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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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Re New York teletype, 9/17/64.

On 9/19/64, SA HENRY A. WELKE interviewed ERICH LINTROP aboard the SS AMERICAN FLYER, US Lines, Norfolk, Va. LINTROP produced U.S. Merchant Mariner's Document indicating Z #72988D1, and birth data as 11/4/04, Estonia. He is a naturalized American citizen.

He advised that about four days after the assassination of President KENNEDY, he was at Constantinople, Turkey, as a crew member aboard the SS THUNDERBIRD. He was in a restaurant where he struck up a conversation with an unidentified Turkish Army officer, who spoke English well. They talked about the assassination. The officer told him that there were rumors in Turkey that Madame NHU of South Vietnam may have been responsible for the assassination, that a monk from South Vietnam had the money for the assassins but that the monk had disappeared with the money. The officer thought it odd that Madame NHU had abruptly terminated her visit to the United States and had gone to Italy. The officer furnished no further information in that regard. LINTROP stated that he accepted the information from the Turkish officer as poor rumor and thought little more about it.

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LINTROP further stated that on or about 9/8/64, he was in Jacksonville, Florida, as a crew member aboard the SS AMERICAN FLYER. He was in the bar of the Seminole Hotel where he was doing considerable drinking. When he realized that he had no more money he left the hotel and attempted to hail a taxi to return to the ship, but was unable to locate a cab because of the hurricane. He accepted a ride from two men dressed in civilian clothes, who volunteered to take him to his ship. At the ship he obtained more money, and the men then drove him back to the hotel where he continued his drinking.

LINTROP stated that he could not recall the substance of his conversation with the men but said that he may have mentioned something about the assassination, although he is not certain. He said that if he did discuss the assassination he may have told the men about his conversation with the Turkish Army officer.

LINTROP stated that he was somewhat intoxicated at the time and could not adequately remember details of his conversation. LINTROP stated that he has never met LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and knows nothing about them other than what he has read in newspapers and magazines.

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