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**HAROLD A. WALSH, Also Known As
Bud Walsh**

On November 22, 1963, an individual who identified himself as Jack Johnson, 2367 Madrona, Torrance, California, telephonically advised the FBI that one Bud Walsh had recently stated the President would be dead by the end of this month. Mr. Johnson stated he did not know Walsh's residence address and furnished no additional information other than to state Walsh was a City of Torrance employee.

Investigation conducted by the FBI disclosed the address 2367 Madrona, Torrance, was fictitious, and no record of a Jack Johnson could be located in the current telephone directory or Torrance city directory.

Inquiry of Detective Bureau, Torrance Police Department, disclosed that Harold A. Walsh, also known as Bud Walsh, and his wife, Marian L. Walsh, reside at 2039 West 233rd Street, Torrance; further, Walsh is the Torrance City Building Inspector and has been for a number of years. Walsh is currently under subpoena to appear before the California State Attorney General hearing into charges of corruption in the City of Torrance. The California State Attorney General hearings have been postponed from time to time, but it was ascertained that Walsh was in the City of Torrance on November 22, 1963.

On November 23, 1963, Harold Walsh was interviewed, at which time he disclosed he has been a Torrance, California, resident for the past 20 years; is currently in charge of the Torrance Police Mounted Patrol and has been a reserve officer in this organization for the past 10 years. He has also been employed by the City of Torrance for the past 10 years.

Mr. Walsh readily admitted that a week or so ago during the course of a conversation with Lieutenant Cook, Vice Officer, Torrance Police Department, and Jack Phillips

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of Paramount Building Company, two of his friends for many years, that he made the statement that every 20 years during a zero series, the President in office did not finish his term. He stated that history has shown this to be a fact, and he felt President Kennedy, who was elected in 1960, if history was right, would not finish his term. The conversation became intense over this subject, and Walsh bet Mr. Phillips \$100.00 President Kennedy would not finish his term, based not only on Walsh's knowledge of history, but in view of the numerous events which had occurred in this country, all of historical importance, involving James Hoffa, the steel crisis, the Cuban situation, integration, and other such factors which aroused the public.

Walsh never realized how prophetic his statement would be, and he stated he never even thought of the statement until November 22, 1963, at which time Lieutenant Cook noted during the course of a conversation that "Bud Walsh really hit it on the nose" in his prophetic statement of a week or more ago.

Mr. Walsh stated people seemingly have no regard for human life and certainly in many instances have no respect for Government law or order. Walsh stated that he had the highest regard for President Kennedy, and the fact that the President's life was snuffed out is one of our great tragedies. He stated that he and his family are in mourning for the President. He states he now wishes he had never made a statement which turned out to be so prophetic.