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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
November 22, 1963
Dallas, Texas

Threat to President's Life - [Andrew Pappas]

On November 24, 1963, Officer Creighton, Chicago Police Department, 6th Area Homicide, advised that at 10:15 P.M., he had received a call from Officer Mikrut, Chicago Police Department, who had been taking complaints. Mikrut received a call from one Frank McGee, 2834 West Palmer, Chicago, Illinois. McGee told Mikrut seven to ten days ago he had been in "The Black Pearl", a bar on Diversey Street, just east of Clark Street in Chicago, and one [Andy Pappas, operator of Andy's Grill, across the street from "The Black Pearl", told McGee "President Kennedy would be assassinated and the 'syndicate' will take care of things in Dallas."

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Lakeview
Avenue
Chicago

McGee described himself as an employee of the City of Chicago in the Architectural Department.

On November 25, 1963, Francis Joseph McGee, 2834 West Palmer, Chicago, Illinois, advised that one [Andy Pappas, who is the owner of Andy's Lounge, 559 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois,] had made statements against President Kennedy on November 16, 1963, in the Black Pearl Restaurant and Bar on Diversey. He advised that at approximately 10:00 P.M. on November 16, 1963, he was drinking in the Black Pearl when [Andy Pappas] entered and asked McGee to buy him a drink. They went to the bar, at which time [Pappas] seemed very displeased with the Kennedy administration and stated that he, [Pappas,] would like to put a bullet in President Kennedy and that the "syndicate" would take care of Kennedy in Texas. McGee at this point told [Pappas] that he should not say things like this, at which time the discussion ended and McGee and [Pappas] parted

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company. McGee further stated that prior to this time, during the 1960 election, Pappas was a staunch supporter of President Kennedy, but that in the last couple of years, Pappas had become disillusioned with President Kennedy because business was bad.

Francis Joseph McGee is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	March 8, 1915, at Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'6"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray
Marital status	Single
Employment	Employed by the City of Chicago, Bureau of Architecture, Principal Clerk, since 1937
Father	James McGee, deceased
Mother	Mary McGee, deceased
Sister	Mary (Betty) Clark
Brothers	Charles and James McGee

On November 25, 1963, Andrew Pappas, 2600 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is the owner of what was previously known as Andy's Lounge, and is presently called Sinners' Mine, located at 359 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois. He also had the liquor concession directly across the street in the Foodliner Market, where he was working on November 22, 1963. He stated that to his recollection, he has never made a statement which would indicate he wished harm to President Kennedy, nor does he have any affiliation with anyone associated in the criminal world. He stated that he was a supporter of President Kennedy in the 1960 election and that he has always been a staunch Democrat. He and an individual named Frank McGee have discussed politics at length on occasion, but usually only on a local level. He stated he has not seen McGee since the middle of last summer, so he felt that he probably has not had a political discussion in recent weeks. He further advised that he did not recall being in the Black Pearl on November 16, 1963, and that on November 16, 1963, his brother,

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[George Pappas,] from [Dearborn, Michigan,] was visiting him until the following Monday. [Pappas] further advised that he had no recollection of any discussions with any persons of recent date, the subject matter of which could have remotely been construed to constitute a threat or an implied threat against the President.

Pappas is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	August 27, 1924, Youngstown, Ohio
Height	6'4"
Weight	210 pounds
Hair	Dark brown

McGee subsequently advised on November 25, 1963, that the term "syndicate" had never been used in the conversation he had with Pappas on November 16, 1963, at the Black Pearl. He said that all of [Pappas'] comments were within the context of a discussion initiated by Pappas concerning his disenchantment with the Kennedy administration because of the falling off of prosperity in his business. He said that the comment about putting a bullet in the President's head was expressive of his anger in this connection and that he did not feel at the time that [Pappas] literally meant this statement. He also stated that [Pappas] had remarked that "the boys" and "the mob" would use their influence to prevent Kennedy's re-election because his administration had been bad for business. McGee said that the reference to Texas and the harm that might befall the President was related to the incident involving U. N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in Texas in October, 1963. McGee related that at the time, he did not think that the "syndicate" intended to in any way harm the President, but that he placed this construction on the above conversation subsequent to the actual assassination of the President.

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(Don Duzan, Owner-Operator of the Foodliner Market, and Angelina Fiore, Clerk employed by Pappas in his liquor concession, both advised on November 25, 1963 that shortly after 1:00 P.M. on November 16, 1963, Pappas appeared at work and as far as they could recall, remained at the store the rest of the day.

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