did not dare report to the police. I could not ask for anybody's help.

"I was alone with my fears.

"Finally, when I was certain that the foreigner had disappeared, I decided to write a letter to President Kennedy. I wanted to tell him what the Russian had said and to warn him that his life was threatened."

The Letter to Kennedy

We have arrived here at the most important point of the affair.

On November 19, 1963, at 9:00 A.M., Peeters took his letter to the Post Office. He registered it and forwarded it by airmail. He marked that the letter was "strictly personal." The letter was addressed to President J. F. Kennedy, White House, Washington.

The letter was written in French. Peeters wrote that the life of the President was threatened and that a Russian, Ivan Kutscharenko, had told him that.

When the letter was sent, Peeters felt like another man. He had done his duty.

Then, came November 22, 1963; it was barely four days after the sending of the letter.

Peeters and his wife were in their living room looking at television when the shock occurred. The American President was killed in Dallas, Texas. Peeters said:

"I had the impression that I was falling. I was stupefied. The Russian had said the truth. The conspiracy against Kennedy was not invented. At that moment, I realized that I had sent my letter too late."

Cortitude of Conspiracy

Since that time, Peeters has been asking himself various questions: Why did Kennedy ride in an open car? Why did he not take into consideration the letter from Belgium?

It is true that the chiefs of countries receive many letters. However, was not the letter from Belgium of a particular nature?

Maybe the letter arrived in Washington after November 22?

Peeters wanted to recover his letter.

He wrote to the Belgian Postal Service, and received no reply. He then wrote to the Washington Post Office on December 18, 1963.

On January 7, 1964, he received the following reply:

"The letter was delivered to the White House a few days after it had been forwarded." If Peeters wished to get it back, he should contact the Post Office with his receipt.

Peeters had hopes again. In the meanwhile, he had written to Robert Kennedy, the Attorney General of the United States.

On February 6, 1964, he received a letter from the international Postal Administration which astounded him. This letter read as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that the registered letter No. 417 which was mailed on November 19, 1963, was delivered to the White House on November 21. A chief clerk of the President received it."

Peeters thought that the President had then read the letter, since it was registered and personal. However, the President did not read it.

On October 21, 1964, Peeters forwarded a registered letter to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the FBI in Washington. He asked that his letter be returned. He was convinced that his message was now in the hands of the American Secret Service.

On October 30, he received a personal letter from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover who said that he had examined the case but that he had never seen the letter addressed to President Kennedy. He added that he had transmitted a copy of the letter of the Belgian sailor to the chief of the American Secret Service in Washington.

Peeters could never learn what had happened to his letter of warning addressed to the assassinated President.

The Certitudes of the Sailor Peeters

The sailor of Antwerp Peeters was certain of several things.

The conspiracy against John Fitzgerald Kennedy was communist.

The photograph of the receipt of the Post Office of Willebroek of the registered letter of Peeters addressed to President Kennedy appears in this space.

In the beginning of September, 1963, the murder of Dallas had already been prepared in its slightest details.

The truth could not be learned because anyone who was acquainted with the case was definitely neutralized.

The warning letter arrived on time, but the President never read it. Why?

Peeters was aware of the seriousness of his accusations. He told me:

"I risk a great deal.... I also know that my accusations can create difficulties to certain persons. However, the truth has to be told."

Hypotheses

Let us now analyze the declarations of the sailor of Antwerp. In fact, there are three possibilities:

(1) All this affair is merely a story of drunkards. This is not the first time that Ivan, in a state of intoxication, played the role of the secret agent and displayed his pseudo confidential information.

Sometimes, it occurred that incoherent utterings of Ivan become realities.

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Four receipts of registered letters sent by Peeters are reproduced in this space. These letters were sent to:

- the Director of the Central Post Office in Washington,
- Mr. Robert Kennedy, Attorney General, in Washington,
- Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, in Washington,
- Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, in Washington.

All these registered letters were sent from the Post Office of Willebroek.

Some of the predictions of various oracles do come true sometimes. All the rest, the shadowings, the threats, etc., could be the product of the imagination of Peeters.

