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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS,  
TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963;  
ADOLPH ZONER

James Harold Smith, 1707 West Wallen Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on November 29, 1963, that he is employed as a machinist at the Major Wire Company, 3664 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Smith related that shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, he observed that Adolph Zoner, a machinist at Major Wire Company, went into the shipping room to answer a telephone call. Zoner came back shortly thereafter highly excited, shouting "We got him now." Smith asked Zoner what he had meant and Zoner replied laughing, "We got that communist, Kennedy," and added, "He was no president."

Adolph Zoner, 729 West Roscoe Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has been employed as a tool and die maker at Major Wire Company, 3664 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, since June, 1963. He stated that he was previously employed by Handy and Harmon, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, in the same capacity and left that employment after that firm moved from Chicago.

Zoner advised that he was born on August 20, 1912, at Chicago, Illinois. He has Social Security Number 323-01-2772.

Zoner was questioned concerning his comments made to fellow employees of Major Wire Company following the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

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Zoner said that shortly after 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963, he received a personal telephone call from his wife informing him of the assassination of President Kennedy. Zoner claimed that he was unable to recall exactly what he may have said when he returned to his work area at Major Wire Company, but is positive he did not say, "We got him." As best as he could now recall, he was of the opinion that he probably commented to his fellow employees that "Someone beat me to it," in referring to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Zoner considered himself "a 100 per cent American" and has lived by the Constitution and will die by the Constitution. He stated he voted for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, but later was sorry he had done so since in his opinion Roosevelt turned out to be "a lunatic."

Zoner stated that he believed that President Kennedy should have either been "deported or killed," because Kennedy had taken away the rights of the American people. Zoner did not elaborate on this remark.

Zoner stated that he is an avid reader of the Congressional Record and other publications relating to our constitutional form of government and said he bases his opinions on his studies of these writings.

Zoner advised that he has made no attempts to conceal his political beliefs. He stated that he had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the assassination of President Kennedy other than what he has learned from public news media.

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