

627 Woodland Circle
Falls Church, Virginia
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The Honorable Earl Warren
Chief Justice of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

By way of introduction, may I say that I have been in government service for over twenty-three years, and am now employed as a Trial Attorney by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

I realize that your time is extremely limited and valuable, by reason of your high office, however, I feel that I would be remiss in my duty as a citizen, if I failed to report the following matter to you.

Sam Altman is a cab driver in New York City, who lives at 364 Madison Street, New York 2, New York. His hacking license is #23494, and he drives cab #10826.

On May 11, 1964, while I was in New York on business, he told two associates and me, that he was in a serious difficulty because he had related an experience to several people, that his story had reached a newspaper reporter, and the reporter was trying to induce him to tell the story for publication. He recited the following account to us, and asked our advice:

About two or three months prior to the assassination of the late President Kennedy, he picked up a male passenger at Eastern Air Lines, and drove him to his destination, which was the Hotel Gotham. The passenger had a large footlocker, upon which his name was stencilled. During the drive, the passenger told Altman that he was a former Marine, and that he intended to kill President Kennedy. Altman noted the name on the footlocker, and wrote it on his trip-ticket for the day, which he turned in to the company from which he rents the cab. Although not positive, Altman believes that the name was Oswald, and as he recalls this passenger, he looked like the photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Shortly after leaving the Hotel Gotham, Altman says that he called a law enforcement agency and furnished the above story. The person receiving the call seemed skeptical, and asked Altman if his

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passenger appeared to be a "nut." He then suggested that Altman report this matter to another law enforcement agency. Altman told him that he had done his duty by reporting it, that he was not going to call anyone else, and the other party could report it himself to the proper agency.

I advised Altman not to discuss this incident with the reporter, or with anyone else, but to report it to you, immediately. Altman said that he couldn't write such a letter to you, and he asked me if I would do it for him. I promised him that I would do so.

In no way do I vouch for Mr. Altman, or for the authenticity of his account. However, it would appear that his story can be quite easily verified, so I am compelled to report it to you.

Very truly yours,

John B. Drury