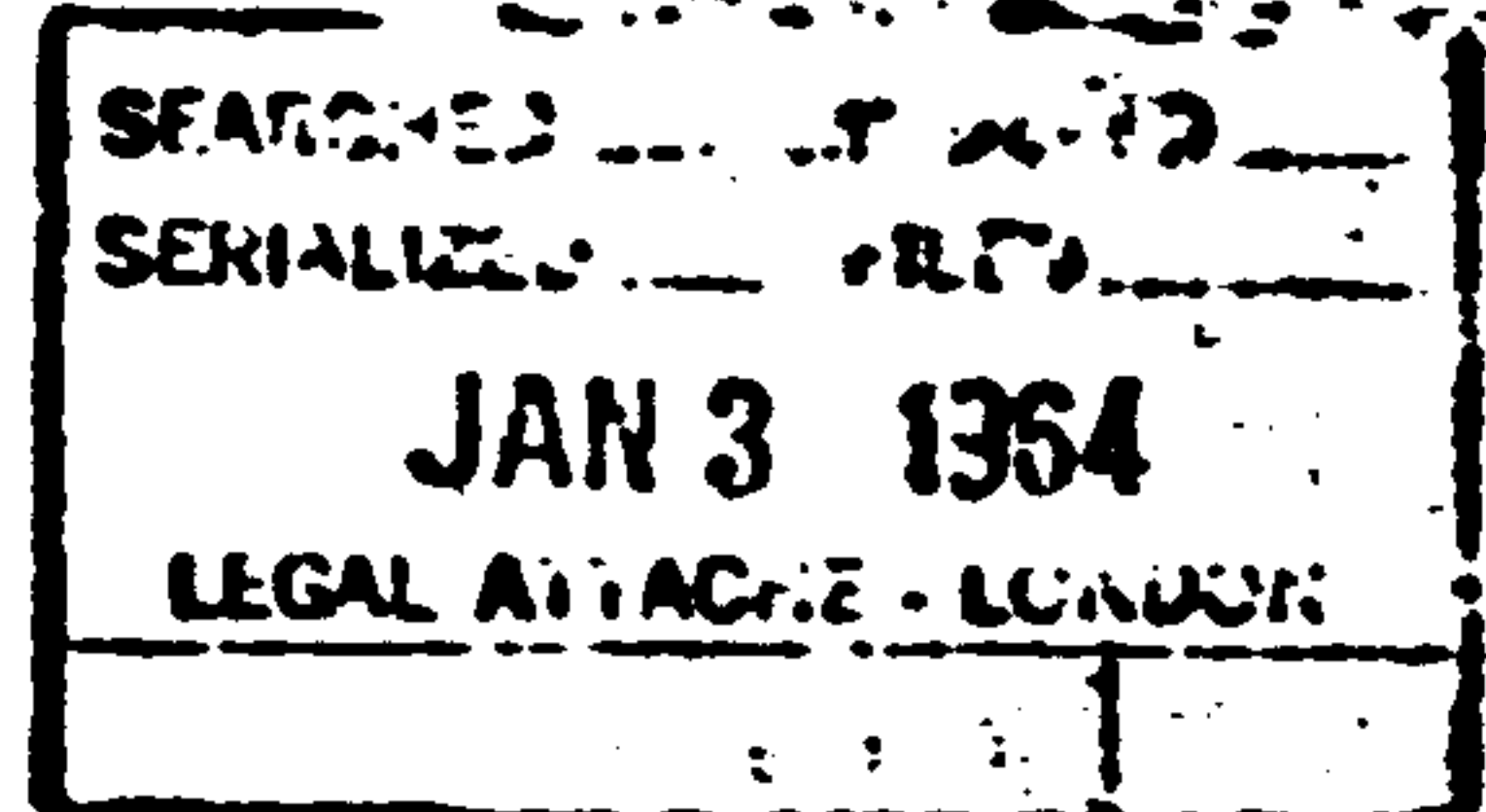


Thomas Ker & Co  
c/o J. J. Jellison Hotel  
Queen's Terrace  
Southampton  
England

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1963.

To: Officer J. J.  
United States  
of America,  
Consulate,  
Queen's Terrace,  
Southampton,  
England.



