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Report of: SA CONRAD V. HASSEL
Date: 12/17/63

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File No.: 47-3263

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Title: CHARLES ARNOLD FISHER

Character: IMPERSONATION

Synopsis:

Anonymous phone call received Springfield, Massachusetts 11/22/63 alleging that a person driving 1963 Plymouth, blue in color with a two way radio and an official Government tag on the rear deck of car made statements that he was working for United States Government. This occurred at Bowen Motors, 820 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. According to the caller, when this person was advised that the president had just been shot, he said "Good" and expressed regret that he had not been able to do the shooting himself. Investigation revealed that above described vehicle is registered to captioned subject, and ROCCO BRUNO, also a customer at Bowen Motors at time statements were made verified statements of anonymous caller. Subject interviewed and denied stating that he was in fact employed by the Government but said that plate on rear of car was used only as joke. He also denied making any statements concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. Previous information received in Boston Office reveals that subject had been engaged in distributing American Nazi Party propoganda and also that he had allegedly engaged in the construction of a bomb for the alleged purpose of blowing up Holyoke PD. Subject admonished. Facts of case presented to AUSA THOMAS P. O'CONNOR, Boston, Massachusetts on 12/4/63 and he declined prosecution on Impersonation charge in that there was no evidence that subject had purported to act as a Government official, and had received nothing of value as a result of his impersonation.

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Details:

This case is predicated on an anonymous telephone call received at the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident Agency of the FBI on November 22, 1963. The caller advised that he had approached an FBI agent and told him that President KENNEDY had been shot shortly after the announcement of the shooting was broadcast over the radio, the FBI agent allegedly said "Good" and words to the effect that he wished he had had the opportunity to do the shooting himself. The caller was questioned as to how he knew this person was an FBI agent and he said that the incident had occurred at Bowen Motors, Holyoke, Massachusetts and that the person was driving a 1963 blue Plymouth with a two way radio and that the car had a sign on the back indicating that the owner was a Government official. He said that the car bore 1963 Massachusetts license 469-296.

On November 26, 1963 records of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles were checked and revealed that the above described license was registered to a CHARLES A. FISHER, 234 Island Pond Road, Springfield, Massachusetts.

On the same date, Mr. CLIFFORD BOWEN, Bowen Motors, 820 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts advised that CHARLES A. FISHER was at Bowen Motors when the broadcast came in concerning the President's assassination and that FISHER owned a 1963 blue Plymouth convertible with a two way radio which he purchased from Bowen Motors. He stated that also in his repair shop at the same time was a Mr. ROCCO BRUNO of 69 Melrose Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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COO BRUNO advised that he resides at 69 Melrose Street and that on November 22, 1963 he was at Bowen Motors, Holyoke, Massachusetts having some work done on his car. While he was at the garage, he heard on the radio that President KENNEDY had been shot. Also at the garage was a person who was having a 1963 blue Plymouth convertible worked on and this car had a two way radio in it and a sign on the back of it indicating that the person was a United States Government official.

Shortly after the news of the assassination came over the radio, the man who owned the Plymouth was approached and was told that his boss had just been shot, he stated "Good", and words to the effect that he only wished that he had had the opportunity to do the shooting himself.

BRUNO was questioned as to whether he had heard this person state that he was working in some capacity for the United States Government, and BRUNO said that this person was asked if he was employed by the United States Government and he said he was working for the Government but did not say in what capacity he was working.

BRUNO recalls the license plate of the Plymouth as being 1963 Massachusetts 469-269. BRUNO could not give the description of the owner of the Plymouth.

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SA CONNOR V. HASSEL/pd Date dictated 12/2/63

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CHARLES ARNOLD FISHER was advised prior to interview that he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; that he had the right to consult an attorney and that no threats or promises would be made to him in order to get him to make a statement.

FISHER advised that he resides with his parents at 234 Island Pond Road and is the owner of a 1963 Plymouth convertible, blue in color bearing 1963 Massachusetts license 469-296. He admitted that he was at Bowen Motors in Holyoke, Massachusetts when the announcement was received over the radio that the President of the United States had been shot on November 22, 1963. He denied making any positive statements that he was employed by the United States Government in any capacity, but stated that people sometimes got the impression he was working for the Government because of the two way radio in his car and because of a sign on the back of the vehicle which reads "Official U. S. Government, No. 6 369". FISHER advised that he had purchased the sign at a Topps discount store on Route 5 in West Springfield, Massachusetts and that it originally said "Official U. S. Government Taxpayer", but he had removed the "Taxpayer" and put in the above number. He said that he did this as a joke and did not think anyone would take it seriously. At the time of interview FISHER voluntarily surrendered the above plate.

FISHER denied that he ever made any statements indicating approval or satisfaction with the President's assassination.

FISHER also denied that he is a member of the American Nazi Party, although he said that he does receive some of the party's publications and had on occasion and also as a joke discussed the party's doctrine and indicated his approval of it, again he stated that this was done only as a joke and for the sake of argument. FISHER was thoroughly admonished by interviewing Agents.

The following description of FISHER was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: CHARLES ARNOLD FISHER
Alias: "DOC"
Date of Birth: August 8, 1936 HOLYOKE, MASS

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By SA THOMAS P. SULLIVAN and
CORRAD V. HASSEL

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Place of Birth: Holyoke, Massachusetts
Weight: 200 pounds
Height: 6'
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Scars and Marks: None
Education: Graduate Holyoke High School 1954
1 year Western N. E. College,
Springfield, Massachusetts
Military Service: Massachusetts National Guard,
101st Inf. Reg.
National Guard SN: 21271283
Arrest Record: Juvenile breaking and entering,
1952 Greenfield, Massachusetts;
1955 carrying weapon without
permit, Springfield
Residence: 234 Island Pond Road
Occupation: Technician, Western Massachusetts
Electric, West Springfield,
Massachusetts
Marital Status: Single

On December 3, 1963 Boston file 157-111, captioned CHARLES "DOC" FISHER was reviewed and revealed that on February 27, 1962 a letter was received from Lieutenant Colonel DWIGHT SCOVEL, Commander, 1st District Office of Special Investigations Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts which advised that on February 25, 1962 FISHER picked up two airmen hitchhiking to the Air Force Base and supplied them with American Nazi Party flyers and requested by FISHER to disseminate them among Air Force personnel at Westover.

On March 23, 1963 a letter was received from ISADORE ZACK of the New England Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 72 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts advising that "DOC" FISHER was supplying American Nazi Party literature and other paraphernalia to persons in the Springfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts area.

On January 22, 1963 ROGER WALLING appeared at the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident Agency of the FBI and advised SA THOMAS F. SULLIVAN that he had overheard a conversation between CHARLES FISHER and JAMES CLARK, a former mental patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northhampton, Massachusetts concerning a plan by FISHER and CLARK to construct a bomb to blow up the Holyoke Police Department. This information was given to the Holyoke Police Department.

On December 4, 1963 Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS P. O'CONNOR, Boston, Massachusetts declined prosecution on FISHER in that there was no evidence that he had ever purported to act as a Government official or that he had ever obtained anything of value as a result of his impersonation of a Government employee.