

"By this time he was so worked up, that the head waiter had to ask him to be quiet. He saw me laughing at what he said, & said 'You may laugh, but you'll see whether or not I mean what I say within a few weeks.'

"That's my story. I forgot the matter entirely. When I heard that the terrible thing had happened, right out of the blue, I was at a loss to what to do. I told my parents, & they advised me to leave well alone.

"The man's name was Thomas <sup>FAMILY</sup> HARVEY. I believe he comes from Pennsylvania. I have more particulars at home in Brighton, including a folder of his work.

"You realise that what I have told you is based on the fact that I assume he told me the truth. He certainly had the power & money to do a thing like that, & was eccentric enough.

"I hope I'm not wasting your time, & making a fool of myself.

"Yours Sincerely,

"J.A. Rawles"

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Date: 7/1/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ReButel to Los Angeles, 6/25/64, and Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 6/27/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the results of the interview with ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS. Enclosed for Dallas, 25 copies of an FD-302 (four pages) reflecting the results of this interview, and 25 copies of a one-page insert reflecting the results of investigation at Los Angeles concerning ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS, for inclusion in the Dallas report in captioned matter.

The FBI Agent reportedly contacted by ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS at Oklahoma City was JOE BOWMAN.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. - 6)
- 2 - Dallas (AM) (Encls. - 125)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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*W. H. Tucker*

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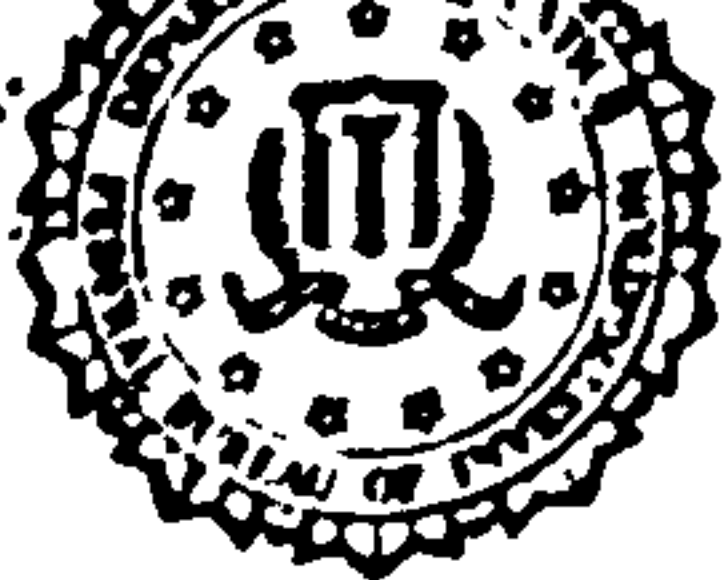
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

June 30, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

INTERVIEW OF ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Robert Stephen Reynolds was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the request of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, by letter to the Director, FBI, dated June 24, 1964. He furnished the following information:

He is currently residing at 1118 Third Street, Santa Monica, California. He is a writer by profession, but is currently working only part time as a writer, and is supplementing his income by doing maintenance work. Stephen Remete was born December 8, 1913, at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, but at age 15 had his name legally changed to Robert Stephen Reynolds. He served in the U. S. Air Force from April, 1943, to December, 1945, and attained the rating of Staff Sergeant.

He attended parochial school in New Jersey for nine and one-half years. When he was 14 or 15 years old he went to New York with his mother, who worked as a cook. His father died in 1925, and, according to his mother, his brother, Gordon, was injured in World War II. He has not seen his brother since he (Reynolds) was 13 years old and has no idea as to his current whereabouts. While in New York, he worked as a clerk for the Pan American Oil Company and for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He took some high school courses during this time, but never formally completed high school.

In 1931, he went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked as a reporter for the Atlanta Journal, and for the Associated Press. During the next five years he also worked intermittently for a magazine firm and his work took him to various parts of the country. In 1936, he came to California, where he worked at various jobs, including working as a station attendant for the Richfield Oil Company, and as a salesman for the Jordan Advertising

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Agency. He also worked in the advertising department of the Los Angeles Times, and in June, 1936, married Peggy Armitage. They were divorced a short time later. He lost contact with his mother in 1947, and has not been in touch with her since that time.