Dear Sir,  
Just before I sailed  
in the Pictoria Castle, Monbaste  
Line, Southampton  
I went in to a Public Bar, in  
be Ford Street, Southampton, for a  
bit of Beer.  
As I was standing at the Bar,  
...

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There was a American Seaman  
looking at the photo of ship  
the Will. He got into conversation  
with me, about ships.  
The subject was the Blue Rib  
ships of the Atlantic.

Of course, I said, the Queen Mary,  
the Queen Elizabeth, the S.S. America,  
and the S.S. United States were  
in line, to sail to the United  
States, the liner ship would  
win by four.

He was friendly enough and he got  
to mention the United States

President John Kennedy  
The exact words he said was  
that Ray Boy Kennedy  
will be shot soon.

What was many weeks before  
President Kennedy was shot  
I will be this letter to you  
let you know did he know that  
President Kennedy was to be  
shot.

There was an American ship  
in Southampton at the time  
I am a Steward on the  
Pretoria Lantle and the  
ship, took on the 29th Dec 63  
at Southampton  
Should you want to see me, I  
stay at the above address in  
Southampton.

I am

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Ken Smith

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I do not know if this  
Information, means anything,  
or not.

I know, this much that a  
"Sailor" respects another  
"Sailor", in any part of the  
World, and John Kennedy  
was a Real Sailor, and  
officer in the Navy.  
He was a Good Man  
for the Country

K. Smith

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For the attention of Caecilie J. Brano

REMARKS:

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**FRANCIS LEDERER**

BOX 22  
CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA

December 6, 1963

Mr. Robert Kennedy  
4700 Chane Bridge Road  
McClellan, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Knowing that every clue to the assassination of our beloved President has been thoroughly investigated by experienced departments, I nevertheless take the liberty to relate a conversation which took place a few days ago between a friend of mine and myself.

Though this friend might have been misinformed, he mentioned the fact that the President's tour through Dallas which led the motorcade past the unfortunate building from which the assassination was committed, was re-routed unexpectedly, and in any case, the question was raised as to how Oswald, at the time he applied for the job in that building, could have known that the President's tour was to go that way.

If the assumption is correct, that at the time of Oswald obtaining the job, the route of the President was not generally known, then the question must be raised - how did Oswald obtain that information? The answer to this question might shed a light upon the mystery of the so-called "lone" killer.

Please forgive this presumption. It is prompted, I assure you, by the most profound shock and indignation most of us have experienced through the tragedy that has befallen you and your family.

Devotedly yours,

*Francis Lederer*

Francis Lederer,  
Honorary Mayor, Canoga Park

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FRANCIS LEDERER

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Mr. Robert Kennedy  
4700 Chane Bridge Road  
McLean, Virginia

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January 13, 1964

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Mr. Francis Lederer  
Box 32  
Canoga Park, California

*Occurrence*

Dear Mr. Lederer:

*Accident*  
*F. Kennedy*

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of December 6th. I appreciate your kindness in writing me.

The suggestion you mentioned has been passed along to the investigating authorities for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11-22-63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bulet to Dallas 1-14-64.

By Bulet to San Antonio 12-27-63, San Antonio was requested to submit a revised letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, containing information pertaining to JACK NICHOLAS/PAYTON and EUGENE ALPHONSUS O'DOHERTY.

By San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 1-2-64, a revised letterhead memorandum was submitted by the San Antonio Office dated 1-2-64.

Referenced Bulet instructed that the letterhead memorandum submitted by the San Antonio Office dated 12-11-63 be disseminated to Secret Service locally. However, in view of the fact that a revised letterhead memorandum was submitted by San Antonio dated 1-2-64, the latter has been disseminated to Dallas Secret Service together with the report of SA ROBERT GEMBERLING dated 12-18-63.

One copy of this communication being furnished San Antonio and Cincinnati in view of their previous interest this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (62-109060)
- 1 - San Antonio (89-67)(info)
- 1 - Cincinnati (62-2758)(info)
- 1 - Dallas (89-43)

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**AIRTEL**

To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY, 11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Reurairtel 1-14-64, furnishing corrections  
to the Dallas report of SA Robert F. Gemberling  
dated 12-18-63.

