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Synopsis:

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Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
Character: ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
Synopsis: REGARDING G. M. "MIKE" GOODRICH

JOHN CZUDEK, El Paso, Texas, an acquaintance, advised GOODRICH reportedly retired as Master Sgt. from U.S. Army after 30 years service, claimed to be expert with rifle, well read, brags a great deal, talks incessantly, appears to stretch the truth, leaves the impression of being a little "off" mentally. GOODRICH volunteered information that he had 135 Colonel's and 5 General's in his company, 7 of whom fought in the Battle of H. He criticized LINDON B. JOHNSON, HARRY TRUMAN and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT for putting politics before country and said JOHN F. KENNEDY put country before political considerations, was brilliant, probably ahead of his time, could not be controlled by any group, including the Pope. GOODRICH'S presence in El Paso on November 22, 1963 verified.

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DETAILS

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Due to the receipt of a complaint from an anonymous individual, the following investigation was conducted to identify a retired Army Sgt., gray hair, medium build, about 65 years of age, who reportedly lives the barber across the street from the

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Greyhound Bus Depot in El Paso and patronized two bars across from the Depot. This retired Army Sgt. reportedly roomed in an upstairs hotel on San Francisco Street, 3 blocks from the Greyhound Bus Depot when in El Paso. "must be regarded as highly dangerous if crossed, very fearless", claimed to be an expert on guns and should be considered as "a possible suspect" who may have been "the real perpetrator of this heinous deed", meaning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Date December 5, 1963

Mr. JOHN CZUDEK, Owner and Manager, Depot Military Supply, 205 West San Francisco Street, El Paso, advised as follows:

A retired Master Sgt. by the name of MIKE GOODRICH has patronized a number of the business establishments in the neighborhood for about the past 6 years. Mr. CZUDEK has known GOODRICH during this period of time. Mr. CZUDEK's business establishment is located directly across the street from the Greyhound Bus Depot in El Paso and next door to a barber shop. GOODRICH is quite well acquainted with the barber in the barber shop and has been a constant visitor of Mr. CZUDEK's business establishment for the past few years. GOODRICH is known to the people in the neighborhood as "Sarge". He served for a period of time at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, went overseas for a period of time and then returned to El Paso. GOODRICH has been retired from the Army for a period of about 3 or 4 years. GOODRICH appears to be a man of about 60 to 65 years of age and reportedly served for a period of 30 years in the United States Army prior to his discharge.

GOODRICH has been separated from his wife for a period of time and his wife presently resides in San Antonio, Texas. GOODRICH resided in San Antonio at one time with his wife. It is believed that someone is the guardian for GOODRICH's money at the present time. Based on the conversations that Mr. CZUDEK has had with GOODRICH, he has formed the opinion that GOODRICH is a little "off" mentally.

GOODRICH is a very well read man and reads good books. GOODRICH likes to hear himself talk and goes on and on in his conversations with Mr. CZUDEK, talking about any and all subjects. GOODRICH likes to leave the impression that he has knowledge regarding a wide variety of subjects. He was connected with the Medical Core during the time that he was in the United States Army and he can talk for hours about matters in the field of medicine.

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GOODRICH has also indicated that he was an expert with a rifle when he was in the United States Army. Mr. CZUDEK has not seen GOODRICH with any guns and GOODRICH is not known to have any guns in his possession in El Paso.

GOODRICH does a great deal of bragging. He also drinks considerably but has never been seen drunk and goes home prior to getting drunk. He frequents the neighborhood and has done so for a number of years.

In talking about a variety of subjects it has become apparent that GOODRICH has the tendency to stretch the truth. During his visits with Mr. CZUDEK he has talked incessantly but has never said anything to indicate that he was other than a good citizen. Mr. CZUDEK did not believe that GOODRICH was the kind of person who would get involved in the assassination of the President. GOODRICH has an apparent short temper but Mr. CZUDEK did not believe that GOODRICH would do anything to harm anyone else.

GOODRICH used to live in the Southern Hotel located about 3 blocks west of the Greyhound Bus Depot in El Paso. He moved from that address several months ago and his present place of residence is not known. GOODRICH currently resides with a retired railroad man by the name of MIKE.