He also worked in San Francisco, California, in the 1940's and had registered with the Draft Board there. Prior to his discharge from the Air Force, he worked for the Office of War Information in Europe, beginning in November, 1944, continuing after he left the service, until May of 1946. In 1946 he returned to New York, and worked for RCA in New York City. He was married again in 1948, and the following year, together with his wife and child, went to Phoenix, Arizona. He later was divorced from his wife, and she and the child left to live in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1950, he went to Port Arthur, Texas, where he sold pharmaceutical supplies, returning to Phoenix in August of the following year. During this period he applied for employment with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, but was rejected. He worked for Wyeth, Inc., a pharmaceutical firm, in Phoenix. In 1952 he went to Alaska, and worked for the Alaskan Broadcasting Corporation as News Director; he also worked for the Civil Defense Office as Public Information Officer. While in Alaska, he was instrumental in breaking a longshoreman's strike promoted by Harry Bridges.

He returned to Los Angeles in 1953, and worked at several jobs, including driving a taxicab for the Yellow Cab Company. He began having nervous problems about this time, and for a period of three years he became so nervous he would lose his voice. He was threatened by his fellow employees with knives, and on several occasions they would fix the brakes on his cab so they would go out completely. He consulted several doctors, who told him they could find nothing wrong with him, but that his problem was a psychological one. In October of 1953, he went to Phoenix, and consulted Dr. Thorne, who said he was suffering from a nervous breakdown and suggested that he go to a hospital. However, he did not go to a hospital, but after a period of rest and staying away from people, he was able to regain his health.



INTERVIEW OF ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

From Phoenix, he went to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he contacted an agent of the FBI, and furnished certain information concerning large sums of money that were being fraudulently sent from the Governor's Office in Juneau, Alaska, to Cuba. After about fifteen months in Oklahoma City, he went to Austin, Texas, where he worked for the Wall Street Journal. He took some open seminar courses at the University of Texas, beginning in June of 1956. He visited the Newman Club at the University on a number of occasions, and in February of 1957, he attended one particular meeting attended by about twenty Newman Club members, and a Catholic Priest, who was Rector of the Church at Our Lady of Angels School in Chicago. He is unable to recall the name of this priest, but the priest was visiting the Club, and was at the University on a temporary basis. All of the Club members signed a book or log as being present at this particular meeting.

He inquired of the priest concerning the fire escapes at Our Lady of Angels School, and then commented to the priest that there would be a catastrophe at the School. The following year there was a fire and many children were killed. He has no idea as to why he talked about the School, or how he was able to forecast this disaster. At this meeting he commented to the priest and the Newman Club members that if Kennedy were elected President, he would be murdered. About a month later he commented to a friend in Austin, his name unrecalled, that a man by the name of Oswald would be the assassinator if Kennedy were elected President and assassinated. He had never met Oswald and can offer no explanation for the basis of the above, except that he must have perceived it. He may have seen Oswald at the University in September of 1957, but he is not sure of this.

<sup>Texas</sup>  
In August of 1957, he contacted the Payne Town Agency in Austin, Texas, for the purpose of obtaining a public relations position, and had some conversation with an individual, who purported to be affiliated with the Agency, and whom he later found out to be Earl Rubenstein. During the course of conversation with this person, he mentioned having a brother, Jack, who operated a night club in Dallas, Texas. He has never met Jack Ruby, but perceived at this time that the above-mentioned Jack would be the killer of Oswald. He was in Austin, Texas, during the approximate period May, 1954, to February, 1958, and from Austin, he returned to Phoenix, where he worked for the Arizona



INTERVIEW OF ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Republic in the Circulation Sales Department. In September of 1960, he went to Santa Barbara, California, where he worked and took some college literature courses. He has been in California since 1960, working and attending school. Last year he took some courses at the University of California at Los Angeles.

