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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

CHESTER LEO HELMS, JR. interviewed by FBI Agent,
Laredo, Texas Police Department, November 28, 1963, at time
he was being detained by Laredo Police Department. The Police
Department advised HELMS had letters in his possession
containing derogatory statements concerning late President
KENNEDY.

HELMS advised he has resided in San Francisco,
California, at 955 A Oak Street, until approximately a
week and a half ago. HELMS stated he was en route to his
home in Fort Worth, Texas, 3512 Avenue D, with another
couple from California whom he identified as LEONARD SOFORO
and wife, MARY, age 22, from San Francisco, when their vehicle
broke down in Deming, New Mexico.

HELMS advised he hitchhiked to his parents' home
at Fort Worth, Texas, arriving November 21, 1963, and
remained there until November 24, 1963.

On November 24, 1963, HELMS stated he went to
Austin, Texas, where he remained until November 27, 1963, at
which time he departed Austin, hitchhiking to Saltillo,
Mexico, where he expected to reunite with the SOFOROs.

HELMS advised that he is a beatnik and he
wears long hair and a goatee giving a beatnik appearance.
HELMS advised, however, he has never been associated with
Communists or with any Communist groups.

HELMS stated letters in his possession consisted
of five letters; one was to a friend "ODIN" written in
November, 1962; second letter was from ELAINE ELKIN, 56
Alpine Terrace, San Francisco and the other three letters
consisted of two letters from his mother, Mrs. JOHN W.
MOON and one from a friend.

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The letter to ODIN written by HELMS was never mailed. One passage of the letter which consisted of five paragraphs bears statement: "Kennedy will go down as one of the blackest figures in history and never have I been so sympathetic with the Soviets". HELMS explained that he was in Florida at the time he wrote letter in November, 1962 during the Cuban crises and it appeared as though the military build-up was leading the United States into an atomic war.

HELMS: The following is a description of CHESTER LEO

Birth	August 2, 1932, at Santa Maria, California.
Residence	Former - 955 A Oak Street, San Francisco, California Present - 3512 Avenue D, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond - long
Height	6'2"
Weight	135.
Parent	Mrs. JOHN W. MOON - mother, 3512 Avenue D, Fort Worth, Texas
Social Security #	41-112-42575
Occupation	Writer and student

HELMS advised he had not been in Dallas recently and was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

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