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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75) (RUC)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISC INFO CONCERNING (OO: DALLAS)

J.D.H.

After 5:00 PM on 3/3/67, SA JOHN D. HURLEY, JR. was telephonically contacted at the Babylon Office by Mrs. CHARLES KRAUS. Mrs KRAUS was interviewed subsequently at her house by SA HURLEY at which time she advised the following:

Mrs. CHARLES KRAUS, nee DOROTHY YOUNG, who will be 41 years of age in April of this year, advised that she has resided at 1093 South Gardiner Drive, Bay Shore, NY, for the past six years and who formerly resided at 557 Lincoln Ave., Lindenhurst, NY, from 1946-1961.

She stated that between Halloween and Thanksgiving of 1957, while she was en route from Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, to Lindenhurst, NY, that she stopped for a hitchhiker somewhere in Virginia. She said that this hitchhiker was a young boy about 17 or 18 years of age and that he identified himself to her as being LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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1 Oswald arrested in U.S.M.C. at this time

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Approved: *J.H.M.*
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She said that he was carrying a brown suitcase filled with Communist propaganda including training manuals concerning various weapons, a document bearing his name as LEE HARVEY OSWALD indicating that he was a member of an organization headed by JACK RUBY who signed his name as JACK RUBY as an official of that organization. She stated that aforementioned brown suitcase bore the initials LHO and that the suitcase also contained a picture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's mother and some photographs of girlfriends.

She stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in her opinion, appeared to be completely brainwashed and a follower of Communistic causes. She stated that he constantly referred to KENNEDY, who later became President of the US, as "JFK" and he also stated that CASTRO had said that he would get KENNEDY or else he, CASTRO, would get somebody to get JFK.

She stated that this individual, who identified himself to her as LEE HARVEY OSWALD, mentioned to her that he had been recruited along with other young men by JACK RUBY to fight with CASTRO's guerrillas and that he was receiving pay from this organization. She stated that OSWALD told her he had been sent along with other young men from New Orleans to Florida to board a boat to join forces and fight with CASTRO's forces in Cuba.

She stated OSWALD told her that when he arrived in Florida this boat had already departed and that he was presently en route to NYC to contact JACK RUBY for additional orders. She stated that OSWALD told her that he hoped that RUBY would send him out again to join CASTRO's guerrillas and that RUBY held meetings for this organization which RUBY headed, whose name she cannot recall, in the back room of a 53rd Street restaurant, whose name she cannot recall.

She stated that she picked up LEE HARVEY OSWALD along the road in Virginia at about 8:30 AM, and that she deposited him in NYC at 11:00 PM on the same day she picked him up. She said that at the last Howard Johnson's restaurant on the New Jersey Turnpike, prior to entering NYC via one of the tunnels, she gave LEE HARVEY OSWALD a quarter to make a call to JACK RUBY at this 53rd St. restaurant in NYC. She stated that OSWALD wanted her to listen in on their conversation and that

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she heard OSWALD tell the individual alleged to be RUBY that he was going to meet him at this 53rd St. restaurant because he had missed the boat in Florida which was to take him to Cuba. She also said that OSWALD said do you want to talk to RUBY, at which time she got on the phone and said hello to the individual to whom OSWALD was speaking and he replied hello and that was the end of their conversation.

She said that OSWALD wanted her to drop him off at this 53rd St. restaurant in NYC, whose name she cannot recall, but that she was afraid of getting lost in NY and just dropped him off and continued on her way out to Lindenhurst, NY, to join her husband. She said that the only other person who was in her vehicle at this time was her four-year-old son, DANIEL. Furthermore, she advised that she had been separated from her husband and had been in Florida with her child and was en route to Lindenhurst, NY, to join her husband. She was lonely during this period. She said that she advised her husband immediately upon arrival in Lindenhurst, NY, of this 17 or 18 year old hitchhiker named LEE HARVEY OSWALD whom she had picked up, and that she felt sorry for this boy as he appeared to be completely "brainwashed in Communist causes."

She said that she did not think any more about this until the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, at which time she saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD's picture on television and recognized him as the boy she had picked up 6 years previously. Later on, when JACK RUBY was mentioned as having killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD, she recalled that that was the name that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had mentioned in her car while en route to NY in 1957. At this time, she consulted her husband, CHARLES KRAUS, as to what she should do concerning her knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Her husband advised her to consult her priest.

Mrs. KRAUS advised that she called the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Rectory in Bay Shore, NY, and arranged for a consultation with one of the priests. She said that she contacted a young priest at aforementioned rectory whose name she cannot recall, and was advised by him as follows: "Do not mention it to anyone as your life and children would not be worth a plug nickel."

Later the same evening Monsignor MYRON PURICK, Pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 6 North Clinton Ave., Bay Shore, NY, was contacted re the possibility of any woman

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having contacted a young priest of that parish shortly after 11/22/63, with information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Msgr. MYRON PURICK advised that he had only one young priest in the parish at that time and that the priest's name was Father WILLIAM KARVELIS and that this priest had gone to NYC for the evening and would not be returning to Bay Shore until Saturday around noon. He said that to the best of his recollection he had not heard any of the priests having any information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD immediately after the assassination of the late President.

On 3/4/67, SA HURLEY contacted Father WILLIAM KARVELIS of above St. Patrick's Rectory regarding the possibility of that priest having had any one of his parishioners contact him immediately after 11/22/63, regarding information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Father KARVELIS advised that a woman of about 33 years of age, whose name he cannot recall, contacted him regarding such information and that she mentioned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been picked up by her as a hitchhiker while she was returning from Florida and that this individual, alleged to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD, made a telephone call from Howard Johnson's Restaurant on the New Jersey Turnpike to an individual alleged to be JACK RUBY in NY. He said he cannot remember these details too clearly and because, in his opinion, the woman's story appeared to be a bit wild he frankly did not believe her. He said he got the general impression that this woman did not seem to be too reliable and he had a feeling at the time that some of the incidents she related were probably true but that she used her imagination along with whatever semblance of truth there might be to her story. He stated that he thinks he told this woman that she should report this information to the FBI but that she appeared to be reluctant to do so.

He stated that without further consultation with this woman he could furnish no additional information regarding details of his conversation with her.

Mr. CHARLES KRAUS, husband of aforementioned Mrs. KRAUS, confirmed that his wife had advised him of having picked up this hitchhiker immediately after his wife's arrival

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in Lindenhurst, NY, from her trip from Florida. He further advised that he has been employed by Tool Craft Specialty Company, 115 Allen Boulevard, Farmingdale, NY, for approximately two years.

Mrs. KRAUS specifically advised she had never received psychiatric care of any kind and had never been confined to a mental institution.

Based on information available re Mrs. KRAUS, the NYO is unable to identify her with any reference in NYO files.

NYO is not in a position to evaluate this information. It is suggested that Bureau advise NY if OSWALD was in fact traveling to NY during this period and whether or not RUBY was in NY during this time. Pending results of above, NYO is not conducting further investigation of above allegation at this time.