Nevertheless, according to the receipt of the Post Office dated November 19, 1963, the sailor of Antwerp forwarded a registered letter to President Kennedy; this letter was delivered by the Post Office of Washington, and cannot be found today.

(2) The Russians have "mounted" the assassination of Dallas. Lee Oswald had lived in the USSR. He could have been in league with Soviet agents, and could have been compelled to act.

However, Oswald was pretty well known, precisely because the FBI knew him.

Nevertheless, this does not explain that President Kennedy did not know about the warnings of Peeters, and it does not explain the disappearance of the letter.

It is difficult to believe that the Russian secret services had accomplices in the White House.

(3) The people who are really responsible for the death of Kennedy are not Russians but Americans. Ivan had five passports. Which one of them was the real one, and was there actually a real passport?

Ivan spoke Russian. However, he also spoke American. He pretended that he had disembarked from a Russian ship, but Peeters did not see this ship. Consequently, it is possible that those responsible for the attentat wanted that the Soviets be made responsible for it.

"However, in this case, it would have been logical to publish widely the Red story of Peeters. No such thing happened. Why? There is no reply to this question.

- Therefore, no matter what hypothesis is envisaged, new questions arise. A sailor of Antwerp still meditates continuously about this today. He is convinced that he was mixed in the drama. The historians are still scrutinizing this drama with the hope of uncovering an impossible truth.

s/ Eob Dirix

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REGULAR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
 FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (89-30) -RUC-
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

Re San Diego airtel, 1/9/67, and Bureau airtel
 to Baltimore, Dallas and Seattle, 1/13/67.

RE: Allegation that LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 Associated with JACK RUBY

Enclosed for Bureau are 10 copies and for other
 offices 2 copies of LHM containing results of interview of
 Mrs. LORETTA VIOLET RINGER.

No prior information has been received by Baltimore
 which could be identified with Mrs. DWIGHT BAILEY, WILLIAM
 JOHN RINGER, JR., or LORETTA VIOLET RINGER. No further action
 will be taken by Baltimore UACB.

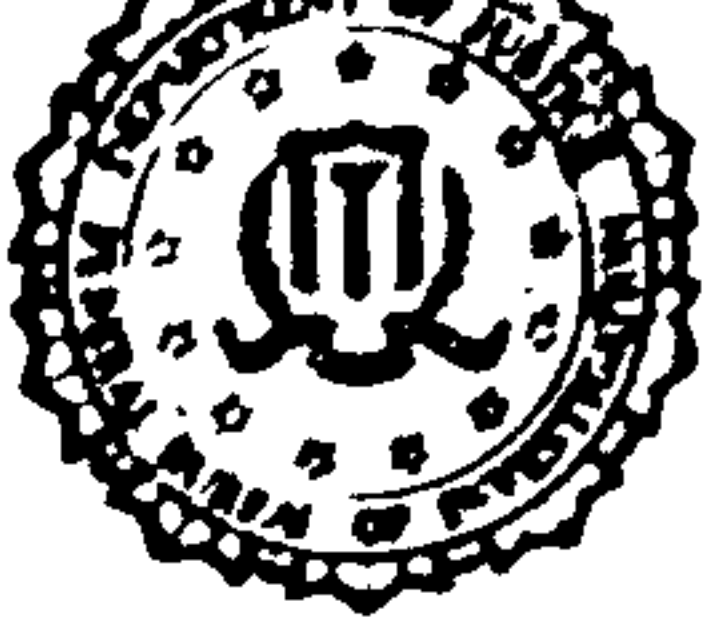
Dallas should endeavor to locate and interview the
 Adolphus Coffee Shop hostess named EVELYN, whose last name
 starts with the letters "SCH," and the busboy concerning the
 incident involving the customer believed by Mrs. LORETTA RINGER
 to have been OSWALD. Specific efforts should be made to
 verify or refute comments of Mrs. RINGER through these and other
 employees of the hotel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 89-30

Baltimore, Maryland

January 18, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

RE: Allegation that LEE HARVEY OSWALD
Associated with JACK RUBY

On January 17, 1967, Mrs. LORETTA VIOLET RINGER, 363 Bigley Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21227, advised that about one year ago she was separated from her husband, WILLIAM JOHN RINGER, JR., and they both left their residence at 64 Schuyler Street, Paradise Hills, San Diego, California. She herself had come to Baltimore to live in her brother's house and she did not know the current whereabouts of her husband. She had separated from him because he was constantly moving around the country as a salesman and refused to stay in any one place.

