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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
EDWARD TURNER, Complainant
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

On November 26, 1963, EDWARD TURNER, Secretary-Treasurer of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union (MCSU), Seafarers' International Union of North America, Pacific District, 350 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California, advised as follows:

Mr. TURNER said he is exceedingly sorry that he did not relate the following information on November 21, 1963, when he was contacted with regard to another matter.

Mr. TURNER said that he was at San Francisco International Airport on Friday night, November 8, 1963, preparatory to departure for New York to attend a union and an AFL-CIO convention. He and the following were having dinner together in the International Room between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.: Mrs. BETTY TURNER, wife of TURNER, GENE PARSLEY, brother-in-law of TURNER, 1083 - 32nd Street, Richmond, California, JERRY POSNER, another official of MCSU, Mrs. GLORIA POSNER, wife of POSNER, another couple who are the sister and the brother-in-law of Mrs. POSNER.

At an adjoining table, there was a man and a woman. The man was a white male, 28-30 years, about 5'11", medium build, brown or dark brown hair worn cut very short; no glasses, clean shaven, well dressed and stated he was an ex-Marine Captain. The woman with him appeared to be in her early twenties.

When this man, name and identity unknown, got up to leave his table, he confronted those at TURNER's table and said to the following effect: "It is guys like you--your type--that are going to get shot. You guys are KENNEDY's stooges. Your type support him. We are not going to let KENNEDY and you people make this a welfare state. The niggers are not going to take over the country. KENNEDY is going to get it. He is going to get shot. We have machine guns and rifles. You think we are kidding but you will find out."

The man continued in this same vein, repeating the same substance over and over. However, he appeared to be very much in earnest and did not appear to be in the least intoxicated. The woman with him listened to his outburst calmly. The man could be heard by those at other tables.

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TURNER said that he and the others listened for some time before they could get a word in. Then TURNER told the man that there was a place for him nearby in California, up at Napa. The man repeated the statement that he was not kidding and that they were going to get KENNEDY and his stooges.

This man departed but met two other men near the check stand and from that point looked back at TURNER's party while he made further conversation with these two men. The man, his woman companion, and these two other men then departed via the elevator and TURNER did not see them again.

TURNER said this unknown subject had a pronounced Southern accent and that he would know him again.

TURNER said that before the public outburst, the unknown subject had been talking privately to PARSLEY, who was seated immediately by him and that PARSLEY told TURNER this man had said the same things to him as he later said publicly to the group.

TURNER could give no reason for the unknown subject taking any note of them as his party had paid no attention to this man and his companion. POSNER had told TURNER about some welfare problems in the MCSU involving Negroes and there may have been other mention about union activities.

TURNER said that there were two other ladies at another table who heard the outburst and later talked to Mrs. TURNER and Mrs. POSNER in the ladies restroom and stated they were most disturbed over this incident.

While talking to Mr. TURNER, Mrs. POSNER called him and SA CHESTER L. JACOBY spoke to her on the telephone. Mrs. POSNER had nothing to add other than that the unknown subject closely resembles a man she knows very well and that she will not forget what he looks like and would be able to identify him were she to see him again.

TURNER said that the unknown subject and his two male friends appeared to be traveling. However, from her dress, he did not believe that the unknown subject's female companion was traveling with him, but that she had, most likely, met him for dinner.

TURNER said that in view of the assassination of President KENNEDY he wanted to report this incident, but that he knows nothing which would connect this man with the assassin.