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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 7, 1964, information was furnished to a San Diego source that one [redacted] (last name and address unknown) had advised of one [redacted] (phonetic) (address unknown) who allegedly possessed a stolen death certificate made out for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. [redacted] reportedly asked for assistance in locating a quality copying machine and advised of his intention to sell reproductions of the described death certificate and realize a substantial profit therefrom.

On August 11, 1964, the original source for this information identified [redacted] as identical with [redacted]

On September 15, 1964, [redacted] advised that approximately three months ago he was contacted by [redacted] manager of an apartment at 6102 San Pedro Avenue, San Diego. [redacted] related he was in possession of a Photostat of the death certificate made out for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. [redacted] inquired if he, [redacted] would assist in making reproductions of such death certificate and thereafter promote the sale of such reproductions. [redacted] advised [redacted] he would "not touch it with a ten-foot pole," and suggested that [redacted] give careful consideration to the matter before taking such steps. [redacted] did not tell [redacted] the manner by which he had obtained possession of such document.

On September 15, 1964, [redacted] admitted possession of a Photostat of a death certificate for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He advised he

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received it from a friend in California whom he did not wish to identify. This friend, several months ago, had been on a trip in the East and in either North or South Carolina he had contacted an unidentified acquaintance who furnished him with one such Photostat. Upon his return to California he had given [redacted] a reproduction of such document.

[redacted] related they had discussed the possibility of making reproductions of the death certificate with the idea of selling them to persons desiring such reproductions. [redacted] consulted his attorney and was advised he was legally on safe ground, but that in his opinion it would be in poor taste. [redacted] unidentified friend wrote to the authorities in Dallas, Texas, to ask if reproductions of the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY's death certificate were available to the public. He was advised that no reproductions were being furnished to the public. In view of these facts [redacted] and his friend dismissed further plans for the contemplated sale of such reproductions.