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TITLE OF CASE <b>ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS</b>		Report made by <b>SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING</b>	Typed By <b>ds</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING</b>	

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**REFERENCES:**

Reports of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, 12/18/63, 3/30/64, and 5/15/64, at Dallas.

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**ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU:**

Enclosed herewith and attached to appropriate copies of this report for the Bureau are three photographs of Exhibit D-212.

Two copies of this exhibit are listed as enclosures for the President's Commission in the body of this report with those copies being attached to the copies of the report that are designated as President's Commission copies.

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LEADS:

All leads in this case have been set forth by teletype or airtel and are not being restated herein.

NEW ORLEANS AND SAN ANTONIO: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished each of the New Orleans and San Antonio Offices for information in view of extensive investigation conducted in those Divisions.

IDENTITIES OF SOURCES CONCEALED:

The identities of sources who requested their identities not be divulged, mentioned on certain pages in this report, are identified as follows:

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The information from the records of the Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Henderson, Texas, on page 34, was made available by [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

In connection with this report, it should be borne in mind that the Dallas Office has a separate case in connection with

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the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD captioned "JACK L. RUBY, aka.; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. (Deceased) - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS," Dallas file 44-1639, Bureau file 44-24016.

It is also pointed out that the Dallas Office has a separate case captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.; INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA," Dallas file 100-10461, Bureau file 105-82555.

Numerous communications have been received bearing the assassination caption (instant case) which contain information concerning OSWALD and/or his connection with the assassination, and such communications are being filed and reported in the case bearing the OSWALD caption. For the most part, miscellaneous allegations bearing on the assassination are reported in instant case and all others in the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case. All information pertaining to items of evidence in connection with the assassination related to OSWALD are being reported under the LEE HARVEY OSWALD caption.

The overlap in the period of this report with that of previous reports in this matter was occasioned by the fact that material with respect to certain allegations was withheld until such time as the complete resolving of the particular allegation could be included in one report. Also, much of the information contained in this report originated with other offices.

The contents of this report merely reflect those allegations which, in the opinion of the Dallas Office, have been resolved completely. Numerous other allegations are under investigation or the Dallas Office is awaiting receipt of appropriate FD-302's and inserts and, upon receipt of same, another report will be submitted in instant caption.

Every effort has been made by the Dallas Office to review the numerous allegations for purposes of determining if

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they have been sufficiently resolved, recognizing this report will be disseminated to the President's Commission. However, some of the complaints included are so nebulous it is difficult to determine what, if any, investigation can be conducted to resolve such allegations. In each instance every effort has been made to conduct whatever investigation was believed logical. It is felt that any additional investigation into the potential for harming the President with respect to any of the individuals mentioned should lie within the jurisdiction of the U. S. Secret Service; however, it is felt that no matter how nebulous the information available may be the Bureau should include such information herein.

No T symbols were used in instant report, but where it was necessary to conceal the identity of the source of the information in the details, such source is identified as reflected above.

Where investigation has previously been reported in connection with a particular allegation mentioned in this report, the identity of the report where such other investigation is reflected is set forth. In such instances where the title of such reports differs from instant report the title of such report is also set forth.

In some instances, information contained in this report was compiled by other offices from information previously submitted via letterhead memorandum and, therefore, the date of dictation reflected on the FD-302's may be longer than the usual five days.

No local dissemination of this report is being made pending receipt of instructions from the Bureau to the effect that such report may be disseminated to the U. S. Secret Service at Dallas, Texas.

It is suggested that in view of the fact that considerable information is set forth regarding persons who may

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have made threatening remarks or statements, the Bureau may desire to disseminate a copy of this report on a national level to the U. S. Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

Office: DALLAS

Date: June 19, 1964

Field Office File No.: 89-43

Bureau File No.: 62-109060

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

Character: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis:

During course of captioned investigation numerous allegations have been received concerning persons other than the alleged assassin, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and logical investigation has been conducted in each instance in an effort to resolve such allegations.

