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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS  
FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /157-916/

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTYTWO  
LAST, DALLAS, TEX.

BEN TRAEGL, DBA TRAEGL/S BAR, AIRLINE HIGHWAY, NEW ORLEANS,  
LA. DASH SUSPECT.

[REDACTED]

APPEARED PHILA. OFFICE TODAY, REQUESTED IDENTITY PROTECTED, AND STATED  
LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS AND EMPLOYED THERE AS [REDACTED] UP UNTIL  
AUG. SIXTYTHREE. DURING NEW ORLEANS RESIDENCE, WAS IN CONTACT WITH  
SAS JENSEN, BROGAN, AND PROSPERITY RE AREA GAMBLING ACTIVITIES.  
STATED HE IS EX-MARINE, SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN DURING WORLD WAR  
TWO, AND RECEIVES GOV-T DISABILITY. [REDACTED] APPEARED GENERALLY  
RATIONAL DURING CONVERSATION.

FOLLOWING NEVER PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO NEW ORLEANS AGENTS BUT  
HE BELIEVES PERTINENT NOW.

IN MARCH SIXTYTHREE WHILE EMPLOYED PART TIME BEN TRAEGL/S BAR,  
AIRLINE HIGHWAY, NEW ORLEANS, TRAEGL, NORMAN LA BLANC, CLOSE FRIEND  
OF TRAEGL AND HIS HORSE TRAINER, AND ONE "PROFESSOR," TRUE NAME  
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UNKNOWN, WERE LOOKING AT AN ADVERTISEMENT WHICH APPEARED IN A  
DETECTIVE MAGAZINE RE A FOREIGN MADE RIFLE WHICH SOLD FOR TWELVE  
DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS AND TRAEDEL STATED TO THOSE PRESENT,  
INCLUDING [REDACTED] "THIS WOULD BE A NICE RIFLE TO BUY [REDACTED]  
TO GET THE PRESIDENT. THERE IS A PRICE ON THE PRESIDENT/S HEAD, AND  
OTHER MEMBERS OF KENNEDY FAMILY. SOMEBODY WILL KILL KENNEDY WHEN HE  
COMES DOWN SOUTH." [REDACTED] DESCRIBES TRAEDEL AS EXTREMELY ANTI-  
KENNEDY AND ANTI-NEGRO, VERY OUTSPOKEN AND HAS MADE MANY SLANDEROUS  
REMARKS RE PRES. AND MRS. KENNEDY.

LA TEXAS  
HE FURTHER STATED VINCENT MARCELLA, NEW ORLEANS RACKETEER, IS  
CLOSE FRIEND OF TRAEDEL AND FINANCIAL BACKER OF TRAEDEL/S BUSINESS.  
MARCELLA KNOWN BY HIM TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS ON MANY OCCASIONS AND IS  
BELIEVED TO OWN NIGHT CLUB THERE. [REDACTED] RETURNING TO NEW  
ORLEANS MIDDLE NEXT WEEK TO SPEND WINTER THERE AND WILL CONTACT  
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

NEW ORLEANS ADVISE BUREAU AND DALLAS OF PERTINENT INFO RE

[REDACTED] TRAEDEL AND TRAEDEL/S ASSOCIATES MENTIONED.

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