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HERBERT JULIUS FLEISCHMAN

On October 17, 1964, HERBERT JULIUS FLEISCHMAN was arrested by Officers of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department for crashing a red light. FLEISCHMAN made statements to Detectives of the Cleveland Police Department indicating that the man who killed President KENNEDY would be in church the following day. The implication was that the unnamed person would kill President JOHNSON.

On the same date, GERALD ROTHGERY, 303 Bradley Road, Bay Village, Ohio, a long-time friend of FLEISCHMAN, advised RONALD SZEGO, United States Secret Service, and Special Agent GROVER C. TWINER that FLEISCHMAN is brilliant in the scientific field but lacks discretion in that he goes around making statements without realizing the consequences of such statements. He also advised that FLEISCHMAN will call, write, or otherwise communicate with prominent persons without giving it a second thought.

He advised that FLEISCHMAN spent several years in Lima State Hospital for criminally insane in early 1940's and is presently undergoing psychiatric treatment at Harding Sanitarium near Columbus, Ohio.

He stated FLEISCHMAN is mad at Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER as he feels Mr. HOOVER prevented him from obtaining a security clearance at a previous place of employment. ROTHGERY said he testified at a hearing in Chicago on his behalf.

On interview, FLEISCHMAN was of the opinion LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not the only one involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY. He indicated the other person would be "in church tomorrow." He did not think President JOHNSON would be harmed as no two presidents have been assassinated in succession and because President JOHNSON is well liked by most of the people of the United States.

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He expressed antagonism toward Mr. HOOVER because he felt he denied him a "Q" clearance.

Mrs. FLEISCHMAN described her husband as being very smart but impractical in many ways. She confirmed that he commented that OSWALD was not the assassin of President KENNEDY but never specified any one person or group that may have been responsible. She added that he has been undergoing psychiatric treatment at a sanitarium near Columbus, Ohio.

FLEISCHMAN was admitted to the Lima State Hospital for the criminally insane, Lima, Ohio, for observation from June 25, 1940 to July 29, 1940, as a result of a Franklin County, Ohio indictment for assault to kill. He was diagnosed as a Maniac Depressive Psychotic and was incarcerated from August 8, 1940 to June 11, 1942, at which time he was classified as restored to reason and released.

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