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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75) (P)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
Dallas, Texas

*REC-31 Encl*

*J. Hoff*

Remytel this date.

Enclosed are five copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

JEANETTE HARGER and DELPHINE NEATHERY, PEK Operator and Cafeteria Manager, respectively, Sears Roebuck, Inc., Store, Vermont and Slauson Avenues in Los Angeles, advised this date that on 11/22/63 at approximately noon they overheard DANA ROBERT BACKUS, Alistate Insurance Salesman, remark in connection with assassination "----- it was scheduled for 8:00." Statement in retel by BACKUS regarding desire to contribute to a collection for the assassin was made only to HAROLD WENGER, Sears Security Manager.

Upon interview, DANA ROBERT BACKUS, 1733 Oak Avenue, Redondo Beach, California, a former major in the California National Guard Reserve, admits statements attributed to him including quotes set out in retel but claimed all reference to knowledge of scheduled time of assassination was made in jest. BACKUS advised that his strong anti-communist political convictions and his opposition to the present administration are well known by his associates and that while he feels that KENNEDY's removal from the presidency will be beneficial

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to the country in the long run, he does not approve of the method used. BACKUS denied any participation in or prior knowledge of the assassination. BACKUS stated that he was never a member of the "Minutemen" but did undercover work in this organization during late 1961 or early 1962 for the Military Department of California (California National Guard).