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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,  
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

On June 22, 1964, John Shortall, 453 West Ambleside, Des Plaines, Illinois, advised that his son, Gerald Shortall, who is 33 years of age, has been receiving psychiatric treatment the majority of his adult life. He explained that Gerald Shortall is nervous and anxious at all times, and has not been able to be gainfully employed for any length of time. He explained that Gerald Shortall has worked a total of approximately three years in his adult life. Mr. Shortall explained that his son, Gerald, has been in various private psychiatric hospitals, and it is the conclusion of the doctors that he is not violent but merely a type of individual that cannot concentrate on any type of employment and is "all mixed up." Mr. Shortall advised that on November 22, 1963, his son, Gerald, was attending the beauty culture school in Des Plaines, Illinois, and possibly made some remark because he has had problems in other types of jobs and schools making silly remarks and getting into arguments with other employees and students.

On June 24, 1964, Gerald Shortall, 453 West Ambleside, Des Plaines, Illinois, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was a student at the beauty culture school in

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Des Plaines, Illinois. When someone came into the room at the school and said that President Kennedy had been shot, he could not believe it. He advised that he was an admirer of President Kennedy and would much rather see President Kennedy the President of the United States than any other individual. At no time did he ever advocate assassination of any public official in the United States.

He explained that he is always nervous and concerned that communism will take over the United States, and believes that the communists are trying to embarrass him in every manner. He explained that he was recently in an automobile accident in Chicago, and he was of the opinion that the communists were behind it. He is also of the opinion that individuals are breaking into his car at various times and are calling his place of employment advising his employers that he was a member of the American Nazi Party. He stated that he was not a member of the American Nazi Party.

Shortall again stated that he did not make a statement that President Kennedy was a criminal, nor did he exhibit any pleasure when he heard that President Kennedy was shot.