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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Lieutenant Colonel L. L. RIVERS, U. S. Army Retired, accompanied by Major JOSE E. CABAZA, INTC, U. S. Army, both of Harlingen, Texas, contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Colonel RIVERS advised as follows:

About 2:30 p.m. on November 22, 1963, Colonel RIVERS had a conversation with a stranger whose name and whereabouts are unknown to him relative to the assassination of President KENNEDY. The stranger said he now recalls that about six months ago he met a white male about forty years of age who was a duster pilot. They were in a bar in Harlingen, Texas, drinking beer together. After establishing rapport regarding previous service in the Air Corps, the pilot asked what the unknown person thought of KENNEDY. The unknown person replied that he liked him personally but he did not like his policies. The pilot replied that he did not either and that he belonged to an organization called the Minutemen who planned to do something about it, stating "We do not believe in communism," and adding that he had nothing to do with the "Birch Society." The pilot suggested that the other person could get more details by writing to a Post Office box, number unknown, at Norma, Tennessee.

The pilot further stated that the next time the President visits Texas that he will be assassinated and that they had rifles with scopes and a person selected to use them to kill the President.

The person talking to Colonel RIVERS said at the time he thought the pilot was "either nuts or drunk" but that since the President had been killed in Texas that the memory of the conversation bothers him.

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The Colonel stated that he asked him why he did not contact the FBI, and the stranger said he did not want to get mixed up in the matter as some of the group might kill him. He added that the pilot said that he was leaving the Harlingen area and going out to Snow Aircraft Corporation in West Texas. It is noted Snow Aeronautics manufactures airplanes for crop dusting at Olney, Texas, about one hundred miles west of the Fort Worth-Dallas area. Colonel RIVERS is making an attempt to locate and identify the source of information.

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