Mrs. RINGER said that for a period of approximately two years-prior to November, 1963, she had been employed in the Coffee Shop of the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas. After President KENNEDY had been assassinated on November 22, 1963, the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared in a local Dallas newspaper. When she saw this photograph, she felt sure that OSWALD was the same person whom she had served in the Coffee Shop approximately two weeks previously. This was the only occasion on which she had seen this individual and at the time he was not accompanied by anyone and did not indicate that he was staying at the hotel. Mrs. RINGER overheard the individual talking to the Negro busboy at the restaurant and heard him make a reference to 'business associates.' When the individual noticed Mrs. RINGER had heard him say 'business associates', he pretended he was drunk. He also talked to the hostess whose first name was EVELYN and whose last name starts with the letters 'SCH.'

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

EVELYN had been employed at the Coffee Shop for over 10 years and Mrs. RINGER believes she is probably still so employed. She is a white female, approximately 50 years of age, having dark hair and wearing glasses.

Mrs. RINGER said that the customer she referred to had told EVELYN, the hostess, that he owned restaurants and that he wondered if he could engage this dining room for a monthly meeting of about 12 restaurant owners. EVELYN told him that he could but she did not really believe he owned a restaurant or was serious about renting the room.

Mrs. RINGER did not see whether this individual was traveling in an automobile and recalled only that he had left the Coffee Shop through the Adolphus Hotel. This individual was not contacted in the Coffee Shop by JACK RUBY on this occasion and was never noticed by Mrs. RINGER in the Coffee Shop on any other occasion. He had not mentioned JACK RUBY and had not given any indication while in the Coffee Shop he had any knowledge of or association with JACK RUBY.

After Mrs. RINGER saw the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD following the assassination, she mentioned the fact to EVELYN that she believed he had been the one who had spoken to her of engaging the dining room for monthly business meetings. EVELYN did not agree with her and did not believe that it was the same individual.

Mrs. RINGER had mentioned her belief to other employees and to several customers, some of whom commented that she better not talk about it since if there were a gang of them involved in the assassination, Mrs. RINGER could be killed. She said she did not tell the authorities about the incident because so many people at the time said they "saw this, saw that, saw the other," and the authorities would think she was silly and not believe her. She said that at the time she and the other employees of the Adolphus Hotel were talking about the assassination, there were police officers around and about 20 Government agents that she believed to be FBI agents staying at the Adolphus Hotel and that they likely would have heard of the matter and could have already checked it out.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Mrs. RINGER conceded that the individual she had served could have been somebody who looked like OSWALD but she felt that if it was not OSWALD, it was his twin.

Mrs. RINGER said that she had heard at the time that one of the police officers who had come in the Adolphus Hotel had said that after JACK RUBY had shot OSWALD, OSWALD had indicated he had recognized RUBY by making a comment such as "JACK, you SOB," or something similar. She did not know the identity of this police officer or who could furnish his identity.

Mrs. RINGER said that after the assassination and photographs of JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD had appeared in the Dallas newspapers, and she had told her husband about the foregoing incident with a customer at the Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop, he had replied that he had seen OSWALD talking to JACK RUBY at the end of RUBY's Bar prior to the assassination. Mrs. RINGER said that so far as she knew, this was the only time her husband thought he had seen OSWALD associate with RUBY. She knew nothing of any allegation that her husband had seen OSWALD in frequent association with RUBY or in the back office of RUBY's Tavern. She had not heard her husband say that he had seen OSWALD come out of RUBY's office with a package and that he had thereafter observed OSWALD with large sums of money.

Mrs. RINGER stated that after the photograph of RUBY appeared, she recognized him as a customer who had frequently come from his tavern across the street to the Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop. She had not known him by name at that time and had definitely never seen him either there or elsewhere in association with OSWALD.

Mrs. RINGER said she had no other information or evidence of any sort to show any type of association between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

Mrs. RINGER said she realizes that many people have come up with unusual and unbelievable ideas concerning the assassination. She said that she herself has not had any mental illness or any treatment for such condition.

