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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (89-47)

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

On August 6, 1975, Mr. JAMES W. GALLAHER, white male, date of birth 7/19/21, place of birth Seattle, Washington, SSAN 537-10-6261, current address 4960 East Fifth Street, Anchorage, Alaska, 99504, telephone number 337-1050, voluntarily appeared at the FBI Office at Seattle, Washington, and furnished the following information:

GALLAHER stated that he has made numerous attempts to furnish information regarding captioned matter to several Federal agencies in the past.

GALLAHER stated that during the first week in November, 1963, he was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. GALLAHER stated that he was on leave from a Merchant Marine vessel and consequently took up a temporary residence at the Heidelberg Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. According to GALLAHER, during his brief stay at the Heidelberg he would eat meals at the Captiol House Hotel and Restaurant which was located directly across the street from the Heidelberg. GALLAHER stated that one evening while in the Heidelberg Hotel he overheard a conversation between three men who were standing in the lobby. GALLAHER later identified two of these individuals via the news media as being LEE HARVEY OSWALD and CLAY SHAW. SHAW, according to GALLAHER, was overheard to tell OSWALD, "If we can not elect to office the man we want we will vote him out of office with a rifle."

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GALLAHER stated that he furnished this information to the American Consulate at Hamilton, Bermuda, during the

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Special Agent in Charge

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last week of November, 1963, and that in May, 1964, this incident was also reported to Secret Service Agent THOMAS A. TROMBLY, Resident Agent, Anchorage, Alaska.

GALLAHER also stated that during 1963 he sent copies of a tape recording which he made recounting aforementioned incident to Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY and to the Central Intelligence Agency.

GALLAHER stated that his reason for appearing at the FBI Office Seattle, was for the sole purpose of arranging for a polygraph examination to further establish credibility to his story.

Seattle feels that if GALLAHER has furnished this information to above mentioned individuals and agencies that it has probably been brought to a logical conclusion. Nonetheless, Seattle requests Bureau to check indices and advise Seattle if it is felt there is a need to administer polygraph examination to GALLAHER.