



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

Omaha, Nebraska
September 16, 1964

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

Re: Warren Egbert Hefflon

A complaint was filed by Special Agent Harold E. Brueggeman of the FBI on September 15, 1964, before United States Commissioner K. V. Fuelling, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, charging Warren Egbert Hefflon, also known as Renni Agro, with violation of Title 18, Section 2312, United States Code. Hefflon at this time was in custody of the sheriff, Toledo, Iowa, after having been arrested by the Police Department, Tama, Iowa, in possession of a 1962 Chevrolet convertible, California license HCU 945, which had been reported stolen on or about July 24, 1964, at Los Angeles, California.

A warrant was issued and Hefflon was taken into custody by Deputy United States Marshal Dick D. McKinney on September 15, 1964, and brought before United States Commissioner, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time bond was set at \$1,500.00. Hefflon immediately requested the services of an attorney, and arrangements were made for appointment of an attorney through the United States District Court, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While in the custody of Deputy United States Marshal McKinney on September 15, 1964, Hefflon, according to McKinney, started making irrational statements. He claimed he was deaf and was unable to hear the Marshal. He also claimed he was unable to write. He objected strenuously to being fingerprinted, claiming no one had the right to fingerprint him. He stated he was going to avail himself of all the "foolish rights" bestowed upon him by the United States Government. While in the Marshal's office at Cedar Rapids, Hefflon observed a picture of former President John F. Kennedy and suddenly made the statement, "I killed him." Before the United States Commissioner, Cedar Rapids, on September 17, 1964, he acknowledged he had made such a statement upon being asked a direct question by United States Attorney Donald S. O'Brien.

This information was furnished to Special Agent Brueggeman by Mr. O'Brien on September 17, 1964.

ENCLOSURE

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Hefflon is described as follows:

Name	Warren Egbert Hefflon
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Birth	July 16, 1933, at New London, Connecticut
Height	5' 10"
Weight	202 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	RFD, Tama, Iowa

Hefflon is married, and his wife, Elaine Ferneau Hefflon, resides at Tama.

United States Attorney O'Brien advised on September 17, 1964, he is giving serious consideration to requesting a psychiatric examination for Hefflon.

[redacted] was contacted by Special Agent Bruce [redacted] on September 13, 1964, at [redacted] Iowa, where [redacted] resides. [redacted] stated [redacted] visited Hefflon at the City Jail, Toledo, Iowa, just before [redacted] he was taken into Federal custody, at which time Hefflon advised [redacted] he intended to tell Federal authorities that he had assassinated former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. [redacted] stated [redacted] believes Hefflon is a mental case, and it is [redacted] understanding that he has undergone mental treatment in the past; however, [redacted] has no specific information in this regard. [redacted] stated he definitely indicated to [redacted] on September 13, 1964, [redacted] when [redacted] visited him in the County Jail [redacted] Toledo, Iowa, that he intended to "fake" mental instability.

[redacted] requested that the above information be handled in such a manner that [redacted] never be aware of the fact that [redacted] furnished this information to Federal authorities. [redacted] stated that if he should become aware of this fact, [redacted] feared for [redacted] personal safety.