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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

RE: -- HARLAN
Houston, Texas

Miss Lorraine Vargas, Granville Avenue, Malden, Massachusetts, advised Special Agents of the FBI on November 24, 1963, that while vacationing at the Pan American Hotel, 17875 Collins Avenue Miami, Florida, on September 19, 1963, she met a man named Harlan, whose first name she could not recall, and his wife, Polly, who were from Houston, Texas. Harlan was believed by Miss Vargas to own an insurance company in Houston, Texas bearing his name.

During a conversation that began in jest about the North and South relations and President Kennedy's stand on civil rights, Harlan became irate and made statements, the exact words of which she was unable to recall, but the substance of which was that he would like to see the President dead and if he knew someone who would do it, he would give him the gun or pay to have it done. Miss Vargas said she had no specific reason to believe Harlan was in any way connected with the assassination of President Kennedy, but in view of his remarks thought it advisable to report this information for what it is worth.

She described Harlan as follows:

Age: 38 - 40
Height: 5'11" - 6'

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Build: Heavy
Hair: sandy
Eyes: blue or hazel
Complexion: fair
Marital status: married, wife Polly
Children: indicated at least 2 young children

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