

Date 12/13/63

JOHN ERNEST KING was interviewed at his residence, Apartment No. 1, 1015 Market Street, Marcus Hook, Pa. At the outset of the interview he was advised of the identity of the Agent and was told interview was completely voluntary. He was informed no threats or promises were being made to him to participate in an interview and any statements he made might be used in a court of law.

KING stated he was nearly completely deaf and requested that any specific questions being put to him be written out so that he could read the question. The interview was conducted in this manner since KING claimed he could not read lips.

KING stated he was born March 1, 1898, in Virginia, and is now a retired merchant seaman. He has Social Security No. 155-12-6072.

KING was questioned specifically regarding two postal cards, the one postmarked December 5, 1960, Galena Park, Tex., signed by JOHNNY KING and addressed to CHARLES W. HART, a photographer of the Baltimore News-Post newspaper. This card stated in part, "I feel sorry for KENNEDY. He is going to die while in office."

The second postal card, postmarked December 31, 1960, Port Arthur, Tex., states, "I still like NIXON, and he will be alive four years from now."

KING denied any knowledge of these postal cards and denied he had written them or caused them to be written. He claimed he does not know and has never known CHARLES W. HART and further that he had never been in Galena Park, Tex., and was not aware of the location of that community.

KING stated he had been a long-time admirer of

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former President KENNEDY and was deeply saddened at his death.

KING recalled that during December 1960 he was employed by Texaco, Inc., sailing on their oil tanker SS ALABAMA. KING could not recall his itinerary or the ports of call in the United States for the month of December 1960 but suggested such information could be secured through the main office of Texaco, Inc., 135 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.

KING was questioned regarding his membership or affiliation with any organizations with the exception of legitimate unions. He said he had been a member of only one organization, that is the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). KING produced membership card reflecting that he is a current member of the VFW Post 797, Fort Arthur, Tex. KING stated he is well known at this post and persons who are members or employers could attest to the fact that he regarded President KENNEDY very highly.