While in Austin, Texas, in 1957, he discussed the above-mentioned perceptions with a number of people, including University students Fred Pepper, Stanley Adams and a paraplegic attending the School of Law, his name unrecalled. He also discussed his perceptions with Arthur Merchant, who operated an ice cream parlor near the University on Guadalupe Street. He suffered a serious kidney ailment while attending school at the University of California at Los Angeles in West Los Angeles, California, last fall, and was physically incapacitated from about October through December. He was arrested in Los Angeles in 1941 by the FBI for failure to notify his draft board in San Francisco of his change of address, and served three months at a Federal honor camp. He was given time to serve because an FBI Agent lied when he told the court that he (Reynolds) had resisted arrest. In January of 1962, he was arrested in Los Angeles, California, for jaywalking, and served twenty-seven days in jail. T-17

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Date: 7/2/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)  
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
 11/22/63,  
 Dallas, Texas  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Phoenix teletype to the Director, 6/30/64, and Bureau teletype to NY, 7/1/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination in reference to the above captioned matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
July 2, 1964

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

Dr. Irving James Thorne, 141 East 56th Street,  
New York, New York, advised on July 2, 1964, that he is a  
general surgeon and has never practiced or treated anyone  
in the state of Arizona.

Dr. Thorne advised that he had a very close  
friend, Dr. Edward Blank, who was a noted psychiatrist  
in Arizona, and that he, Dr. Thorne, had planned to go  
into practice with him. He advised that he applied for  
his license in the state of Arizona, but had changed his  
mind and never completed his application.

Dr. Thorne advised that Dr. Blank is presently  
attached to State Hospital at Stockton, California, and  
resides at 500 West Alpine Avenue, apartment 202, Stockton,  
California.

Dr. Thorne felt that if Dr. Blank was contacted  
he would know if there was any Dr. Thorn practicing psychiatry  
in Arizona during 1953.

This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property  
of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and  
its contents are not to be distributed outside  
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Date: 6/30/64

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen *[initials]*
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-6115)  
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Director 6/27/64,  
and San Antonio teletype to the Director 6/27/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of  
a LHM and for Dallas one (1) copy for information of this  
LHM, reflecting an interview with Monsignor JOSEPH  
FITZGERALD.

Also enclosed for Dallas are 25 copies of an  
FD-302 reflecting the interview with Monsignor JOSEPH  
FITZGERALD at Chicago, Illinois.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
June 30, 1964

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,  
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

*Stephens*  
*Robert S. Reynolds*

By letter dated June 24, 1964, the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy advised they had received a telegram from Robert S. Reynolds, 1118 Third Street, Apartment 3, Santa Monica, California, in which he claimed to have knowledge, in the early months of 1957, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and also the identities of the persons involved. Reynolds, when interviewed on June 27, 1964, advised he made statements relative to the assassination of President Kennedy to the Newman Club at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, in 1957. Reynolds stated a visiting priest from the church of Our Lady of the Angels School in Chicago was present at the meeting at the Newman Club, and Reynolds discussed these perceptions with him.

Monsignor Joseph Fitzgerald, a resident at Our Lady of the Angels Rectory, 3808 West Iowa, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed on June 29, 1964. Monsignor Fitzgerald stated he is the only person he can suggest who would have knowledge concerning priests connected with Our Lady of the Angels School, 3814 West Iowa, Chicago,

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**Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,  
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS**

who were assigned here in 1957. Monsignor Fitzgerald stated that no priest connected with this school was at the University of Texas in any official capacity. He stated he is reasonably certain that no persons connected with this school visited at the University of Texas in the year 1957.

Monsignor Fitzgerald advised he is not familiar with the name Robert Stephen Reynolds or Stephen Remeta. He does not recall an individual by this name or any other name contacting Our Lady of the Angels School claiming they had perceived the school fire which occurred on December 1, 1958.

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Date: 7/7/64

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (86-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION  
CONCERNING

Re Dallas tel to Bureau, 7/3/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM suitable for dissemination in reference to the above captioned matter.

Also enclosed for Dallas is one copy of LHM.

