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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Re Elizabeth Cronin

On December 30, 1963, Richard S. McCully, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, LBJ White House, Texas, advised that a Miss Elizabeth Catherine Cronin, 1457 Exchange Street, Astoria, Oregon, had arrived in Johnson City, Texas, on December 30, 1963, with the intention of warning President Johnson concerning information that she had received "television messages relating to assassination of President Kennedy." He stated that Miss Cronin named Russell R. Yates, also known as ~~Radovich~~, a former employer of Miss Cronin, as being "behind" the assassination of President Kennedy.

According to McCully, Miss Cronin worked for Yates at Portland, Oregon, from 1927 to 1929, at which time Yates was operating the National Professional Bureau, a secretarial service in the Selling Building, Portland.

McCully further said that Miss Cronin was to leave Johnson City, Texas, by bus at 10:30 p.m., December 30, 1963, or 10:35 a.m., December 31, 1963, to return to Astoria.

At Portland, Oregon

The current city and telephone directories for the city of Portland do not contain the names Russell R. Yates, Russell R. Radovich or the National Professional Bureau.

Mrs. Donna Crandall, clerk, Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc., advised on January 6, 1964, that the files of that agency also contained no information concerning a Russell R. Yates or Russell R. Radovich. The following persons also informed that the records of their departments contained no information on this individual: Clara Sexton, Records Section, Don Williams, Identification Division, and Orville Kellerman, Intelligence Division, all Portland Police Department, and Ruby Guengerich, Identification Division, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

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A check of the Portland city directory covering the years 1927 to 1960 disclosed no mention of Yates, Radovich or the National Professional Bureau. However, the Polk's City Directory for the year 1930 listed a Russell R. Yates as manager of the National Professional Bureau with residence in the University Building. The same directory listed the National Professional Bureau. Russell R. Yates, manager, as auditors and counsellors to the medical and dental professions, 553 Medical Arts Building, Portland. Similar information was carried in subsequent issues of the city directory through the year 1934. This 1934 edition showed Yates as president of the National Professional Bureau with residence at 911 SW 21st Avenue, Apartment 22. City directories thereafter did not carry Yates' name or indicate his connection with the National Professional Bureau. The National Professional Bureau itself was last carried in the 1950 issue of the city directory.

At Astoria, Oregon

On January 3, 1964, Chief of Police Gerald T. Arrington, Astoria Police Department, advised that he had caused a district copy to be made in Astoria in an effort to locate any record of a Russell R. Yates, also known as Radovich, with negative results. Chief Arrington said that since 1950 Miss Cronin had made numerous complaints to his department and of whom he had received to her following Miss Cronin around with obvious intent to attack her sexually. In her various complaints, she claimed that men came at her out of the walls of her home and from under her front porch. On one occasion, she complained that one Russell R. Yates, alias Radovich, had, by some inexplicable means, attacked her with a "sex machine." Chief Arrington stated that inquiry into Miss Cronin's complaints determined that all were groundless and that his department has long listed Miss Cronin as a chronic complainant and mental case.

Chief Arrington said that records of his department show that Miss Cronin first complained of Yates on January 30, 1962. Efforts were made at that time to identify such a person as Yates without success. Neither could sufficient specific information be obtained from Miss Cronin at that time to conduct any kind of logical investigation. A similar incident occurred

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on February 14, 1964, when Miss Drouin again complained concerning 147-4, but again efforts to identify and locate him proved fruitless.

Chief Armstrong further said that the Commercial Hotel in Astoria, Oregon, in operation and records of that hotel are now maintained by the John Jacob Astor Hotel in Astoria. A check of the Commercial Hotel records through this latter hotel resulted in information concerning Russell R. Estes of Russell H. Jackson Co.

Chief Armstrong stated that inquiries at the following places in Astoria had failed to develop any information concerning Estes, 147-4, other than his name:

- Astoria City and Telephone Department
- Astoria Police Department Records
- Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Records
- Pacific Power and Light Company
- Columbia Hospital
- St. Mary's Hospital
- St. Charles School
- Clatsop County Health Agency
- Clatsop County Welfare Agency
- Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company
- United States National Bank
- First National Bank
- Astoria Water Department

Both Astoria credit bureaus (Lower Columbia Rating Bureau and Commercial Adjustment Company)

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Bumble Bee Seafood Company, a large commercial fish
canning concern in Astoria

Miscellaneous

On December 31, 1963, Mrs. Nick Lafrenz, 602 East
18th Street, The Dalles, Oregon, advised that she had noted
a news story that date regarding information reportedly
provided by Miss Elizabeth Cronin to the U. S. Secret Service
in Texas, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.
Mrs. Lafrenz stated that Miss Cronin is a sister-in-law of
Patrick Haney, who is an uncle of Mrs. Lafrenz. In the summer
of 1963, Patrick Haney died and Miss Cronin was appointed
executrix of the Haney estate. In August, 1963, Mrs. Lafrenz
and her brother, A. Bernard Brunelle, 2418 Hamilton Drive,
Boise, Idaho, (an employee of the Bureau of Land Management in
Boise) were in Ashland, Oregon, in connection with handling
the estate of Patrick Haney. At that time, Mrs. Lafrenz and
Mr. Brunelle both observed Elizabeth Cronin remove a small
automatic pistol from her safety deposit box and place it in
her purse. Mr. Brunelle asked Miss Cronin what she hoped to
do with the weapon, but Miss Cronin declined to say. Mrs.
Lafrenz stated that she is convinced that Miss Cronin is
mentally unstable and has hallucinations, believing that
people are constantly following her around.

Oliver J. Grove, Chief Tax Deputy, Multnomah County
Sheriff and Tax Collector's Office, Multnomah County Court
House, Portland, Oregon, furnished the following information
on December 31, 1963:

Grove recognized the photograph of Elizabeth
Cronin, carried on the front page of The Oregonian, Portland
daily newspaper, December 31, 1963 issue, as a photograph of
the Elizabeth Cronin who was an employee of the Tax Collector's
Office, Portland, Oregon, from May 4, 1934 to October 31, 1945.

Miss Cronin was aged 33 in 1934. She exhibited
evidence of delusions of persecution prior to her discharge
from the Collector's Office on October 31, 1945, by Sheriff
Martin Pratt (now deceased). Grove stated that Sheriff Pratt
discharged her for insubordination after she called the
sheriff a "big fat politician."

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Mr. [redacted] said he has had no contact with Miss
Crosby since 1949 and knows nothing about her activities or
condition since that time.

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