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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN G.
KENNEDY, November 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

RE: PORFERIO SORSE
Newport, Rhode Island

Carol Cargill, 118 Gorham Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island, was interviewed on November 24, 1963, but advised the only information she possessed was obtained from Beatrice Reis, 590 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Beatrice Reis, 590 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island, advised on November 24, 1963, that some time during the summer of 1962 or 1963, she visited at the home of Margaret Restor, also at 590 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island, a friend. During the course of the visit, one Paul Sorse of Newport, Rhode Island spoke of an intended visit of President Kennedy to Fort Worth, Texas. Sorse asked Reis in the presence of only Reis and Restor of her feeling toward the President. Upon answering that she liked him, Sorse said it would make no difference as he would get it when he goes there. Also during the conversation Restor spoke the name Oswald with no specifics. Reis advised that while she and Restor had been friends, trouble arose between them terminating their friendship and she indicated Restor had taken a hostile attitude toward her since the time of the trouble.

Audrey Cargill, 118 Gorham Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island, aunt of Reis, advised on November 24, 1963, that the only pertinent information she could furnish was that Beatrice Reiss told her of said instant some time about June, 1963. Cargill stated she was unable to determine from Reis just when the alleged conversation by Sorse and Restor took place, as to whether it had been recent or had taken place in the summer of 1962.

It is noted that during the time of the interview Mrs. Reis was hysterical and was crying. She was very much upset regarding the death of President Kennedy and advised she had been viewing and listening to television and radio broadcasts of the events following the assassination of the President. Reis was uncertain and incoherent about the date the alleged conversation took place and the context of Sorse's conversation, particularly any connection of the word Oswald with the name of the late accused slayer of the President, or any information regarding the background of instant Oswald, or any additional names or pertinent information.

Porfirio Pallas Sorse, also known as Paul, born June 2, 1900 at Valladolid, Phillipine Islands, Certificate of Naturalization No. 8342160, dated August 28, 1961, at Providence, Rhode Island, with U.S. Navy service from July 6, 1918 to August 11, 1919, NSN 193-39-71, who resides at 57 Thames Street, Newport, Rhode Island, was interviewed on November 24, 1963. Sorse advised he is currently employed at Christie's Restaurant on Thames Street in Newport as a cook, and was formerly employed in that capacity at the Newport Motor Inn and by Cornelius C. Moore, Attorney and Banker in Newport, and Jelke F. Frazier, Financier, also of Newport. Sorse is also a manufacturer of a product known as Copure, a coconut oil product for application to skin and hair, for which he holds a U.S. patent.

Sorse admitted knowing Margaret Restor and visiting at her home at 590 Providence Street, West Warwick, on numerous occasions extending over the past few years. He denied making any statements to any one regarding President Kennedy's trip to any place including Texas. Sorse claimed no knowledge of any such trips. He expressed great admiration for President Kennedy and said the only time he ever saw Kennedy was in a crowd at St. Mary's Church, Newport, Rhode Island, in the summer of 1963. He stated he had no other contact, conversation, or viewing of President Kennedy.

Sorse disclaimed any knowledge of or connection with the assassination or Lee Harvey Oswald, or any other persons in Texas. He could furnish no information or

any pertinent names or activities concerning instant assassination. He stated the only time he had been in Texas was in 1926, when employed as a mess boy on a ship entering the harbor at Galveston. Sorse advised he has been a resident of Newport since about 1937, and has a son, Paul, presently serving with the United States Air Force in Europe.

Margaret Restor, 40 Second Point Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, was interviewed on November 25, 1963. She advised she formerly lived at 590 Providence Street, West Warwick for 4½ years prior to moving to her present address in August, 1963. She advised she has known Paul Sorse for about 21 years, since the time he was the father of her child, Paul Sorse, born out of wedlock, and that Sorse has visited at her home on a number of occasions. She said she has not seen him for about 2 weeks and said that he works as a cook.

Restor spoke highly of Sorse and stated she and her husband had vouched for him when he became a citizen of the United States in August, 1961. She advised that to her knowledge Sorse never expressed any ill feeling toward the United States Government or any of its officials. She stated that he served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged. In addition, she advised that to her knowledge Sorse has no criminal background; that he does not mix too much with people, and she knew of no friends of Sorse who would have a criminal background.

Restor advised that during some of the visits by Sorse to her home, Beatrice Reis was also present but at no time during any of the visits did Sorse make any statements about or against any governmental official, including the President, while Mrs. Reis was present. Restor stated she does not know anyone with the first or last name of Oswald, and at no time has she referred to that name in any conversation at her home in the presence of either Reis and/or Sorse. She advised she could furnish no information that would be helpful in resolving the reason for the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Francis X. Sullivan, owner and operator of the Newport Motor Inn, 936 West Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island, advised he has known Paul Sorse for a number of years

as a resident of Newport, Rhode Island. He said he knew him to be employed at Christie's Restaurant, and also at his Motor Inn for the winter season of about November, 1962 through June, 1963, when he left and returned to employment at Christie's. He stated that some time previously he was employed as a cook by Newport Attorney Cornelius Moore. He said that in all the time he had known Sorse he had never known him to be involved in any type of criminal action or to possess a violent nature in any way. He thought Sorse to be "meek, mousey." He could furnish no other information regarding Sorse's associates or activities that would be of assistance to this investigation.

Stephen F. Christie, owner and operator of Christie's Restaurant, 351 Thames Street, Newport, Rhode Island, advised on November 25, 1963, Paul Sorse has been currently employed as a cook since December 24, 1960, except for a period of months when he was employed at the Newport Motor Inn, until his re-employment at Christie's in June, 1963. He stated he considered Sorse a quiet person who had not been involved in any type of trouble. He also said he had not heard him make any statements or take any action adverse to the best interests of the United States, or any of its officials. He said he could furnish no information about Sorse's friends or activities.

Captain Ed Sullivan, in charge of the Detective Division, Newport, Rhode Island Police Department, advised he had known Sorse as a resident of Thames Street, Newport, and as a producer of a coconut oil preparation, but he could furnish no information about his friends, associates, or activities. He said that to his knowledge Sorse had not been involved in any type of trouble, and he further stated the records of the Newport Police Department contain no record for Sorse.

John Flanagan, Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification, Providence County Courthouse, Providence, Rhode Island, a central clearinghouse of criminal and arrest records for the State of Rhode Island, advised the files of that office reflect no record for Sorse.

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