*1 cc - Tucker Room 5730  
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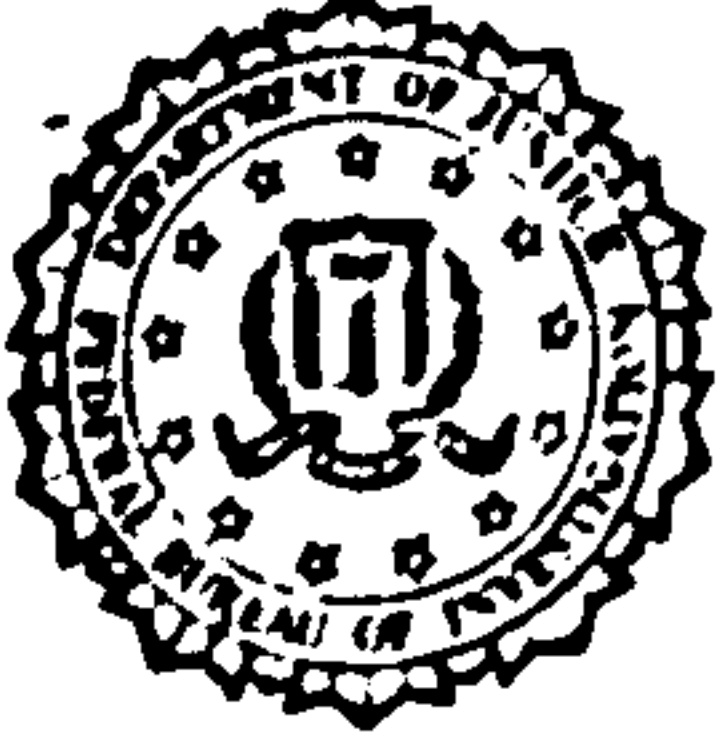
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 7, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Assassination of President  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
November 22, 1963,  
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Stanley Edward Adams, 12 West 72nd Street,  
New York, New York, advised on July 6, 1964, that he first  
met Robert S. Reynolds during 1957 in Austin, Texas.

He advised at that time Reynolds had told him  
that he was employed by The Wall Street Journal. Reynolds  
also told him that he had been a newspaper correspondent and  
radio announcer, however, Mr. Adams did not know if this was  
true.

Mr. Adams stated that Reynolds told him that he  
had a nervous breakdown in the early 1950's, and as a result  
had lost his voice for a period of time.

He stated that in 1960 he was in Phoenix, Arizona,  
and that during his stay he looked up Reynolds, who he knew  
was living there. At that time Reynolds was selling newspapers  
on a street corner in Phoenix. Mr. Adams advised he later took  
Reynolds to Santa Barbara, California where he (Reynolds) was  
intending to go to college.

Mr. Adams stated that he has neither seen nor  
heard from Reynolds since 1960. He also stated that Reynolds  
had never mentioned President Kennedy's assassination or Lee  
Harvey Oswald to him during the time when he had known him.

Mr. Adams also stated that he feels that  
Reynolds is mentally upset and that there is no truth in his  
statement about his perceptions in 1957.

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Date: 6/30/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (89-67)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

Re Los Angeles and San Antonio teletype to the Bureau,  
6/27/64; San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 6/29/64.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead  
memo.

Enclosed to Dallas are 2 copies LHM, 25 copies of  
an insert reflecting investigation Austin, Texas; 25 copies  
of an FD-302 reflecting interview of ARTHUR HERMAN MERCHANT,  
Austin, Texas; 25 copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview  
of Reverend DAVID O'BRIEN, Austin, Texas.

Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies of LHM.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished Los Angeles,  
Oklahoma City, Phoenix and San Francisco.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - Dallas (Enc. 77) (89-43)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 3 - San Antonio (2-89-67) (1-66-1620)

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

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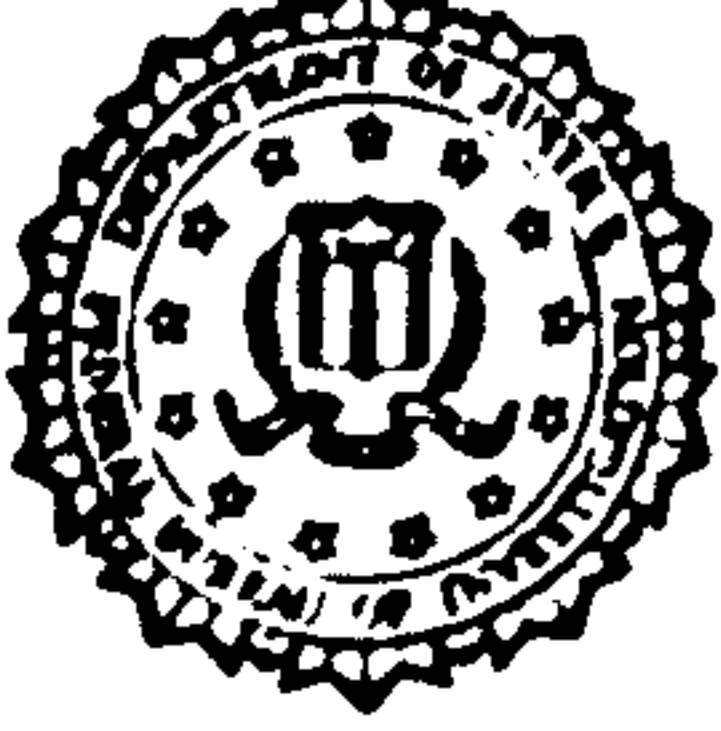


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DL 89-43

Two copies of this communication are being furnished Chicago as the Father KONAN mentioned in the Reverend DAVID O'BRIEN interview might be identical with the visiting priest mentioned in referenced Los Angeles teletype.

Enclosed LHM reflects investigation conducted at Austin, Texas, in an attempt to verify statement reportedly made by ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS at Austin, in 1957 concerning perceptions re instant matter.

In view of the negative nature of the information furnished by Reverend O'BRIEN and Mr. MERCHANT as reflected in interviews with them, extensive investigation to locate and interview the paraplegic law student mentioned in referenced Los Angeles teletype is not being conducted by the San Antonio Division.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

June 30, 1964

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

The following investigation was conducted at Austin, Texas, in an attempt to verify that ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS made a statement to the Newman Club at The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on February 19, 1957, to the effect that if KENNEDY was elected president he would be murdered. Also, that REYNOLDS had perceived knowledge of the assassination and identity of the assassin, that in 1957 he had discussed these perceptions with FRED PEPPER; with a paraplegic law student; and STANLEY ADAMS, students at The University of Texas and with ARTHUR MERCHANT, then operating an ice cream parlor on Guadalupe Street in Austin, Texas.

The official Student Directory of The University of Texas for the school year of 1956-1957 reflected the following:

FRED ROBERT PEPPER, resident 2200 San Jacinto, graduate school student, Arts and Sciences, permanent residence Route 1, Wellington, Texas

STANLEY EDWARD ADAMS, resident 2308 Nueces, student in law school, permanent residence 110 Churchill Boulevard, San Angelo, Texas

Neither of these individuals appeared in the 1963-1964 Student Directory.

The Austin City Directory for 1957 reflected that ARTHUR H. MERCHANT, a resident of 2104 San Antonio Street, operated Merchant's Texas Sweet Shop.

The Austin City Directory for 1963 reflected that ARTHUR H. MERCHANT, resident of 2104 San Antonio Street,

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ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

was employed as manager of the University News Service.

On June 29, 1964, JOHN WALTON, Ex-Students Association, The University of Texas, advised the only address available for FREDERICK ROBERT PEPPER was Route 1, Wellington, Texas.

He stated further that the address of STANLEY EDWARD ADAMS was 2510 Live Oak Street, San Angelo, Texas.

