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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: November 26, 1963

SUBJECT: Assassination of President Kennedy

PLACE: American Consulate General, Hamilton, Bermuda

PARTICIPANTS: ~~James W. GALLAHER, U.S. Citizen, Engineer on SS POINT MONTARA, of Wilmington, Delaware and Vice Consul William J. BOUDREAU~~

While the ~~SS POINT MONTARA~~ was docked at Baton Rouge, Louisiana over the Veterans' Day Weekend, 1963, James W. GALLAHER resided at the Heidelberg Hotel in Baton Rouge. One day, either November 10, 11 or 12, Mr. Gallaher went across the street to a hotel called the Capitol House to purchase some reading matter. While looking through magazines at the hotel lobby stand, he overheard four men speaking at the nearby coffee counter. One of these men said quite distinctly: "If we can't put a man in by ballot, we'll get rid of this one with a 30-30." The four men were well-dressed, seemingly politicians or businessmen. Mr. Gallaher states that he could identify one of these men, who was wearing a Stetson hat at the time.

Mr. Gallaher said that this declaration drew his attention to the conversers, but then he could remember nothing more of it. Upon hearing of the assassination while here in Bermuda, he recalled the foregoing, and, thinking about it over the weekend, decided he should report it.

The SS POINT MONTARA is in Bermuda for boiler repairs and will be departing within the next three days (by November 30). The ship's next scheduled port of call is Gibraltar, where it is due to arrive on December 12, 1963. The ultimate destination is Chittagong, East Pakistan, arriving there shortly before Christmas with a cargo of wheat.

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