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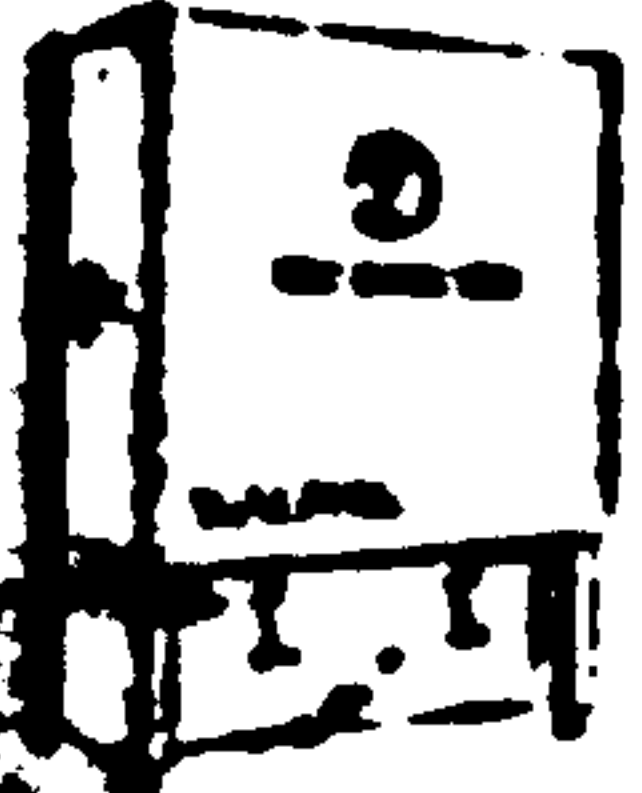
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December 4, 1963

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of an article, supposedly an address delivered by an Attorney Richard Ely, on the night of our Beloved President's funeral. It is hard for me to believe that an educated man could have such beliefs, to think that he would try to inflame his listening audience into believing his political philosophy.

This is the sort of thing that creates hatred and misunderstanding, and could very well be the reason behind President Kennedy not being alive today. I think the F.B.I. should know about this individual. You will notice that in the last paragraph of the article one man had the courage to condemn the speaker.

Respectfully,

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES, INC.

*R.W. Dreher*

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President

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## Lawyer: JFK Was 'Tyrant'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (AP) — Attorney Richard Ely told a (White) Citizens Council meeting Monday night President Kennedy "died a tyrant's death."

About half the more than 30 persons attending the session walked out after the speech by Ely, president of the Memphis Citizens Council.

"I pray to God the new President will not be as intolerant and demanding as the late president was," Ely said.

One unidentified man in the audience said from the floor: "All I have heard tonight is hate. You can go far enough to the right to cross us the rest. I condemn you. This is not democracy."

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December 4, 1963

Attorney Richard Ely  
President of Memphis City Council  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ely:

I read a portion of the speech that you delivered in Nashville calling our beloved President a tyrant.

What I cannot understand is how an apparently educated man could make such a remark and call himself an American. If you have such strong rightist beliefs, how can you live in a Democratic Country.

I am writing you this letter and I am gravely disappointed to think that we have such people as you in the United States, and it is my personal opinion that spreading this kind of false accusation, creating bigotry and misunderstanding, is perhaps one of the reasons that our beloved President John Fitzgerald Kennedy is not with us today.

I should think you would bow your head in shame!

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES, INC.

R.H. Dreher  
President

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Mr. R. W. Dreher  
President  
American Industries, Inc.  
5614-16 V. est 36th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

Dear Mr. Dreher:

Your letter to the President, with enclosures, was referred to this Bureau on January 9th and I want to thank you for bringing this material to the attention of the Federal Government. You may be assured that this data will be made a matter of record in the files of this Bureau.

