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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
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On December 14, 1963, THOMAS MARKS, 161 Madison Street, Hartford, Connecticut, complained that he met one GERARD DESMARAIS, Hartford, Connecticut, at a restaurant in Hartford, Connecticut, on the afternoon of December 14, 1963, and DESMARAIS made the statement to him that he knew that President KENNEDY was to be assassinated, and further, that he was recently in Dallas, Texas.

On December 17, 1963, GERARD DESMARAIS, 110 Ward Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised an Agent of this office that he did not make the statement that he knew that President KENNEDY was to be assassinated nor did he state that he had been in Dallas, Texas, very recently. He stated that he did and has made the statement numerous times that he predicted that something would happen to President KENNEDY and recently has been stating that President KENNEDY did get assassinated in accordance with his predictions. DESMARAIS stated that his prediction was based upon his analysis of President KENNEDY's political position, explaining that President KENNEDY was "sandwiched between the conservatives and the liberals." DESMARAIS stated that he has no knowledge of anyone ever having threatened or planned to kill President KENNEDY.

DESMARAIS stated that in April, 1962, the year General EDWIN WALKER was a candidate for Governor of Texas, he, DESMARAIS, went to Dallas with the object of selling a pamphlet to WALKER backers which he entitled "WHY AMERICA NEEDS GENERAL WALKER". He stated that he stapled a few

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pamphlets together but was not able to sell any. He was living in a rooming house, address unrecalled, and not working. He was sent money by his two brothers in Hartford from time to time. He had no friends there. He was told by local police, upon inquiry at the police department, that he was not to solicit without a license, and, therefore, he did not attempt to sell his pamphlet on the streets. He left Dallas in August, 1962, after receiving travelling funds from his brothers in Hartford.

DESMARAIS, who claims that he has expressed intentions of entering the New Hampshire primaries as Presidential candidate next year, stated that his stepmother recently told some inquiring reporters that he, DESMARAIS, is "nuts" and is a "screwball."

DESMARAIS stated that he is an unemployed painter with a grade school education. He is single and resides at 110 Ward Street, Hartford, Connecticut. He confirmed fact that he has been arrested on numerous occasions in the past, including an arrest at Hartford, Connecticut, for Breach of Peace and Contempt of Court on February 19, 1963, and stated that the judge who found him and his two brothers guilty on this occasion committed a "kidnaping" offense since they were not guilty of any crime.