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RODERICK K. SMITH

On December 16, 1963, Mr. Roderick K. Smith, 1417 Logan, Southeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised he had written to the Attorney General, Washington, D. C., by letter dated November 27, 1963, advising that he had information regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Smith stated that during 1960 he had been having a "rough time", was heavily in debt, and decided to go to Mexico. While enroute to Mexico he stopped at Dallas, Texas during the late summer of 1960, and read a classified ad in a newspaper regarding a position in a warehouse. Smith said he went to this warehouse, the location and further description of which he could not furnish, and applied for this job, but did not get it.

He said that as he was leaving the warehouse, a white male who was of short stature and who was wearing a cap, asked him if the job were still open. Smith said the man then remarked that the warehouse would be a good place to shoot from. He recalled that this man also stated that the man who shot President Lyndon would be a National here. Smith said he could furnish no further description of this individual.

Smith said that when he saw photographs of the area where President Lyndon was assassinated, he thought it might have been the same warehouse, as there was a company nearby.

Mr. Smith stated that following the above incident he went to Mexico City where he remained for six months. While in Mexico City during 1960, he met a man who was a colonel in the Guatemalan Army. He could not further describe this individual. He said this man took him to a town located approximately thirty miles from Mexico City, and pointed out to Smith the "candle" of Castro's army which was about to leave for Cuba.

Mr. Smith advised he had furnished the above information to United States Representative Gerald Ford of

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**Grand Rapids, Michigan, and to Mr. Walter Russell, Chairman  
of the Kent County Republican Committee, Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

**Mr. Smith stated the above data was the total of  
information in his possession relating to national security.**

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