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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (62-3114)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63

ReBuairtel to Minneapolis 1/3/64; Minneapolis airtel to Bureau 1/8/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ARTHUR J. SULLIVAN at Minneapolis, Minnesota:

HARLOW ROSS, proprietor, Ross and Haines, Inc., a bookstore at 413 South 4th Street, advised 1/8/64 that approximately three-four weeks ago a man called him and said he was sending some material to "Life" or "Time" magazine and requested ROSS to be his literary agent at the usual ten percent commission. He refused to identify himself to ROSS and indicated he expected to have some of his writings published.

He expressed a great interest in the Pythagoras Numbers Formula and astrology generally.

He mentioned something to the effect that he could have predicted President KENNEDY's assassination.

The unknown caller told ROSS that he could be reached at Federal 8-1329 and to ask for the man in room 18.

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He gave ROSS as references the Salvation Army Social Center in Tacoma, Washington, and mentioned that he was well known by Rev. SNOWDEN, the chaplain and the brigadier, a Mr. BERRENGER.

ROSS said the unknown caller telephoned him again approximately ten days later and said he might move and if so he would telephone him his new number.

ROSS said he had no idea who the man was but he did make a notation of the information he furnished. He said he sounded middle-aged, intelligent in a fashion, but left him with the impression he was a "crackpot."

[REDACTED] Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (Conceal Identity) advised SA DONALD E. WALLER 1/8/64 that telephone number Federal 5-1329 was listed to WILLIAM M. FRANKLIN, 1313 South 3rd Street, Minneapolis.

WILLIAM M. FRANKLIN, 1313 South 3rd Street, the owner and operator of a rooming house which might better be described as a "flop house", advised 1/9/64 that he recalled the former occupant of room 18 very well.

He said his name was EDWIN SHERMAN, an itinerant who rented the room for a period of two weeks, having claimed to have traveled from Tacoma, Washington, where he stayed at the Salvation Army. He left on Friday, 12/13/63, leaving no forwarding address but indicating he was going to travel around the country again.

FRANKLIN described SHERMAN as a self-styled writer who spent most of his time at the Minneapolis Public Library or in his room reading. He discussed politics, religion, and astrology with whomever he could find who would listen to him.

FRANKLIN said he recalled SHERMAN discussing President KENNEDY's assassination and that he claimed he could have predicted it from an astrology formula which he discovered years ago.

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FRANKLIN said SHERMAN had no other employment other than odd jobs he did for him around the rooming house and he paid him \$3 a day whenever he worked.

FRANKLIN described him as white male, single, 5'10", 180 lbs., medium build, fair complexion, wore glasses occasionally, was dressed in workman's clothing and wore a cap with ear flaps always pulled down. FRANKLIN recalled that SHERMAN said he was 54 years of age and originally had lived on a farm somewhere in California.

It was FRANKLIN's opinion that SHERMAN was an intellectual eccentric and nonconformist, however, he did not view him as dangerous to any extent.

MARTIN MUMBLEAU who resides at 1313 South 3rd Street, advised on 1/9/64, that he conversed with EDWIN SHERMAN on a number of occasions and recalled him discussing astrology and the connection between astrology and President KENNEDY's death.

MUMBLEAU recalled that SHERMAN sent a night letter he thought, to Washington, D.C. and that it was supposed to be 4,000 words long. He said he did not know the subject of this letter except that it probably pertained to President KENNEDY's death and politics generally.

MUMBLEAU recalled that SHERMAN claimed he had gone to Texas following President KENNEDY's assassination and talked about his theory to the FBI there.

MUMBLEAU felt SHERMAN was a harmless individual but definitely eccentric. MUMBLEAU had no idea where SHERMAN could be located at the present time. His description of SHERMAN matched that given by FRANKLIN.

In view of the above information, no further investigation re SHERMAN is being conducted by the Minneapolis Division.