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ENCLOSURES: TO PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION:

Enclosed for the President's Commission are two copies of the following described exhibit, together with information as to where the results of investigation concerning such exhibit are reflected:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Where Results of Investigation Reported</u>
D-212 (Q578)	Envelope postmarked "ST. THOMAS ONTARIO 6 PM 27 IV 1964" bearing handwritten address "F. B. I. Dallas, Texas, US.A," and accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "The people of US. have..." and ending "...yours by a friend of Kennedy"	Instant report, pages 18-21

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**DETAILS:**

This report contains the results of investigation concerning allegations made against numerous other persons other than the alleged assassin of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

For the most part, the allegations reflected herein do not pertain to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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RE: A. NANET ADAMS

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NY 105-38431

By letter dated December 2, 1963, the following information was directed to "Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, United States Attorney General, Justice Dept., Wash. D. C." by one Miss A. NANET ADAMS, 41-15 45th Street, Long Island City, New York:

"Dear Mr. Attorney General,

"I have some facts concerning our late President's assassination. I hesitated taking this matter to the 'proper' agency, as on a previous occasion I was rebuffed and intimidated.

"If this is of interest to you, would you be kind enough to give me a private hearing?

"Respectfully,

"(Miss) A. Nanet Adams"

On December 17, 1963, Miss A. NANET ADAMS, 41-15 45th Street, Long Island City, New York, was contacted at her residence by SAS ROGER H. LEE and MAURICE H. LAUZIERE. When responding to the knock on the door, Miss ADAMS was advised of the identity of the Agents. She immediately closed the door but reopened it a few moments later and slipped a handwritten note outside which read, "This apartment is tapped. May I see you outside?"

After approximately twenty minutes, Miss ADAMS joined the Agents in the entry way to the apartment building. She immediately demanded to know why the Agents had knocked on her door. When she was advised that the Agents knocked so that she would be aware of the fact that someone wanted to speak to her, she replied that she instinctively knows when anyone wants to see her.

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Miss ADAMS stated that she did write a letter to the Attorney General on December 2, 1963, and in this letter she stated that she had information concerning the President's assassination. She advised the Agents that she would not furnish this information to anyone except the Attorney General. When asked what type of information she had, she stated that it was information she had obtained while "looking out the window at dusk".

Miss ADAMS stated that her apartment was "tapped" by local, state and federal authorities because of the highly sensitive nature of the information she had in her possession. She refused to furnish any additional information and the interview was terminated.



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Re: FRANK C. AKERS

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The President's Commission, by letter dated June 1, 1964, furnished the FBI at Washington, D. C., a telegram dated May 22, 1964, forwarded to the President's Commission by the Department of Justice, which telegram was from FRANK C. AKERS, 4740 Richard, Fort Worth, Texas, which stated, "I wish to testify before Warren Commission." *B. APPIN. 1972*

The files of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect that on November 13, 1963, FRANK AKERS, 4740 Richard, Fort Worth, Texas, appeared at the Fort Worth Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was interviewed by SA B. TOM CARTER. On that occasion, AKERS stated that he was employed as a civilian at the Army Reserve Headquarters in Fort Worth from November 1961, to January 1963, at which time he was discharged for inefficiency. He stated that in about December 1962, a fellow employee at the Army Reserve Center gave him a cup of coffee and, that after drinking some of this coffee, he became very weak. He stated he poured the rest of the coffee into a container and he exhibited same to SA CARTER at the time of this interview.

AKERS requested that the FBI analyze the contents of the coffee. AKERS was advised that the FBI had nothing to do with employer-employee relationships and that this was a matter that should be discussed with the Civil Service Commission and not the FBI.

AKERS continued that he had held numerous jobs and had been fired from most of them. He stated that on most occasions he had made complaints about fellow employees or the quality of the work being performed by employees, and that the supervisors apparently did not appreciate his efforts.

From personal observation, the following description of AKERS was obtained:

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Age	Approximately 46
Race	White
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Married
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Gray and short
Occupation	Airplane mechanic

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Date 6/4/64

FRANK C. AKERS, 4740 Richard, admitted sending a telegram to the Department of Justice in May 1964, stating that he wished to testify before the President's Commission. He stated that now he does not think he should have sent the telegram because he cannot furnish any information concerning the assassination of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY, and cannot furnish any information concerning OSWALD or RUBY.

AKERS stated that he sent the telegram because he wanted to discuss with the President's Commission the security aspects of the United States in general as it applies to both the civilian employees of the Government and military. AKERS said he has nothing specific, but from what he has seen as a former Government employee and the people with whom he has talked, it is his opinion that too many people in the Government are doing as they please and not doing the job they are hired to do.

He mentioned a recent newspaper article where a Houston, Texas, newspaper reporter allegedly purchased Government property stolen by servicemen.