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JAN 19 1967
ENCODED MESSAGE

Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
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THIS DATE TOOTS SHOR, RESTAURATEUR, [REDACTED] ADVISED SA

JAMES L. THORNTON THAT [REDACTED]

[NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA] ADVISED MR. SHOR OF THE FOLLOWING,

JAMES GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW ORLEANS, SINCE THE
ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY HAS HAD FOUR
DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. GARRISON CONTEMPLATES CONDUCTING A
PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE WILL ANNOUNCE THAT THE BULLETS WHICH
KILLED THE LATE PRESIDENT, WERE NOT FIRED FROM OSWALD'S GUN.

HIS SOLUTION IS THAT IT WAS A CUBAN PLOT AND THAT CUBANS
FIRED THE SHOTS THAT KILLED THE LATE PRESIDENT.

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FBI STATED THAT THE CONTEMPLATED PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE
DAMAGING TO THE FBI. [REDACTED] WISHES THAT HIS IDENINTY^{TY} BE PROTECTED AS
THE SOURCE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS.

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Attached reveals District Attorney of New Orleans, James Garrison, contemplates conducting a press conference indicating the bullets that killed President Kennedy were not fired from Oswald's gun and that a Cuban plot was involved. Information previously received indicated Garrison has been interested in the investigation of the assassination and intends to expose errors in the Warren Report. New Orleans informants also reported investigators employed by Garrison have been attempting to develop facts to indicate a conspiracy originated in New Orleans involving Cuban Nationals and Oswald for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy. Rumors circulating in New Orleans indicate Garrison may be a candidate for Lt. Governor in December, 1967, and this may be a method to bring him notoriety. New Orleans will be instructed to follow this matter closely and report all information to the Bureau.

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...HOTEL in town Reno

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

Reno is of a worse than I had imagined. It is practically a satellite of Moscow, China, Cuba etc. The cigarettes, beer & delicates to cause you to induce heart attacks, the food, liquor etc, are aimed in that regard. One of the reasons for a high rate of heart attacks & "Cancer" the entire country, in my opinion is due to an internal Communist takeover with L.B.S. as undoubtedly a Red, Hubert Humphrey, Mike Mansfield, Warren & many many others. I will deal with L.B.S. -

Restrict contact on his way back in 1940
 North route 20,000,000 "honestly"
 Link to Hoffa - Betty Baker
 Betty Baker - many heads will roll if I can't get trial!
 J.F.K. - Probably includes L.B.S. & Hoffa
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 J.F.K. - R.F.K. was out for Hoffa - would
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 heart is hot. It will die, but I don't think it will help

L.B.S. get rid of R.F.K. immediately. Kitzbach into R.F.K.'s
 prison a report of June 1965 - Kitzbach subject for a general
 "Kitzbach" & Kitzbach then elevated to "President" of
 "I will do on" but it will suffice now - Best wishes

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Reno is far worse than I had imagined. It is practically a satellite of Russia, China, Cuba etc. The cigarettes & cigars are adulterated to cause gas to induce heart attacks. The food, liquor etc. are served in two grades. One for us & one for "them." This method, in my opinion is the reason for our high rate of "Heart Attacks" & "Cancer." The entire country, in my opinion is close to an internal "Communist Takeover" without a war. L. E. J. is undoubtedly a Red. Hubert Humphrey, Katzenbach, Mac Namara, Warren & many many others. Without going into multitudinous details, I will deal with L. E. J. -

Restrictive covenant on his land way back in 1940
Worth maybe 20,000,000 "honestly"?

Link to Hoffa - "Bobby Baker"

Bobby Baker. - Many heads will roll if I go to trial!

My Theory - Probably includes LEE. Reason never tried!!

