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FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RENOTEL MARCH SEVENTEEN INSTANT, RE MORNING SESSION OF
HEARING.

THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM,
ON MARCH SEVENTEEN INSTANT, REPORTED THAT THE FIRST WITNESS
TO TAKE THE STAND TODAY WHEN THE HEARING RECONVENED IN ORLEANS
PARISH CRIMINAL COURT WAS C. W. JOHNSON, DISTRICT DIRECTOR
OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE IN NEW ORLEANS,
WHO APPEARED IN RESPONSE TO A SUBPOENA BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
FOR RECORDS ON MANUEL ~~GARCIA~~ GONZALES AND JUNIO ~~VUZENERO~~.

THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT IN TESTIMONY ON MARCH SIXTEEN
LAST, PERRY RUSSO HAD MENTIONED TWO PERSONS AS HAVING ATTENDED
A PARTY AT DAVID FERRIE'S HOUSE WHERE THE PLOT TO KILL KENNEDY
WAS ALLEGEDLY HATCHED AND TESTIFIED THEIR NAMES SOUNDED
LIKE JULIO AND MANUEL.

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JOHNSON, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY IRVING DYMOND, TESTIFIED HE HAD TWO FILES RELATING TO THE SAME MAN, GONZALES. JOHNSON SAID IT WAS A RECORD OF A CUBAN WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AS A REFUGEE, CONTAINING AN ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD, PICTURES, AND A SMALL REGISTRATION CARD. WHEN DEFENSE ATTORNEY DYMOND MOVED TO HAVE THE RECORDS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE EVIDENCE, JUDGE BAGERT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE TWO FOLDERS AND ASKED ^AWHY THE OTHER ONE PERTAINED TO. JOHNSON REPLIED THAT THE OTHER FOLDER RELATED TO A MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AS A TEMPORARY VISITOR. JOHNSON WAS THEN ASKED IF HE HAD ANY RECORDS ON JULIO BUZENERO AND REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY RECORDS AT ALL. JOHNSON WAS FOLLOWED TO THE WITNESS STAND BY DOCTOR CHETTA, ORLEANS PARISH CORONER, WHO CONTINUED HIS TESTIMONY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE STATE IN REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SODIUM PENTOTHAL AND THE PLACING OF PERRY RUSSO IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE. 66

DR. ESMOND A. FATTER, A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER, FOLLOWED DR. CHETTA TO THE WITNESS STAND AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS

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A MEDICAL DOCTOR, A FAMILY DOCTOR IN GENERAL PRACTICE WITH OFFICES AT THREE THREE THREE ZERO CANAL. FATTER TESTIFIED HE HAD BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT, THAT HE HAD LECTURED IN HYPNOSIS IN SEMINARS IN CHICAGO, AND HAD BEEN A PHYSICIAN MEMBER OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF CLINICAL HYPNOSIS, A CHICAGO INSTITUTION. FATTER TESTIFIED HE TOOK HIS FORMAL TRAINING IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT AND HAS BEEN USING HYPNOSIS AS A MEDICAL ADJUNCT SINCE THAT TIME.

FATTER SAID HE HAD HYPNOTISED HUNDREDS OF PERSONS AND HAD BEEN A GUEST LECTURER AT LOYOLA DENTAL SCHOOL, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS IN LOUISIANA AND TEXAS, AND BEFORE MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN SEVERAL PARISHES IN THE STATE. HE ALSO SAID HE HAS LECTURED ON HYPNOSIS IN MEDICINE AT MERCY AND DE PAUL HOSPITALS. FATTER FURTHER TESTIFIED THAT TWO OF HIS PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN LOUISIANA MEDICAL SOCIETY AND SOUTHERN JOURNALS. HE CLAIMED HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE LOUISIANA MEDICAL SOCIETY,
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AND THE ORLEANS PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY. FATTER CLAIMED HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER OF WHICH HE WAS PRESIDENT IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL HYPNOSIS. FATTER, WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD HAD ANY TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRY, TESTIFIED HE HAD NINE YEARS. FATTER WAS ASKED IF HYPNOSIS WAS A SPECIALITY OF MEDICINE AND REPLIED, "NO, IT IS A PART OF PRACTICING MEDICINE." HE WAS FURTHER ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY MEDICAL SCHOOLS TEACHING HYPNOSIS IN LOUISIANA AND REPLIED THAT NONE OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN LOUISIANA WERE TEACHING HYPNOSIS BUT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL IN THE COUNTRY AND HE THOUGHT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO OFFERS IT.

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