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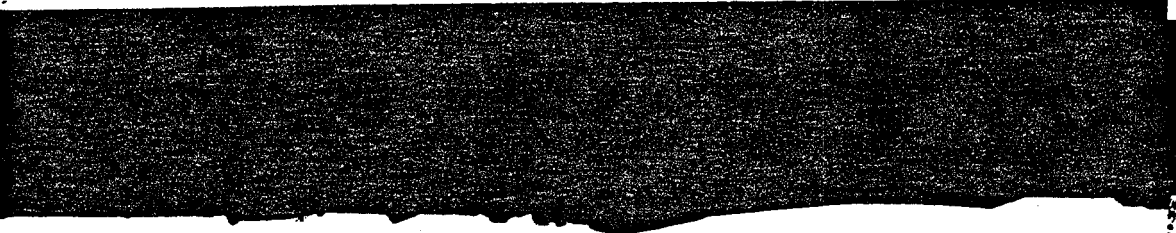
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Sergeant W. E. HANKINS, Investigator, San Quentin Prison, California, advised on December 1, 1966, he had information in his possession indicating an inmate named [JAMES BOYD MACKEY], California State Prison Number [REDACTED] had information relating to the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas. He said he also had letters allegedly prepared by [MACKEY] indicating that [MACKEY] was with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY and was involved with OSWALD in the assassination.

Sergeant HANKINS was contacted on December 1, 1966. He said information recently came to his attention indicating an attempt was going to be made by an inmate named [JOSEPH CRISAFI, California State Prison Number A45811] and possibly by an inmate named [JAMES BOYD MACKEY] to smuggle some letters outside the prison. He said two letters were turned over to a San Quention correctional officer by inmate [CRISAFI] on November 30, 1966, believing that the officer was cooperating with [CRISAFI]. HANKINS said [CRISAFI] gave the officer instructions to mail the two letters to a Mr. PECK of the "Los Angeles Examiner", Los Angeles, California. The officer after accepting the two letters from [CRISAFI] immediately turned them over to his superiors at San Quentin Prison, who were aware of [CRISAFI'S] contacts with the correctional officer. Sergeant HANKINS said neither [CRISAFI] nor [MACKEY] are aware that the two letters were intercepted and that the letters will not be mailed.

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HANKINS advised that inasmuch as neither [CRISAF] nor [MACKEY] are aware that the letters supposedly smuggled out of the prison were intercepted [REDACTED] he has not and will not be interviewed concerning the content of the letters supposedly prepared by him. Copies of the two letters relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY are attached hereto.

The San Quentin Prison records reflect inmate [JAMES BOYD MACKEY], California State Prison Number [REDACTED] is presently serving an indeterminate sentence of six months to ten years after the conviction of manslaughter (stabbing) in Los Angeles County, California in January 1965. [MACKEY] was received in a California state prison on June 8, 1965.