L. E. J. & Hoffa "conspired to assassinate J. F. K because R. F. K was out for Hoffa. Oswald was hired to kill & Ruby was hired to kill him to keep him from talking. Ruby now has "Cancer" because the heat is hot. He will die, but I don't think it will help L. E. J. got rid of R. F. K. immediately. Katzenbach into R. F. K's position. Memo of June 1965 - Bugging subject to approval of "Katzenbach." Katzenbach then elevated to Presidential Advisor I could go on & on but this will suffice for now -

Best wishes

Sid Caplan

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Donald Stevenson Johnson
 3520 San Bernardo
 Laredo, Texas 78040
 % Laredo Courts

12 Jan 1966

The Masonic Brotherhood and Sisterhood

TO: The Masonic Temple
 Washington, D. C.

Sirs and Mesdames:

Being of sound mind in full possession of all my faculties & in good health as confirmed twice in past year & half by PRIVATE medical EXAM I bring to your attention this accusation (of HIGH TREASON and SUBVERSION and presidential death involvement and conspiracy against the voting public of the Nation) against your Brother even though I have never taken the vows to become a Mason. I request this accusation be brought to the personal attention of MASON LYNDON B. JOHNSON through his home lodge in TEXAS.

I, Donald Stevenson Johnson, Lieut. Commander, USNR, 82881, do hereby herin accuse John Edgar Hoover, Birth Date 1 Jan. 1895 a native of the District of Columbia of undermining the Warren Harding administration with the old too consistent and persistent corruption theme so dear to the real communist and I accuse you Brother John of also of knowing involvement in the death of former President the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy (would it not appear weird for an avowed anti-communist Brother John not to maintain bugs or try to, not to wiretap or try to, not to maintain special watch or try to over the late citizenship renuncee who worked in the SOVIET Union and lived there - who married a SOVIET colonel's daughter - who returned to America at a citizen renuncee with a Soviet wife (the SOVIETS do not usually easily readily permit lady citizens to go to other lands in non-official capacity even when married to a non citizen of the USSR) not to maintain surveillances or try to have it done (over an ex-marine by the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD?)

Treason accusation against you Brother John Edgar Hoover

Now my honorary Brother (this I state though I be not a MASON we do have an honorary relation as men of good will) I do hope you realize that a REAL anti-communist would see that citizenship renuncee back from the USSR with the sweet kisses of his SOVIET Colonel's wife would have been closely watched and also that the Secret Service could have been advised of OSWALD'S presence. Brother John is an EXPERT on the act of Deceit or he would certainly not have taken the trouble to author MASTERS OF DECEIT.

I request as your honorary Brother that you give this treason accusation also the widest possible dissemination including your Brother on all administrative levels in the membership & Directorate of the National Presby-

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terian church, The W. District Bar Assn, the Geor, Washington Univer-
sity, the District Security Council, the Employee Union or associations of the
government and the District and the Brotherhood in the Metropolitan Police
Association with all sisterhoods of Brotherhood.

I assure you I am willing to meet your Brother personally before
any of you assembled in good faith to continue this accusation, to discuss it to
reply to any counterclaims or denials and I make these accusations in the name
of the almighty god and for the good of the masonic Brother & sisters of this
nation and throughout the world and I further accuse you Brother John of being an
element of the Dreaded Undercover Communist apparatus and using an avowed
anti-communist front to screen his true identity as an element in the apparatus
in part at least with the following objectives:

1. To Detect the hard vigorous dangerous undercover foes of
the Communist cause. To win the confidence of those foes and take appro-
priate action.

2. To detect difficult elements of the communist cause as
elements not amendable to discipline and publicly discredit them thru sabotaging
them and sabotaging the LIBERAL movement.

3. Using the corruption theme to undermine and destroy the sym-
bol of the Presidency the Congress as per the Bobby Baker case which I think
should be dropped since it undermines the symbolism of the Congress and the
President-elected representatives of the voters of the 50 states of Rhode Island,
Texas, Mass, and there are 47 states which are not being mentioned in this
total such as N. Y., Conn., Cal., Virginia, Md. ---. Further I accuse John
Edgar Hoover of intentionally undermining the republic and public confidence in
Local Police Departments and Forces - in the Masonic movement itself (My
father once a mason, the Descendent of untold generations of Masons since the
days of SOLOMON has told me that the Masons today are not what they were when
he was a young man) undermining MASONRY - - undermining public confidence in
the church and using his associations memberships and Directorate posts as
instruments of SOCIAL sabotage as an element of the Dreaded undercover com-
munists apparatus and in cultivating an ATMOSPHERE of destruction & suspicion
in our LAND.

