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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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JACK RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
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For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, the following information has been learned:

On the night of 2/23/64 the Reverend FREDERICK CURTIS FOWLER, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Minn., had a meeting at his church, at which he was the speaker, wherein

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he made, in substance, the following comments pertaining to the assassination of President KENNEDY. (It should be noted that Dr. FOWLER is rumored to be a potential Republican candidate for the U. S. Congressional seat currently held by Representative JOHN BLATNIK.)

First, Dr. FOWLER played a tape recording of the interview of OSWALD, which presumably was the interview conducted in New Orleans relating to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Dr. FOWLER stated he has been well acquainted with General WALKER, of Texas, and had been in General WALKER's room sometime in the past when an individual, CARLO or CARLOS VANBENZA, had had a conference with General WALKER. Dr. FOWLER indicated that this CARLOS VANBENZA was a Cuban refugee attorney who had had a debate with OSWALD in the taped recording above referred to. He said VANBENZA (phonetic) is now a reporter for a Chicago paper. *Cuba*

In his comments, Dr. FOWLER attributed the shooting at General WALKER to OSWALD, claiming that OSWALD had deliberately missed General WALKER. He charged that it was a definite fact that there was a Communist Party cell in Dallas which had six members, two of whom were JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD.

He charged that the circumstances leading to the assassination of President KENNEDY arose from the fact that Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. KHRUSHCHEV had gone soft on one another and that both of them wanted to get rid of CASTRO. An agreement was made between them according to which KHRUSHCHEV was to allow Mr. KENNEDY to get rid of CASTRO provided Mr. KENNEDY would permit Cuba to remain Communistic. Mr. CASTRO heard of this arrangement and began his own operation.

Dr. FOWLER charged that OSWALD had made a trip to Mexico before the assassination. He allegedly returned to the United States in the company of one QUENTON PENZA (phonetic). OSWALD had \$10,000 in his possession and had been given the job of assassinating President KENNEDY. It was intended that PENZA, after the assassination, was to take OSWALD to Cuba. Immediately following the assassination, OSWALD was supposed to take a taxi to a location near RUBY's home and thereafter be picked up by a representative of PENZA. OSWALD was to have worn a certain-colored jacket for identification. Contrary to instructions, OSWALD had gone to his home and had apparently put on a different jacket, thus causing a delay in his being picked up. When the police stopped OSWALD, OSWALD shot a

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policeman, and RUBY in turn killed OSWALD for bungling the assassination and to seal his lips.

Dr. FOWLER will be interviewed concerning the specific facts which he has in his possession and for his sources. An appropriate communication suitable for dissemination will then be submitted.