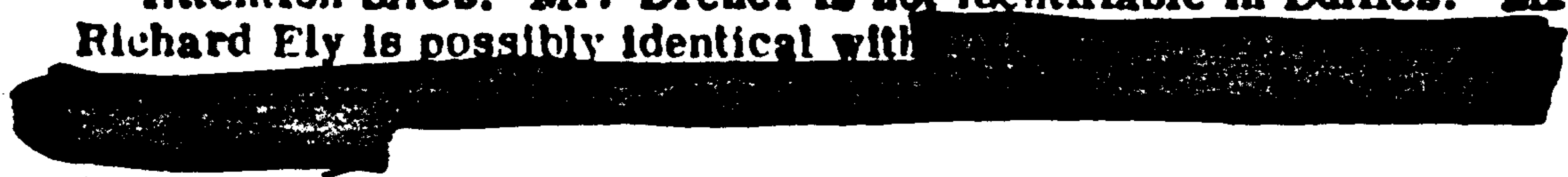
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SACs: Mr. Dreher is not identifiable in Bufiles. Mr. Richard Ely is possibly identical with



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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (94-278) -RUC-

Mrs. MARK E. MARTIN  
HOMINY, OKLAHOMA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 1/17/64

*Documentation  
President Johnson  
The Sunday*

*5-11-64*

Re Bureau airtel 1/7/64.

Mrs. MARK E. MARTIN, residing on State Highway 99 approximately two miles north of Hominy, Oklahoma, was contacted on 1/10/64 by SA JACK H. BALES and advised her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH had been referred to the FBI on 1/6/64. She was advised that pursuant to instructions of President JOHNSON, FBI reports concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD have been forwarded to the Attorney General and to the Presidential Commission, which Commission will study all information regarding the matter and make any public report which is made. Appreciation of her interest was expressed and she was advised the Bureau is unable to assist her since any public dissemination of information pertaining to this investigation rests with the Commission.

Mrs. MARTIN identified the photograph mentioned in her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH as the one appearing in the 12/14/63 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" on the lower portion of page 25. The small figure to which she referred is located just over the stars in the U. S. flag on the Presidential limousine.

Oral acknowledgement of her letter of 1/2/64 was made.

Mrs. MARTIN displayed during the interview an antagonistic attitude toward the Bureau and appeared to be mentally disturbed. In support of SA BALES's observations, concerning Mrs. MARTIN, the

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*E. Thompson*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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following detail concerning SA BALES contact with Mrs. MARTIN is set forth:

Mrs. MARTIN, after asking SA BALES, into the home approximately 6:45 p.m., was exhibited credentials. She asked what right Agent had to come into her home and question her. Agent replied he was not there to question her. At that time she interrupted and said, "You asked me my name, didn't you?" She was advised Agent was there in reply to her letter and she indicated she did not want a personal interview, that if that was what she wanted she would have gone to Washington, D. C. She was advised that she did not have to discuss anything with Agent if she did not desire, but that his only interest was to further identify a photograph she had mentioned in her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH. She desired to see the letter prior to discussing it, and the copy furnished with referenced airtel was exhibited to and examined by her.

During the course of the following conversation, she asked Mr. HOOVER's age, asked why he had never married, and asked if Agents still had to have their hands "swabbed" before they shook hands with him. To the latter question SA BALES said he had never heard of such a preposterous thing. Concerning Mr. HOOVER's age and marital status SA BALES had the impression Mrs. MARTIN was trying to provoke an argument and SA BALES did not feel that her comments were worthy of a reply.

She identified the photograph in question by requesting her daughter to secure it, saying she certainly did not have photo rights to it as probably 35 million copies had been published. The daughter exhibited a copy of "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of 12/14/63, opened to page 25, and Mrs. MARTIN pointed out the picture on the lower portion of that page as the one to which she referred.

She first stated she did not recall addressing a letter to the Bureau, then stated she did not consider a letter to the Bureau of enough importance to remember it. She then commented she desired a signed reply, as the previous letter had not been signed by Mr. HOOVER in person but by someone else for him. She was advised that all information



developed by the Bureau regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY and the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, would be furnished the Presidential Commission, which Commission would make any public report. She was further advised the files of the Bureau cannot be made public, and the Bureau is prohibited to make public information in its possession.

Several times while advising her that information would be furnished by the Bureau for the Presidential Commission, she interjected comments such as "All?" "All of it?"

She requested and was furnished Agent's name and credential number at the close of the interview. The credentials were also exhibited to the daughter who wrote down the name and number.

Mrs. MARTIN was quite obvious in her efforts to secure comments from Agent of a controversial nature.

She was thanked for her interest and the interview was terminated.

No further action is being taken by this office.