AKERS is a veteran of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945. [By his own admission, he has been an alcoholic and member of the Alcoholics Anonymous for the past 19 years. In 1948 he received psychiatric treatment from the Veterans Administration for three or four months, and was diagnosed as a chronic alcoholic. He indicated he has been 'dry' for the past 11 years.]

By his own admission, AKERS has a bad reputation in that he has lost several jobs and he admitted that he was at fault a lot of the time because he had a "hot" temper.

AKERS' last job was with the United States Army Reserve, 300th Aviation Company, Fort Worth, Texas, as a civilian employee. He was discharged approximately January 1,

Fort Worth  
on 6/3/64 at (Forest Hills), Texas File # DL 89-43  
by Special Agent MALON LUCAS JENNINGS/ds Date dictated 6/4/64

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1963, for not doing his job; specifically, his failure to order parts and inspect parachutes. He appealed his case and has heard nothing more.

AKERS said that another reason that he sent the telegram was because at his former employment with the Army Reserve he felt no attention was paid to security of the premises, such as allowing unauthorized persons to have access to the premises, to come and go as they please.

AKERS advised that he had previously contacted the FBI regarding what he believed were certain irregularities at his former employment, the Army Reserve.

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RE: ANNETTE ALLARD

The following supplements the information appearing on page 3 of the report of SA BIRL WILSON dated December 2, 1963, at Buffalo, New York, in the case captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD, INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA. It should be noted the information appearing in the report of SA WILSON was furnished to SA ROBERT SNOW, United States Secret Service of Buffalo, New York, on November 23, 1963.

THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO  
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

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SECRET SERVICE

REFERRAL

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Re: OHLIN LESTER ALTMAN, ALSO  
KNOWN AS JACK ALTMAN



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On December 30, 1963, Mr. ROBERT J. CARTER, Georgia State Board of Corrections, Atlanta, Georgia, provided SA JOSEPH F. AYERS with a letter he received from O. L. "JACK" ALTMAN, General Delivery, Corpus Christi, Texas. The text of the letter is as follows:

"To Warden Hoke Smith, at this Yuletide Season:

"The Bible tells us, if we have Faith the size of a mustard seed, mountains will be removed, even Stone Mountains.

"To you with the hardened heart (if you have any at all) toward humanity, and especially with the victims under your Iron Fist, may I say, that it is my earnest Prayer, that my God who is more powerful, than even you, will deal with you JUSTLY, and bring down on you the same misery you force on some men in your Prison Walls. While you as a free man, are enjoying the Christmas Spirits, or your bottled spirits, may He cause you to stop for a second and think about the souls you have deliberately denied even a mere few kind words at this the Yuletide Season. Leaving those that might be a little more Reverend than you might be, with only the Joy of knowing they have a Heavenly Father who is beside them. To keep the records straight, let us assume that you, as in similar occasions, seldom have the time to think of Christ who died on that horrible tree, and to think that He died there, and shed his blood for all men, the good and the bad. Yes, he shed his life blood for even you and your kind, that continue to deal out misery on such a broad scale.

"If your inmates should revolt against the treatments they have forced upon them, as is so wide spread across your state, I do hope you will be one that will be as mistreated as the ones you manage. If there should ever be such a thing as a prison riot break loose behind your walled city, I do hope you get the blunt of it.

"My daily Prayers are in Jack Bass's behalf, and not yours. For the punishment idea that you passed upon, to make him another of the FORGOTTEN MEN by stopping

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"him from any outside contact with the world. You - Hope Smith, passed that sentence on Jack Bass. And my Daily Prayers are always as a request that God, who has more power than you, will not forget that man, and will make some way for him to KNOW the truth about WHO was the one that really let him down - his captor. Even though I have tried to the limit to put across an appeal to the, so called, Christian Pastors around Georgia, for the small moral favor to help get that man word as to what has been dished out from you to him. But alas, in this present day, it takes more than a hundred such pleas to the Modern day preachers, to find even one, who is willing to lift his hand in any way to correct such a horrible condemnation as you have brought upon one under your boot heel.

