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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
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NOVEMBER 22, 1963

Re: EDWIN SHERMAN

A source on January 8, 1964, advised that on December 12, 1963, the following information was sent to Life Magazine:

"EDITOR

"LIFE MAGAZINE CARE TIME INC ROCKEFELLER CENTER
NYK

"DEAR SIR: THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ATTAINED BY A UTILIZING OF THE PYTHAGORAS NUMBERS FORMULA WITH REGARD 20TH CENTURY CONSIDERATIONS.

"A HIGHLY UNUSUAL PREDICTION MADE BY THIS WRITER AND THAT CAN BE ATTESTED TO BY AT LEAST A SCORE OF PERSONS INCLUDING A METHODIST CLERGYMAN WAS FULFILLED.

"THIS PREDICTION HAD TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT A CERTAIN ASTROLOGICAL CONFIGURATION OCCURED ON THE DAY THAT CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED AND DID NOT OCCUR AGAIN UNTIL APRIL 12 1895 AND WITH THE FACT THAT ON APRIL 12 1961 ANOTHER EVENT CLOSELY TIED TO THE CRUCIFICTION OF CHRIST AS WELL AS WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE OF OUR DAY WOULD OCCUR.

"THIS EVENT DID OCCUR ON THAT DAY OF APRIL 12 1961. IT BEING THE FIRST REPORTED ASCENSION INTO

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF 2/19/77
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SPACE BY MAN SINCE THE REPORT OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION INTO SPACE AT THE PERIOD OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

"THIS WRITER HAD BEEN URGED BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO PUBLISH THIS STORY WHEN THIS PREDICTION CAME TO PASS BUT MADE NO EFFORT TO DO SO MAINLY BECAUSE HE HAD HIGHER GOALS WITH REGARD IT IN MIND.

"NOW, HOWEVER, MANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND SO HE HAS DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO BRING THE MATTER OF THIS PREDICTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

"ONE OF THESE ADDITIONAL FACTORS WAS THAT BY WAY OF APPLYING THE PYTHAGORAS FORMULA HE WAS ABLE TO PREDICT THAT JOHN KENNEDY WOULD NEVER FINISH HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE USA A PREDICTION ALSO MADE TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE WHO CAN ATTEST TO THIS FACT AND ALSO THAT HE WAS ABLE TO FORETELL TO THE VERY DAY AND EVEN HOUR WHEN THE KENNEDY AND OSWALD ASSASSINATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE AND FURTHER THAT THE OSWALD ASSASSINATION WILL PROVE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THAN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

"FOR REASONS THAT ARE ONLY TOO OBVIOUS THIS WRITER WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, HOWEVER, IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH REGARD WHAT HE HAS SET FORTH HEREIN IS DEEMED DESIRABLE ON YOUR PART YOU MAY REACH HIM BY WAY OF HIS AGENTS ROSS AND HAINES INC 413 SOUTH FOURTH STREET MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA PHONE FEDERAL 2-7081

"SIGNED X"

Harlow Ross, proprietor, Ross and Haines, Inc., a bookstore at 413 South 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised on January 8, 1964, that approximately three to four weeks ago a man called him and said he was sending some material to Life Magazine 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.

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He expressed a great interest in the Pythagoras numbers formula and astrology in general.

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 5-1329 and to ask for the man in Room 18. 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, would advise Ross of his new telephone number.

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

A second source advised on January 8, 1964, that telephone number FEderal 5-1329 was listed to William M. Franklin, 1313 South 3rd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

William M. Franklin, 1313 South 3rd Street, Minneapolis, the owner and operator of a rooming house, advised on January 9, 1964, that he recalled the former occupant of Room 18 very well. He said the name of the former tenant was Edwin Sherman, an itinerant, who rented the room for a period of two weeks, claiming to have travelled from Tacoma, Washington, where he stayed at the Salvation Army. He left on Friday, December 13, 1963, 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 of in his room reading. He discussed politics, religion and astrology with whoever would listen to him.

Franklin stated he recalled Sherman discussing President Kennedy's assassination, at which time he claimed

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that he could have predicted it from an astrology formula which he discovered years ago.

Franklin said that Sherman had no employment other than odd jobs he did for him, Franklin, around the rooming house, for which Franklin paid him \$3 a day whenever he worked.

Franklin described Sherman as white, male, single, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, medium build, and fair complexion; he said Sherman wore glasses occasionally, dressed in workmen's clothes and wore a cap with the 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, Minneapolis, advised on January 9, 1964, that he conversed with Edwin Sherman on a number of occasions and recalled him discussing astrology and the relation between astrology and President Kennedy's death. Mumbleau recalled that Sherman sent a night letter, he thought, to Washington, D. C., which was supposed to be four thousand words long. He said he did not know the subject matter of this letter, except that it probably pertained to President Kennedy's death and politics in general. 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 that 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.

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