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Date: 1/14/64

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Via ~~AIRTEL~~

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: Dallas)

RE: WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum and for Dallas 3 copies regarding the above captioned individual. One copy is being furnished to U.S. Secret Service, New Orleans, La.

There is no information in New Orleans files which could be identified with WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER.

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2-New Orleans

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Approved: 61/Jan 22 1964  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
January 14, 1964

WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

On December 20, 1963, Mr. Miles Johnsen, 117  
Ridgemount, San Antonio, Texas, advised a Special Agent  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been  
visiting a relative, Willard Courville, in Sunset,  
Louisiana. While in Sunset, he had heard that a few  
days before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated,  
a man who was a salesman, called at the Western Auto Store  
in Sunset and told Mabry Romero, the manager of the store,  
that they had originally planned to "get Kennedy" in New  
Orleans in March of this year, but that it was raining  
and the bubble was up in the car.

On December 21, 1963, Mr. Mabry Romero, 110  
Dolores Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, employed as the  
manager of the Western Auto Store, Sunset, Louisiana,  
advised that in the early part of 1963 Walter Schneider  
who is a sales representative for the Pioneer Gen-E-Motor  
Corporation, 5841-39 Dickens Avenue, Chicago 39, Illinois,  
and who operates the Schneider Lawn Supply, 3101 Banks  
Street, New Orleans, had visited the Western Auto Store  
in Sunset in an effort to sell some lawn mowers. During  
conversation with Schneider, Romero stated that Schneider  
had been very critical of President John F. Kennedy.  
Schneider advised that he was from Mississippi and was  
very bitter about what had happened at Oxford, Mississippi,  
and stated that Kennedy should leave Mississippi alone and  
do something about Cuba. He stated that he belonged to an  
organization and that "they" could just pull a name out and  
have a man killed. Schneider said that they had "missed  
him" (referring to Kennedy) at New Orleans and Romero  
stated that he got the impression that "they" had planned  
to kill him while he was in New Orleans.

Romero stated he did not believe that Schneider

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WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

had stated why they did not "get him" and had not indicated that they planned to try to do anything to Kennedy in the future. Romero advised that Schneider did not mention the identity of the organization he had referred to.

Romero advised that after the assassination of President Kennedy he had thought about Schneider's remarks and connected the fact that Schneider was from New Orleans and that Lee Harvey Oswald had resided in New Orleans with the fact that Jack Ruby was from Chicago and the company that Schneider represented was from Chicago and he thought that perhaps there was some connection with the statements made by Schneider with the assassination of President Kennedy.

On December 21, 1963, Mr. Wilbert Leger, Route #1, Box 15, Sunset, Louisiana, who is employed at the Western Auto Store, Sunset, Louisiana, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been present when Schneider had visited the store in the early part of the year and had heard him make some statement regarding President John F. Kennedy. He stated that about two weeks ago Schneider had again called on the store that sells lawn mowers and he had said to Schneider that he was a good prognosticator, referring to President Kennedy's assassination. Schneider said, "It had to happen sooner or later, you just can't expect to keep pushing people around." Schneider said that Kennedy had lived a violent life and had died violently. Schneider said that he spoke and preached against communism "all the time."

On January 6, 1964, Mr. Walter Joseph Schneider, 880 Pontalba Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and owner of Schneider's Lawn Supply Company, 3424 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he never told anyone that he belonged to an organization that could just pull a name out and have a man killed. He said he never told anyone that they had missed President Kennedy at New Orleans during his visit here, nor did he ever state that "they" had planned to kill President Kennedy in New Orleans.

Schneider advised that he is a manufacturer's

WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

representative for Pincor, of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the only organization that he belongs to is the Citizen's Council, 509 Delta Building, New Orleans; Benevolent Knights of America, New Orleans; Catholic Knights of America, Metairie; Disabled American Veterans, John April Chapter, Metairie; and American Legion, Brunner Post, 5518 Magazine Street, New Orleans.

The following information and description of Schneider was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Walter Joseph Schneider
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	7/15/20
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	5'11"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Military Service	Veteran, Air Force, World War II (SN 18134025)
Marital Status	Married, wife Harriet Latour
Children	Walter, Jr., age 16 Susan Elizabeth, age 11 Kevin Peter, age 4 months

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