Mr. CZUDEK did not discuss the assassination of President KENNEDY with GOODRICH. He did not know if GOODRICH was in El Paso, Texas on the day of the assassination, although he had seen GOODRICH on an almost daily basis during the past month. In making his rounds, GOODRICH drops into the business establishment of Mr. CZUDEK and enters into long drawn out conversations with him.

Mr. CZUDEK described GOODRICH as follows:

Name	MIKE GOODRICH
Sex	Male

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Race	White
Age	About 60 to 65
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray
Build	Stocky
Residence	Street address unknown, El Paso, Texas
Military Record	Retired Master Sgt. from U.S. Army
Characteristics	Wears glasses, incessant talker, has had fever

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During the course of an interview with Mr. JOHN GZUDEK, 205 West San Francisco Street, regarding MIKE GOODRICH, GOODRICH entered the business establishment of GZUDEK, interrupted the interview, introduced himself as Mr. GOODRICH and then began to talk at a rapid pace regarding a variety of subjects. Among other things, he stated as follows:

He is 71 years of age. His mother was born in Cork, Ireland and his father was born in Scotland. There are 135 Colonels and 5 Generals in his ancestry. Seven of these officers fought in the Battle of Hastings. He holds at least three degrees, one being in Pharmacology. He is an atheist and has no religion.

Men are born equal but that is as far as it goes. It doesn't make any difference whether a person is white or black. The important thing is how much "gray matter" he has. If a person doesn't have the ability to think, GOODRICH is not interested in them.

He might disagree with a woman completely but would defend a man's right to believe as he sees fit. He would not infringe on any other man's rights and no man had better infringe on his rights.

President LYNDON B. JOHNSON is too much of a politician. JOHNSON, HARRY TRUMAN and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT put their political party before the country. In spite of some of HARRY TRUMAN's failings, one has to admire him for some of the good things that he did for the country.

JOHN F. KENNEDY was one who put his country before political considerations. He was a brilliant man, possibly ahead of his time. KENNEDY was not one who could be controlled by any group. Not even the Pope could tell KENNEDY what to do. KENNEDY had the welfare of the American people at heart. KENNEDY was a great man.

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GOODRICH was neither a Democrat nor a Republican. GOODRICH was very much opposed to political appointments. He was one of the four individuals who succeeded in getting the Office of Veterans Administration moved from El Paso and that this was done to eliminate political considerations as far as the office was concerned.

GOODRICH was retired from the United States Army and the Federal Government had not been sending his pension checks to the correct address. If the Federal Government continues in its sloppy ways, GOODRICH intends to contact four generals that he knows in Washington D.C. and will get the matter straightened out quickly.

GOODRICH is not a member of the JOHN BIRCH Society but is interested in getting political appointees out of office.

The following is a description of GOODRICH as obtained through observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	71
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 to 180 pounds
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Medium
Build	Stocky
Characteristics	Wears glasses, has a mustache, talks rapidly and continuously

December 5, 1963

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Mr. E.G. TRAISTER, Manager, Southern Hotel, 406 $\frac{1}{2}$ West San Francisco Street, El Paso, advised that Mr. G.M. GOODRICH, also known as MIKE and SARGE, has resided at the Southern Hotel on several occasions. He noted that the hotel is on the second floor of a building in which a business establishment is located and that GOODRICH moved to 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Myrtle Street, in El Paso, Texas several months ago because he objected to climbing the stairs to reach the Southern Hotel. Mr. TRAISTER has known GOODRICH for about 5 or 6 years and said that the subject talks continuously and knows something about all subjects, being a self styled expert on all matters. GOODRICH has not been known to make any statements against former President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Mr. TRAISTER had no reason to believe that GOODRICH would have been involved in any way in any action to harm the President.

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On December 2, 1963, Miss CORINA GARCIA, El Paso Police Department, El Paso, and on December 2 and December 5, 1963, Mrs. LENA INGRAM, Credit Bureau of El Paso, advised that there is no information contained in their files of their respective offices identifiable with G. W. GOODRICH.

On December 5, 1963, Mrs. MARTA GARCIA, 1020 East Myrtle Street, second floor-rear apartment, advised that MIKE GOODRICH and his friend have resided in the second floor-front apartment at this address for the past several months. She said that MIKE GOODRICH has been at home for at least the past three weeks and has not been known to have been outside of El Paso during that period of time. She said he does not work and spends part of his time at home each day.