On June 27, 1964, A. NATHAN DARBY, Lieutenant, Identification Division, Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, advised the following:

Offense Report No. 200487 reflected that ROBERT S. REYNOLDS, a resident of the Texan Hotel, Room 310, Austin, Texas, was arrested at 9:20 p.m. on May 27, 1955, on a charge of disturbing the peace at the Texan Hotel on complaint of the hotel manager. The disposition of this arrest was shown as "Transferred to County."

He advised that REYNOLDS was described as a white male, thirty-six years of age, having been born December 18, 1918, at Priston, New Jersey, and his occupation was shown as sales promotion.

As a result of this arrest, REYNOLDS' fingerprints were submitted to the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which, under date of June 3, 1955, furnished an identification record for ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS reflecting his FBI Number to be 246 7484.

REYNOLDS was again arrested by the Austin Police Department at 8:20 a.m. on April 4, 1956, on charges of trespassing and vagrancy on complaint of NEAL JONES, 401 East 12th Street in Austin, Texas.

A narrative of this report read, "Subject alleged to have stayed overnight in the building at 103 East 14th without the owner's permission. Further alleged to have used force to enter said building at 4:00 o'clock a.m."

ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

On this arrest, his address was shown as Y.M.C.A., Austin, Texas, and the other identifying data was the same as shown on the previous arrest except for his place of birth which was shown as Princeton, New Jersey.

REYNOLDS was investigated by his department under Case No. 308386 on complaint of Mr. E. R. TURMAN of Refugio, Texas, who, on September 28, 1957, complained that RAYMOND REYNOLDS, (later identified as ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS) was staying in an apartment in the rear of 608 W. 22nd Street which property was owned by TURMAN and was in the process of being sold. Mr. TURMAN stated that neighbors around this address had complained to him about this young man occupying an apartment on the premises. TURMAN said that REYNOLDS was there when he arrived in Austin to check on the property and that REYNOLDS acted so nice and clever that he allowed him to stay there and watch the property free of rent. Neighbors at this address told TURMAN that REYNOLDS stayed in the house during all the day and came out at night with a flashlight prowling around in the neighborhood.

On September 30, 1957, REYNOLDS was interviewed by officers of the police department.

In concluding DARBY made available a photograph of ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS taken by his department on May 27, 1955, bearing the identification number BE 10896.

On June 27, 1964, ARTHUR HERMAN MERCHANT, a resident of 2104 San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas, who is employed as manager of the University News Stand, 2314 Guadalupe Street Austin, Texas, advised the following:

He operated the Texas Sweet Shop at 2266 Guadalupe Street, Austin, from 1950 until May of 1958.

He recognized the photograph of ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS taken by the police department, Austin, May 27, 1955, and bearing identification number BE 10896, as an individual who was a customer at the Sweet Shop for several months in 1957, including the summer months of that year. During that time, REYNOLDS had only one employment and this was a few weeks with the Automobile Association of America. During this employment, REYNOLDS paid a \$70.00 debt incurred by



ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

having his meals at the Sweet Shop.

He held frequent and lengthy conversations with REYNOLDS. REYNOLDS appeared intelligent and well read. REYNOLDS said he had been a radio commentator and news reporter in Alaska. He, MERCHANT, being familiar with Alaska, questioned REYNOLDS about various cities in Alaska and decided that REYNOLDS was not at all familiar with Alaska and apparently had never been to Alaska. REYNOLDS also said he had been in the Air Corps and again by questioning REYNOLDS, MERCHANT satisfied himself that this was false information. For these reasons he held REYNOLDS' veracity in question.

REYNOLDS mentioned living at the Y.M.C.A.; however, he heard that REYNOLDS was actually living under the steps of a vacant house.

His only contacts with REYNOLDS were at the Sweet Shop.

He was contacted by a detective of the Austin Police Department concerning REYNOLDS. The detective said that REYNOLDS had been observed on the streets at all hours of the night, causing the officers' concern about REYNOLDS' activities.

A few days later, REYNOLDS borrowed money from him, saying that he had a job prospect in Dallas, that he was going to Dallas and would return the money by mail. He has neither seen nor heard from REYNOLDS since that time.

As best he could recall, this was in the fall of 1957.