"Even though I am aware that you possibly hide behind the probable fact, of perhaps having your name written on some Church Book, and also behind the excuses and alibis that you are surely familiar with, none of that really gives you a pardon for your cruel actions. May God have mercy on your soul. As a gentle reminder, may I cite to you, that my solemn Prayer was answered, when I asked my Father to step in and prevent John Kennedy from stooping to step onto the platform of the leftist N.C.C. due Dec. 3rd. And I have not felt bad about the method He did choose. To HIM goes my praise.

"/s/ O. L. 'JACK' ALTMAN  
"/t/ O. L. 'Jack' Altman

"P.S.

"Every time I show those Billfolds, that Bass entrusted with me, I say a silent prayer that God show him the light, regardless of the precautions you take to prevent him from knowing the truth."

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RE: OHLIN LESTER/ALTMAN,  
also known as  
Jack Altman

DP 1-12-3-21  
ALTMAN, T. J.

The files of the FBI, Houston, Texas, contain the following information regarding ALTMAN:

On February 28, 1961, an individual using the name of O. L. ALTMAN, 308 Rio Grande, Victoria, Texas, telephonically contacted the headquarters of the FBI in Washington, D.C., and stated he was President of the local anti-communist group. He stated the Police Department had caught two men at the city reservoir who were obviously communists trying to poison the city. He pointed out that the Police Department had not followed through properly and that the FBI should handle this "sabotage case."

On March 15, 1961, Chief of Police ELMA ANDERSON was contacted to determine whether or not he had any knowledge of an attempt to poison the waterworks at Victoria, Texas. He stated during World War II, two individuals were found climbing up on the waterworks and a rumor got out they were attempting to poison the water; however, he stated there was no basis for this rumor.

On March 15, 1961, Mr. F. C. URBAN, Vice President, Victoria Bank and Trust Company, Victoria, stated he knew ALTMAN and ALTMAN considered himself to be a communist hunter, and he, URBAN, considered ALTMAN "a little off" along that line.

On July 25, 1962, Mr. A. G. SCHWARTZ, County Attorney, Lavaca County, advised the Hallettsville Sheriff's Office that ALTMAN was spreading seditious and slanderous literature concerning the President, Vice President, and other prominent people.

On August 16, 1962, SCHWARTZ advised that ALTMAN had been living in Hallettsville for approximately a year and was engaged in the furniture repair business. He said ALTMAN had been publishing and distributing all kinds of

literature in that community; anti-communist, anti-Catholic, anti-religious, and all kinds of charges against county officials and prominent people. Mr. SCHWARTZ exhibited a letter addressed to Mr. JULIUS MIKULENKA, Hallettsville, Texas, which letter made certain allegations against Mrs. JOHN KENNEDY, wife of the President, and which reflected on the character of Mrs. KENNEDY.

Mr. MIKULENKA was contacted and advised that he believed ALTMAN is the one who addressed the letter to him although it does not bear his signature and has no return address.

Mr. SCHWARTZ furnished the following description of ALTMAN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	December 3, 1901, Kuanah, Texas
Height	5'8"
Weight	120 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

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Re: ANONYMOUS LETTER POSTMARKED ST. THOMAS,  
ONTARIO, APRIL 27, 1964, ADDRESSED TO  
DALLAS OFFICE OF THE FBI

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On April 30, 1964, the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received the following quoted anonymous letter in an envelope postmarked 6:00 PM, April 27, 1964, St. Thomas, Ontario, addressed to "F.B.I. Dallas, TEXAS U.S.A.":

"The people of US, have been trying for a long time but no success. J. F. Kennedy was killed by a rat named Jack Webber and Oswald was killed by another rat named Jack Ruby and Webber was done away by Jack Frasher and his body done away with. there are four jacks named here and there is four Jacks in a deck of cards and webber was a partner of Ruby in crime and Oswald was ready to tell what he knew about Mr. Kennedy's death when he was done away with by a rat of low rating.

"Yours by a friend of Kennedy"

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[REDACTED] advised that investigation was conducted in the City of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, on May 25, 1964, in regard to the anonymous letter postmarked St. Thomas, Ontario, April 27, 1964, and addressed to the Dallas Office of the FBI.

