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JOSEPH A. GAVALYA
6045 South State Street
Murray, Utah

On November 25, 1963, [Joseph A. Gavalya] was interviewed at his home. He admitted that he had predicted the assassination of President Kennedy. He said this prediction was based on an extensive study he has made of the World Almanac. He said this study has revealed to him that the previous four presidents, who were elected in years ending in zero, have been either assassinated or have died in office. Mr. [Gavalya] stated that even before the 1960 presidential election he predicted that John F. Kennedy would be elected and that he would die in office. He said he further predicts that the president elected in 1980 will also die in office. Mr. [Gavalya] does not believe in astrology but believes that when a pattern such as this is set it will not be changed. He said he has told numerous people of his prediction that President Kennedy would be assassinated.

Mr. [Gavalya] denied he had any connection whatsoever with the death of the President and had no previous knowledge as to when or how it would occur. He said he had never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald or the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

With regard to alleged Pro-Cuban statements, Mr. [Gavalya] stated he is not "pro anything" but he believes each country should be permitted to determine what type of government it desires without interference. He said if the Cubans want Communism they should be allowed to have it without interference from the United States. Mr. [Gavalya] stated he believes that the Government of the United States, as set up under the Constitution, is the best possible type of government; however, he believes this country is slipping badly because the politicians are going from bad to worse and because of the greed of the people. He said it is his opinion that politicians should be public servants but that the average person does not take enough interest in the activities of the politicians and, therefore, he thinks the people are serving the politicians. In addition, [Mr. Gavalya] said he sympathizes with the south and does not believe the government should interfere with the southern states treatment of the Negroes.

JOSEPH A. GAVALYA

Following is a description of **Joseph A. Gavalya** as obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Place of birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Date of birth	March 27, 1912
Hair	Dark brown, graying
Eyes	Blue
Height	5 ft. 9 in.
Weight	180 pounds
Military service	None
Education	8th grade
Occupation	Farmer and grocery store operator
Marital status	Married - wife, ETHEL, five children
Arrest record	None claimed

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