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Norfolk, Virginia

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Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
November 22, 1963
Dallas, Texas

Re Edward Jack Bryant.

Under date of November 21, 1972, Mrs. Grace Y. Decker, 3125 Montana Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, addressed a letter to the Norfolk Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the letter she claimed that Edward Jack Bryant, formerly of Yuma, Arizona, was a member of a group of conspirators who plotted to assassinate President Kennedy. She desired to be interviewed.

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Mrs. GRACE YVONNE DECKER, 3125 Montana Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, was contacted at her residence. The interviewing Agent identified himself as a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and her letter was orally acknowledged.

She related that during the summer of 1963, she was the housekeeper for EDWARD JACK BRYANT, who resided at an unrecalled address on Northwest 8th Avenue, Yuma, Arizona. She described BRYANT as a white male, then aged about 40, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, formerly in the United States Air Force, who at the time was a card dealer at the Lido (now Card Dot), located in Winterhaven, California. He subsequently went to work in the canteloupe fields near Yuma.

While she was working for him, they engaged in conversation about President KENNEDY, about whom she expressed approval.

BRYANT asked her if she had ever heard of KARL MARX and then asked her, "Your boy, KENNEDY, is his word law?". She remarked that his word was law, and he thereupon became enraged, uttering obscenities toward KENNEDY. BRYANT claimed he, BRYANT, once forced a man to kneel down and he shot him in the head. He further claimed he had been run out of Venezuela for running guns.

Mrs. DECKER stated that over the years "people have read my mind", and she arrived at the assumption that BRYANT might have been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President KENNEDY.

She wrote United States Marshal L. SERTELL, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1966 about her assumption, but he never responded. She stated that because her "mind was again being read" she decided to tell the Federal Bureau of Investigation about the matter at this time.

She explained that although BRYANT disliked

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President KENNEDY, he made no specific threats against his life and his role, if any, in the assassination is just her assumption and her feelings are not based on facts.

Mrs. DECKER does not know BRYANT's present whereabouts and has not heard of him since about 1964. She could furnish no additional information concerning him.

Mrs. DECKER volunteered that she has travelled to many parts of the United States employed as a singer, housekeeper and waitress, including Yuma, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and the state of Florida. She has been treated for excessive use of narcotics. She is being divorced by her husband, WILLIAM DECKER, Norfolk, Virginia, who has custody of their five children. Her maiden name is GRACE YVONNE SMITH. In her various employments she has used the names JANE ALLEN and JANE MARIE SANDERS.

She further volunteered that she has had mental difficulty in the past, and she added that she thought that her information regarding BRYANT would be of value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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