In the name of the almighty - I am believe me .

Very respectfully

Donald Stevenson Johnson

Lieut. Commander USNR 82881

January 19, 1967

Mr. Paul R. ^XMattix, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple
801 13th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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Dear Brother Mattix:

I have received your letter of January 13th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for bringing this information to my attention. You may be certain I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Fraternally,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with Mattix.

Donald Stevenson Johnson has been

~~REDACTED~~ disclosed Johnson is possibly a mental case and has indicated he wants to travel to communist China.

Information concerning him has been disseminated to the United States Secret Service and other interested Government agencies.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 11, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: EDWARD KERN
EDITOR, LIFE MAGAZINE;
REQUEST TO INTERVIEW BUREAU EMPLOYEE
RE FINDINGS OF WARREN COMMISSION

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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*Assassination of President
John F. Kennedy*

At 11:10 AM on 1/11/67, Bishop in my office received a telephone call from Edward Kern who stated he was an editor for "Life" magazine in New York City, but was calling locally from the National Airport. He advised he was conducting a "long range investigation of the findings of the Warren Commission," and wanted to interview the Bureau Laboratory examiner who had conducted a spectrographic examination of bullet fragments found in the assassination car. He stated he particularly wanted to know if such an examination was made by the examiner and also desired to ask him "technical" questions concerning the examination. He advised that the testimony of SA Robert A. Frazier of the FBI Laboratory as reported in the Warren Commission Report reflects that the spectrographic examination of these bullet fragments had been made, but he was unable to find the Laboratory results in the material available in Archives.

BACKGROUND

A spectrographic examination was made by SA John F. Gallagher of the FBI Laboratory of bullet fragments found in the assassination car, in the head of the President, and in the wrist of Governor Connally. The results of this examination were incorporated into a Laboratory report which was furnished to the Chief of Police at Dallas under date of 11/23/63, with copies designated for the SAC at Dallas. The results of the Laboratory report are incorporated into an investigative report of the assassination submitted by the Dallas Office. The Laboratory examination reflected that the lead metal in all the fragments are similar in composition.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Memo Wick to DeLoach
Re: Edward Kern, Editor, Life Magazine;
Request to Interview Bureau Employee
Re Findings of Warren Commission

ACTION TAKEN:

Kern was advised by Bishop that all investigation conducted by the FBI, as well as all examinations made by the FBI Laboratory, were completely reported to the Warren Commission by the FBI, and therefore it would not be possible for Kern to interview a Bureau Laboratory examiner concerning this. He was advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to "Life" magazine in connection with their investigation into the findings of the Warren Commission.

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Date: 1/18/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (89-47) (RUC)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of
an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Also enclosed are two (2) copies each of the LHM
for Baltimore and Dallas.

LEADS

DALLAS DIVISION
At Dallas, Texas

Will ascertain names of employees and hostess who
were working at Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop at time of assassi-
nation of President KENNEDY and interview them regarding facts
set forth in enclosed LHM.

BALTIMORE DIVISION
At Dundalk, Maryland

Will ascertain from Mrs. LORETTA RINGER the names
of other employees who observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the
Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop.

Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

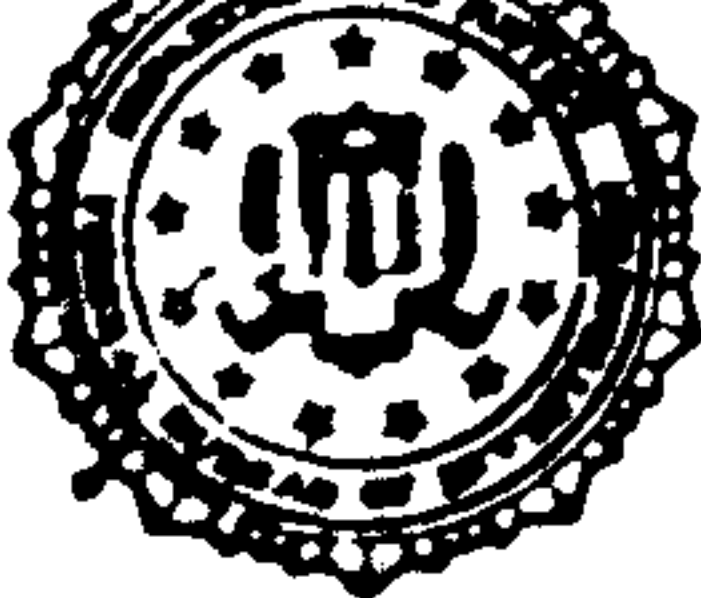
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington
January 18, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

