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

On January 10, 1967, William Blanton Acker, 302 W. Magnolia, Auburn, Alabama, student, Auburn University, advised he had just finished reading article regarding assassination of President Kennedy in January 14 issue of Saturday Evening Post and wished to furnish the following information.

In 1963 he was in Miami, Florida, employed at the Royal Castle, Number two, Flagler and Second, and met one Art Silva. Silva at that time was living with one Phyllis (Last Name Unknown) at a small hotel across the street from Royal Castle Number Two. They later moved to an apartment in a court near LaJune Road and Eighth Street which was behind a fruit stand. One of their neighbors in the court (consisting of about ten units) was one Roy (Last Name Unknown) who was living with some woman, name unrecalled, in the court next door to Art. Roy, according to Art, had several telescopic sight rifles, grenades, mortars, dynamite, etc., in his room. Also Roy had made a trip to Dallas, Texas, in late 1963 and was reported by Art to have Secret Service credentials. Roy was also associated with various Cuban resistance movements and was an ex-Marine. Acker notes that instant article he read says a policeman stopped a man in Dallas who showed Secret Service credentials. Acker says at a Christmas party in 1963 he was arguing with Roy and almost came to blows as Roy blamed former President Kennedy personally for the death of one of his close friends who was in the invasion at the Bay of Pigs.

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Acker says that late in 1963 he met Art in an open air sandwich shop in Miami to have a beer and Art talked of his next door neighbor Roy and said Roy was working with the Cubans and would help Acker get in with the Movement if he wanted to help out in winning Cuba back from Castro. Art also said, "Somebody is going to die. Somebody who hasn't hurt anybody. He doesn't know it but he is going to die." Acker says he asked Art, "Who?" and Art said he couldn't say. Art also said "Roy is in something big, the biggest thing this country has very seen." Acker says that he thought Art was talking about a robbery or something of that nature as he suspected Art as being mixed up with various underworld characters. At this time, Acker believes it was the assassination of President Kennedy after reading the article in the Post of January 14.

Acker advised as follows:

Art Silva, age 25, 5'10" or 11", about 175 pounds, dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair, white male, a former Marine, tattoos on both forearms, one "Penny" and one "Mother" and one maybe a heart with "Art and Penny," also Social Security or Serial Number on upper right arm, build muscular, possibly Portugese descent and probably a transvestite, employed as Assistant Manager of Royal Castle Number Eight in 1963 and was fired.

Phyllis (Last Name Unknown), possibly Gige, Gide or Giste, 5'10½ or 11½", 130-135 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, white female, probably transvestite, pregnant at the time, former residence, New Haven, Connecticut, had been adopted as a child by a couple in New Haven from an orphanage, worked as a barmaid or possibly call girl in New York, not married to Art. She claimed to have a husband in prison and a "Sugar Daddy" who was a pawn or money broker in Miami. She had scars on her throat and wrists. She reads and writes poetry.

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Roy (Last Name Unknown), age 25, 6'1", 170-175 pounds, brown-blond hair, short, parted on side, blue or gray eyes, fair complexion, white male, strong build, college type, was stopped by Coast Guard in late 1963 beyond three mile limit in a boat headed for Cuba and was turned back.

William Blanton Acker, age 45, admitted he was in Veterans Administration Hospital, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for mental condition, is a veteran of World War II, having served in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Reliability of Acker's statements are unknown by Mobile.

Acker claims to have

[REDACTED] He states he resided at 522 Charlestown Drive, Bessemer, Alabama 1949-50 and later was contacted by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Acker states that he is separated from his wife, who resides in Bessemer, Alabama and was advised by his doctor after separation, to leave the area and go to Miami and get a new start in life.