In the opinion of the source, the letter originated with a patient in the Ontario Hospital, a mental institution located in St. Thomas. Dr. K. MC GREGOR, Assistant Superintendent, was interviewed but could not identify the handwriting in the letter, and stated that the envelope and paper used are not identical to that supplied to patients by the hospital. He also stated that numerous patients from this institution are allowed considerable freedom, including the privilege of visiting downtown St. Thomas during daylight hours. There would, therefore, be nothing to prevent a patient from purchasing writing paper and envelopes in St. Thomas and mailing letters from the Post Office. Dr. MC GREGOR knows of no one else who was or had been upset in respect to the assassination of President KENNEDY. Dr. MC GREGOR further stated the hospital records contained no reference to JACK WEBBER or JACK FRASHER. ALPHA

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was interviewed and advised that in the past he has received letters containing similar wordings and phraseology, and has received letters concerning the KENNEDY assassination in which he vaguely recalls some mention being made of the "Four Jacks in a deck of cards." Chief WHITEMAN stated he considered at the time of receiving these letters that they originated with a mental patient in the Ontario Hospital and he destroyed them and took no action.

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Under date of May 11, 1964, the FBI Laboratory furnished the following information concerning a document examination requested by the Dallas Office on May 2, 1964:

Specimens received 5/5/64

Q578 Envelope postmarked "ST. THOMAS ONTARIO 6 PM 27 IV 1954" bearing handwritten address "F. B. I. Dallas texas US.A," and accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "The people of US. have..." and ending "...yours by a friend of Kennedy"

**Result of examination:**

Q578 was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File. A photograph of this exhibit will be added to this file.

The envelope and paper comprising Q578 do not contain any watermarks or other significant features which would indicate the source of the paper.



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ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO NBC,  
LOS ANGELES, RECEIVED BY MRS. HELEN  
MILLER:

At 3:45 PM, November 22, 1963, Mrs. HELEN MILLER, a telephone operator on the switchboard at the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), Los Angeles, California, telephoned the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

Two days before the bombing of a church in Alabama, which happened several weeks ago, she received a call from a man who said he had a news item for the network. He said he was a Negro, had a Masters Degree and taught literature. Mrs. MILLER said the caller to her sounded well educated and, while distraught, was definitely not drunk.

This caller told her that on the previous evening he had attended a meeting of seven well educated and well known Negro men of the Los Angeles area. These men decided "to kill him." The caller kept repeating to Mrs. MILLER "They're going to kill him." She tried repeatedly to have the caller identify who was going to be killed but he would only answer "When this happens, you will know about it." The caller said he left the meeting and since then had been in a terrible state trying to make up his mind what to do as he did not believe "killing him" was the answer and he wanted no part in the plan.

Mrs. MILLER repeatedly attempted to get some identifying information from the caller. The only thing he mentioned was a claim to have written a poem entitled "Open House" which had been printed in the "New York Times." He said he received \$30.00 for the poem but did not say when it had been printed. He read it to her and she was able to take down the opening lines:

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"My heart held open house for many years  
Welcomed all through joy and tears  
'Til bashed and bruised I threw the key away."

Mrs. MILLER has not heard from the man since the one call. She wanted to make this information known because she believed this man was not the usual crank type that frequently call the network.

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NY 89-75  
EWO:aam

Re: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL  
TO NBC, LOS ANGELES, RECEIVED  
BY MRS. HELEN MILLER

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On November 23, 1963, Special Agents EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND and PAUL R. ELOFSON reviewed the records of the New York Times newspaper, 229 West 43rd Street, New York City, and also the morgue files of this newspaper, and could locate no poem entitled Open House, which begins, "My heart held open house for many years, welcomed all through joy and tears, till bashed and bruised, I threw the key away."

The New York Times does not maintain an index of poems by title.

The main catalogue files of the New York City Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York, New York, also were checked, but failed to contain any reference of a poem entitled Open House.

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RE: BEN ALLEN BIRDWELL

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Mr. BLUE BEATHARD, Managing Editor, "Henderson Daily News", Henderson, Texas, made available a copy of a story written by him, which is located on page 6 of the "Henderson Daily News" dated Tuesday, May 19, 1964, which reads as follows:

"MAN SAYS VISION WARNED HIM OF KENNEDY DEATH IN ADVANCE

"B. A. Birdwell, a Mt. Enterprise farmer, said Tuesday that he had a vision concerning President Kennedy's assassination two weeks before it happened and tried to warn Dallas authorities of the danger.

"Nobody would take his warning seriously, according to Birdwell, who is a parttime preacher.

"Birdwell said he received his first 'vision from God' about two weeks before the assassination. The vision showed that Kennedy would be shot in the back of the head, he said. Birdwell claims he told County Attorney Bill Ferguson and Assistant County Attorney Robert Allen about the vision before Kennedy's death. Ferguson says he does not remember Birdwell telling him about the vision. Allen also says he does not remember any such discussion.