On January 18, 1967, Mr. WILLIAM J. RINGER, Brooks Hotel, 134 East Main Street, Auburn, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, The Boeing Company, Auburn.

Mr. RINGER furnished the following information:

In 1963, he lived in Dallas, Texas, for about two months, then moved to Fort Worth, Texas. At that time, he was living with his wife, LORETTA VIOLET RINGER, who was working at the coffee shop in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. After they moved to Fort Worth, Mrs. RINGER continued working at the Adolphus Hotel and Mr. RINGER would drive her to Dallas to her employment each morning and pick her up each evening at about 10:00 PM.

Mr. RINGER stated that across from the Adolphus Hotel is located the bar, or club, owned by JACK RUBY and another bar, the name of which he does not recall. Occasionally, he would wait for his wife to get off from work in the bar not owned by RUBY, and a couple of times he waited in RUBY's bar. He, on occasion, observed RUBY in his own bar and at the other bar. However, he was not acquainted with him and knew him only by sight and reputation.

Mr. RINGER stated he never, at any time, observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD and, more particularly, never observed him in the company of JACK RUBY nor did he ever make any statements to the effect that he had ever seen JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD together.

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He stated that his daughter, Mrs. DWIGHT BAILEY, is only sixteen years old and at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY, she was thirteen years old and apparently has the facts mixed up as to the discussion of the assassination of President KENNEDY which took place in their home at that time.

In order to straighten out the facts, he related the following conversations which took place between him and his wife:

His wife told him that JACK RUBY frequently came into the Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop where she was employed for approximately one year, and she knew him by sight and name. He does not recall that she ever mentioned the fact that she observed JACK RUBY in the coffee shop in the company of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, nor does he recall that she mentioned the fact she ever saw OSWALD in RUBY's bar.

His wife did tell him that approximately one week before President KENNEDY was assassinated, a man, whose name was unknown at that time and who appeared to have been drinking, came into the coffee shop and in the presence of Mrs. RINGER, the coffee shop hostess and another waitress, pulled out a large sum of money and stated he wanted to rent the coffee shop to have a party for some of his friends. The man stated he knew several big businessmen around town and that he had a big deal going. After showing the money, he made a remark that there was more where that came from, indicating the money. When the employees asked him about the money and his association with these businessmen, he suddenly stopped talking.

Mr. RINGER also stated she had observed this man around the same period of time in the coffee shop alone. Mr. RINGER does not recall on how many occasions he was observed alone, but his wife stated that she and another waitress had waited on this man.

After President KENNEDY was assassinated, the hostess, Mrs. RINGER and the other waitress recognized LEE HARVEY OSWALD as being the man who was in the coffee shop with the large amount of money and who was in the coffee shop on occasion by himself.

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERAL KENNEDY

Mr. RINGER stated these facts were never reported to any authorities because his wife and the other employees of the coffee shop were afraid of RUBY because of his reputation as a rough man. He left this matter up to his wife and the other employees as to whether or not it would be reported.

Mr. RINGER stated he has forgotten some of the details of the conversation with his wife, but he was sure she would remember. He stated he does not know his wife's home address, that they are presently separated. However, his wife works at the Chesapeake Furniture Store in Dundalk, Maryland, and can be contacted there or she can be contacted through their daughter, Mrs. LORETTA MARTIN at 3439 Sollers Point Road, Dundalk, Maryland.;

Mr. RINGER further advised that in order to pinpoint the location of the bar where he frequently waited for his wife, it was located next to a garage. He stated there are three bars across the street from the Adolphus Hotel: one, as previously mentioned, next to the garage; the second being JACK RUBY's bar, which is located on a second floor; and the third is a private club.