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

STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY
ERIC LIONEL PRIDONOFF

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI is in receipt of information which alleged that ERIC LIONEL PRIDONOFF, 1221 Virginia Road, San Marino, California, a partner in and manager of the Rite Engineering and Manufacturing Corporation, 9441 Washburn Crossing Road, Downey, California, made the following comments in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY:

"Wait and see --- somebody will get to KENNEDY, possibly with a rifle, and blow his brains out. He'll get his."

"Those who play with fire sometimes get burned."

In addition, ERIC LIONEL PRIDONOFF reportedly received a telephone call several weeks prior to the assassination from an individual referred to as "Mr. OSWALD" (phonetic).

Upon interview by Special Agents of the FBI on November 26, 1963, ERIC LIONEL PRIDONOFF denied any knowledge of or acquaintanceship with any individual by the name of OSWALD and could not recall making the two statements attributed to him as set out above.

Mr. PRIDONOFF stated that he was greatly shocked over the death of President KENNEDY and felt that it was a "horrible deed." Mr. PRIDONOFF stated that he had no prior knowledge and was in no way involved in this tragedy.

Mr. PRIDONOFF noted that he is a member of the John Birch Society and is recognized as an authority on the menace of international communism. He said that he has written a number of articles and books pertaining to the threat of communism and has spoken frequently, both publicly and privately, often on radio and television on matters pertaining to international politics and that some of his remarks on the recent Vietnamese situation could have possibly been misconstrued by some of his associates.

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