"On the day Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Birdwell says he had a second vision about an hour before the actual shooting. It gave more details of the tragedy, he says. Birdwell said he could see the brick building at the corner of Commerce and Elm in Dallas and also saw the assassin in his vision.

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"According to Birdwell he hastily called the Dallas County Sheriff's Department and told them about his vision. He said the man he talked with, who he thinks was the sheriff, did not take his warning seriously.

"'Our President could have been saved if he had only believed me,' Birdwell said.

"Birdwell says the vision about President Kennedy was not the first forewarning he has had about a tragic event. In 1947 he claims he received a vision about the Texas City disaster several days before it happened. Birdwell says he was working in Texas City at the time. In his vision he saw a large number of buildings destroyed. Birdwell says he told his boss about the vision and quit his job to return to Mt. Enterprise. He tried to preach on the streets to warn the people in Texas City, he says, but they would not believe him. A few days after he left Texas City the city was rocked by the explosion which killed more than 400 people, he claims.

"Birdwell says he wrote a letter to Mrs. Kennedy about his vision and received a letter from her. He plans to write to her again to give her more details of the vision."

Mr. BEATHARD said he had interviewed BIRDWELL, and had printed the story, even though in his own mind he feels that BIRDWELL is a mental case.

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Mr. WILLIAM FERGUSON, Rusk County Attorney, Henderson, Texas, furnished the following information:

BEN A. BIRDWELL, Mount Enterprise, Texas, is known in the county as being mentally unbalanced. BIRDWELL claims to receive "visions from the Lord" telling him of coming events. It is always after these events have already happened that BIRDWELL will tell people of having had a vision predicting this event. BIRDWELL has no occupation other than he occasionally butchers cattle for people and he preaches some on street corners in Henderson and Mount Enterprise.

On about May 15, 1964, BIRDWELL came in to FERGUSON's office and FERGUSON's assistant, ROBERT ALLEN, and Tax Assessor - Collector TOMMY HASKINS, JR. were also in FERGUSON's office. BIRDWELL told them that he had a "vision from the Lord" the previous day that some seamen were going to kill President LYNDON B. JOHNSON. BIRDWELL wanted FERGUSON to call President JOHNSON and to warn him of what BIRDWELL had seen in this vision. When FERGUSON refused to make the call, BIRDWELL then accused FERGUSON of being responsible for the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. BIRDWELL said he had been in FERGUSON's office about two weeks before President KENNEDY was assassinated, and had told FERGUSON and ROBERT ALLEN that he had had a "vision" that President KENNEDY would be assassinated in Dallas, and that FERGUSON had refused to do anything about it. BIRDWELL said he had then called the Sheriff's Office in Dallas, Texas, at 11:00 A.M. on November 22, 1963, and had told them of the impending assassination, and had even described to them the building and the window from which the fatal shots would be fired that day.

Mr. FERGUSON continued that both he and ROBERT ALLEN told BIRDWELL that they could recall no such conversation pertaining to the impending assassination of President KENNEDY, and that this conversation had never occurred.

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On the morning of May 19, 1964, BIRDWELL again came to FERGUSON's office and said the local newspaper wanted his picture and the picture of FERGUSON, ALLEN and TOMMY HASKINS, JR., who BIRDWELL then said had also been present during the conversation two weeks before the assassination of President KENNEDY. BIRDWELL said he had written to Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY and told her of the incident concerning his vision, and she had written him a letter requesting a picture of him and the people he had furnished this information to.

FERGUSON said he again assured BIRDWELL that no such conversation had occurred and that he and ALLEN had no intention of having their photographs taken with BIRDWELL. FERGUSON also notified the newspaper that the information being supplied by BIRDWELL was not true, and he had no intention of being photographed with BIRDWELL.

BIRDWELL then contacted TOMMY HASKINS, JR., who also told BIRDWELL he had not been present during the alleged conversation, and would not consent to be photographed with BIRDWELL.

Mr. FERGUSON continued that BIRDWELL said he was going to pray that FERGUSON, ALLEN and HASKINS would remember the conversation. BIRDWELL stayed around the court house most of that day, and later in the day BIRDWELL asked him again if he remembered this conversation, and FERGUSON again said that he did not. BIRDWELL then said that the devil was in FERGUSON and it was for this reason that FERGUSON could not remember the conversation.