He wished to state positively that in all their conversations politics was never discussed and REYNOLDS never even mentioned the name of JOHN F. KENNEDY in any regard.

ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Also REYNOLDS never mentioned the name of either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY to him.

In conclusion, MERCHANT said he formed no opinion as to REYNOLDS' mental stability but thought anyone who would go hungry rather than work as REYNOLDS did was a bit strange.

On June 27, 1964, Reverend DAVID O'BRIEN, Director, Newman Club, Catholic Student Center, The University of Texas, 207 West 21st Street, Austin, Texas, advised the following:

No list of names of individuals attending meetings of the Newman Club is maintained.

No permanent official records are maintained of the meeting.

The regular meeting day is Sunday.

From his personal diary he determined that he, Reverend O'BRIEN, attended a discussion on Tuesday, February 19, 1957, at the club. This was the extent of the information contained in his diary. He could not recall the parties present at this discussion. This would have been a religious instruction or inquiry group.

He recognized a photograph of ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS taken by the police department, Austin, Texas, on May 27, 1955, and bearing that department's number BE 18096 as ROBERT REYNOLDS who in late 1956 or early 1957 appeared in his office and offered to translate for three Hungarian refugee students attending The University of Texas.

He could not recall if REYNOLDS was present at the discussion mentioned above as having been held on February 19, 1957.

REYNOLDS was an operator, that is, one who would like to have been important and one who liked to be in the



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limelight. In view of this and further in view of the fact that REYNOLDS was much older than the University of Texas students who frequented the club, he did not appreciate REYNOLDS coming to the club and did not encourage REYNOLDS to do so. Although he felt like asking REYNOLDS not to frequent the club, he did not do so inasmuch as the club is for the public's use.

After a few months, REYNOLDS disappeared from the scene.

He could not recall REYNOLDS ever mentioning the names of JOHN F. KENNEDY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

He could not recall REYNOLDS making any predictions concerning any person or event or of making any claim to being a clairvoyant.

In 1956 and 1957, Father CHARLES RONAN, SJ, at the time a member of the faculty at Loyola (Phonetic) University in Chicago, was working on his doctorate at The University of Texas and resided at the Newman Club. He knew of no connection Father RONAN had with Our Lady of Angels School in Chicago. Father RONAN was the only visiting priest from Chicago during those years.

In conclusion, Reverend O'BRIEN said that Father RONAN is now assigned to Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, however, is presently on a student trip in Mexico.

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Re PX tel to Bureau, 6/30/64 and Butel to Phoenix,  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six  
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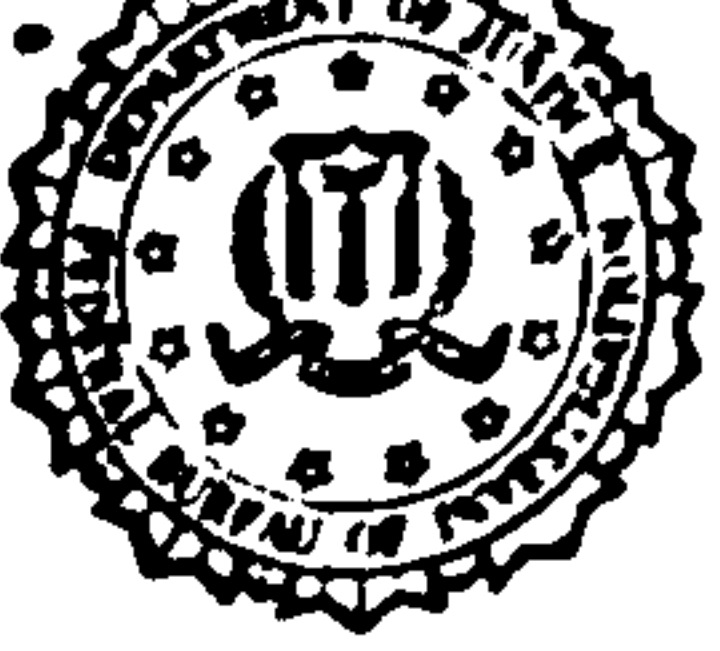
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Phoenix, Arizona  
July 2, 1964

ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS, aka  
Stephen Remete

The current Phoenix, Arizona, telephone directory does not list any Dr. THORNE. The Phoenix City Directories for the years 1951 through 1955 were checked to ascertain whether a Dr. THORNE might have practiced medicine in Phoenix, Arizona, but no listing was located.