On the evening of May 19, 1964, the "Henderson Daily News" carried a story concerning the alleged vision by BIRDWELL, and BIRDWELL's alleged conversation with FERGUSON and ALLEN prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.



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Mr. TOMMY HASKINS, JR., Rusk County Tax Assessor and Collector, furnished the following information:

He has been acquainted with BEN A. BIRDWELL of Mount Enterprise, Texas, for many years and has conversed with him on many occasions. In his opinion, BIRDWELL is a religious fanatic, who is also mentally unbalanced.

On approximately May 15, 1964, he was in the office of County Attorney WILLIAM FERGUSON and Assistant County Attorney ROBERT ALLEN was also present. At that time BIRDWELL said something about having had a "vision from the Lord" that some seaman or seamen were going to kill President LYNDON B. JOHNSON. BIRDWELL also said something about having been in FERGUSON's office about two or three weeks prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, and of having told FERGUSON and ALLEN of a vision that President KENNEDY was to be assassinated. Both FERGUSON and ALLEN denied that any such conversation had taken place.

On the morning of May 19, 1964, BIRDWELL came to his office and said he had a photographer coming at 12:30 P.M. that day as Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY wanted his picture and the picture of HASKINS, WILLIAM FERGUSON and ROBERT ALLEN for her album. At this time BIRDWELL said he had also told HASKINS before the assassination of President KENNEDY, that the assassination was to take place. HASKINS assured BIRDWELL that he had not been present during any such conversation, and that BIRDWELL had not told him of any such vision prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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Mr. BEN ALLEN ~~BIRDWELL~~, mailing address General Delivery, Mount Enterprise, Texas, furnished the following information:

BIRDWELL

He is a white male, born March 8, 1908, at Mount Enterprise, Texas. He is married, has nine living children by his third wife, ages 2 to 13, and he has a seventh grade education. He is unable to write, but has learned to print. He has a small tract of land and a three-room house in which he and his family live. He does not farm his land as it is in the Soil Bank Program. He picks up odd jobs, but has no steady work or source of income. His electricity and telephone have both been disconnected due to overdue bills.

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Mr. ~~BIRDWELL~~ continued that since 1947 he has been receiving "visions from the Lord" and also "radio waves from the Lord" telling him of impending disasters and deaths. Although no church will accept him as a minister, he spends a lot of his time preaching along the highways, and on the streets. When he gets emotional in his delivery, he then speaks in an unknown tongue.

About two weeks prior to November 22, 1963, he had a "vision from the Lord" in the middle of the night, warning him that President JOHN F. KENNEDY would be assassinated in Dallas, Texas. The next day he went to the Post Office in Mount Enterprise, Texas, and purchased a stamped envelope from Mr. BRINKLEY, the Postmaster. He had Mr. BRINKLEY address the envelope to President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Washington, D. C., as he, BIRDWELL, does not write well. He also wanted BRINKLEY to write a letter warning President KENNEDY that he was to be assassinated, but BRINKLEY refused. BIRDWELL then printed a letter to President KENNEDY, warning him, and mailed it at the Post Office. He never received a reply to this letter.

He believes it was about the same day he went to Henderson, Texas, and told WILLIAM FERGUSON, the County Attorney,

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and ROBERT ALLEN, Assistant County Attorney, in the presence of TOMMY HASKINS, JR., the Tax Assessor, of the impending assassination of President KENNEDY. He told FERGUSON to call President KENNEDY for him, but FERGUSON refused. Now FERGUSON, ALLEN and HASKINS all deny he told them of the impending assassination.

At approximately 11:30 A.M., November 22, 1963, he was praying at home, and had another "vision from the Lord" showing him the location of the building in Dallas, and the window from which the fatal bullets would be fired at President KENNEDY that afternoon. He tried to use his own telephone, but "the devil was in his phone", as it would not work. He then drove into Mount Enterprise and used the pay telephone at the bus station, having the operator charge it to his home number, 3536, Mount Enterprise. He called the Dallas Sheriff's Office and talked to some man, and told him of his vision, and that President KENNEDY would be assassinated that afternoon. This man thanked him, but said he did not think the Lord would put out any such visions.

He continued that he wrote to Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY, and, in this letter of consolation, he enclosed a newspaper clipping which told of his son being shot in the head by his uncle in Mount Enterprise about two days after the assassination of President KENNEDY. Also in this article was mention of donations being sent to BIRDWELL, although he did not ask Mrs. KENNEDY for a donation. He received a letter from Mrs. KENNEDY's secretary, which he displayed, which thanked him for his letter of consolation, and it also said that Mrs. KENNEDY would be unable to help him as she was utilizing all her resources to build the Kennedy Memorial Library.

Approximately a week ago he had a "vision from the Lord" telling him that "three old seamen" would kill President JOHNSON if they ever got a chance. There was nothing more to this vision and the seamen were not identified.

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On May 19, 1964, he went to Henderson, Texas, and told the newspaper about his visions in November 1963. He wanted to get photographs of himself, FERGUSON, ALLEN and HASKINS to send to Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY so she could put them in her book, but the others would not agree to have their photographs taken.

On May 21, 1964, he mailed copies of the May 19, 1964, issue of the "Henderson Daily News", which carried a story about his visions, to the "Washington Star", Washington, D. C., and also to the "Shreveport Times", Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Records of the Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 1125 Highland Drive, Henderson, Texas, contained the following information:

Mount Enterprise, Texas, telephone number 3536 is listed to B. A. BIRDWELL and this was an operating number on November 22, 1963. It has been discontinued now as of May 1, 1964.

Microfilm records, and ledger card records, reflect there was only one toll call charged to Mount Enterprise number 3536 during the month of November 1963. This call was made from Mount Enterprise, Texas, on November 6, 1963, and the call was to Henderson, Texas.

The above records can be produced only by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to Mr. JOE HANCOCK, 1125 Highland Drive, Henderson, Texas.

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Mr. MOYE LEE MC CRARY, employe, United States Post Office, Mount Enterprise, Texas, furnished the following information:

Mr. BRINKLEY, the Postmaster, is on annual leave and not available for interview.

He is certain, however, that B. A. BIRDWELL did not tell Mr. BRINKLEY of the impending assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, prior to the time it happened, as Mr. BRINKLEY certainly would have mentioned it to Mr. MC CRARY after the assassination occurred.

He continued that he has known B. A. BIRDWELL since BIRDWELL was a small boy. [There is mental illness] in this family, as BIRDWELL's mother spent 40 years in a mental institution. As a young man, BIRDWELL was almost normal, but in later years has been completely unbalanced and unbelievable. It is a joke in the community that he is a complete fake in his "visions from the Lord", as no one ever hears anything about his visions until after the event has already taken place. BIRDWELL reportedly has a racket going among the Negroes in this community, as BIRDWELL tells them of a vision they will die, and the Negro will then pay BIRDWELL \$1.00 to counteract this vision. BIRDWELL has no income from employment, and his aunt contributes most of the money to feed BIRDWELL's family.

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Mr. NORRIS LANGFORD, President, Merchants and Planters State Bank, Mount Enterprise, Texas, furnished the following information:

He has known B. A. BIRDWELL many years and BIRDWELL has always been mentally deficient. [BIRDWELL's] mother and his aunts have all been confined as mental patients, and it apparently runs in the family.] BIRDWELL, himself, has been a community joke due to his "visions from the Lord". For a number of years BIRDWELL would predict events that never did occur, so in later years he has played it safe and makes his predictions only after the event has happened.

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On May 21, 1964, Mr. FORREST V. SORRELS, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Dallas, Texas, was telephonically furnished a summary of the information obtained concerning BEN ALLEN BIRDWELL and specifically that information with respect to the statement that BIRDWELL had indicated he had a "vision from the Lord" about a week prior to May 21, 1964, telling him "three old seamen" would kill President JOHNSON if they ever got a chance.



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RE: VICTOR M. BOSCH;  
JIMMY BOSCH

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On November 22, 1963, a source who has requested his identity not be divulged, but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he has no information directly regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY. He did recall that VICTOR M. BOSCH, an attorney at 205 Tanca Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and his brother, JIMMY BOSCH, are familiar and supposedly have knowledge of activities between Cuba and the United States. JIMMY BOSCH runs a nightclub, Armandos, Stop 14, Donde Ponce De Leon Avenue, Mira Mar, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

This source believes if any scheme was involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY which included persons in Cuba, the BOSCH brothers would possibly have information concerning this scheme.