At the Maricopa County Medical Society, 2025 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, [GRACE NEWELL, librarian] advised on June 29, 1964 that the records of the Maricopa County Medical Association, Phoenix, Arizona, does not list a Dr. THORNE or Dr. THORN. She also stated the current Arizona State Medical Directory does not reflect the listing of a Dr. THORNE or Dr. THORN. She also advised upon examining the 1940, 1958 and 1963 American Medical Association Directories, which include all of the doctors in the United States, no Dr. THORNE or Dr. THORN was listed in the state of Arizona.

At the Arizona State Medical Association, 4533 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, [LINDA MC COY, secretary] advised on June 29, 1964 that the Arizona State Medical Directory does not list a Dr. THORNE or Dr. THORN in the state of Arizona. She advised that in March, 1953, a Dr. IRVING JAMES THORNE applied for a license to practice medicine in the state of Arizona but never completed his application. At that time his address was listed as 441 East 20th Street, New York City. He was stated to have been licensed in both New York and California. He graduated from Harvard University in 1934. The 1963 American Medical Association Directory lists Dr. IRVING JAMES THORNE at 150 East 56th Street, New York, New York.

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At the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, 705 North First Street, Phoenix, Arizona, [REDACTED] advised on June 29, 1964 that there was no credit record on file for a Dr. THORNE or Dr. THORN. There was located a credit file on GAYLORD L. THORNE, 3420 West Glenn Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, who was listed as a psychologist at the Madison School District. He first came to Phoenix in 1962 from Seattle, Washington.

The Credit Bureau records contained a file on one ROBERT S. REYNOLDS, and this file was opened in April, 1949. The Credit Bureau file contained the following background information:

REYNOLDS was born in Princeton, New Jersey and as of 1949 his age was listed as 32 years. He was in military service from April, 1941 until December, 1943. He was married, wife's name ANITA GROSOVER, and they had one child. In 1951 he was listed as a student at the American Institute of Foreign Trade, Glendale, Arizona. He worked for the Radio Corporation of American for two years; was with the United States Department of State from 1943 until 1947; and was employed for seven months by the Bio-Physics Laboratories, Inc., Los Angeles, California. In 1949 he lived for two months at 1337 East Bethany Home Road, Phoenix, Arizona and in 1958 his residence was listed as 45 Portland, Apartment 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Phoenix, Arizona. His occupation at that time was listed as public relations writer.

The credit file did not contain any reference on a STEPHEN REMETE.

[REDACTED] American Institute of Foreign Trade, Glendale, Arizona, advised on June 29, 1964 that the school records list one ROBERT S. REYNOLDS who attended the school from September 18, 1950 until May 25, 1951 and also during the summer of 1951, completing the work on July 27, 1951. He received a certificate of graduation from the school. Although REYNOLDS was listed as being married, he resided at the school in the single men's dormitory. He was a Tech Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1940 until 1946, Air Force Serial



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Number 39130077 and Veterans Administration Number C10172630. His father's name was listed as MICHAEL REYNOLDS and his mother's name was listed as VERONICA, both deceased. A request for his scholastic transcript was made in June, 1956 from the University of Texas. The transcript was not released since REYNOLDS still owed some money to the American Institute of Foreign Trade. The school had no contact with REYNOLDS after his graduation on July 27, 1951.

The current Phoenix, Arizona telephone directory lists JOHN L. THORNTON, psychologist, office at 110 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

On June 29, 1964, JOHN L. THORNTON, 110 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona, Ph.D., Psychologist, advised that he first came to Phoenix, Arizona in October, 1963 from Torrance, California. He said he had never treated a patient by the name of ROBERT STEPHEN REYNOLDS, and could furnish no information about him.