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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
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The Rev. William F. McPherson, Pastor, First Assembly of God, 645 South Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, advised on January 30, 1964, that the only person attending his church who has expressed both a morbid sense of loss over the assassination of President Kennedy and severe criticism of a dramatized presentation called "Christ or Communism" was a Mrs. Perez, first name unknown, of 407 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. He stated that Mrs. Perez, a Negro, was upset by the dramatization and that the Rev. Paul Olson, N.J., a visiting minister, who presented this program on Sunday, November 17, 1963, was criticized by Mrs. Perez. She resented the portrayal of Kwame Nkrumah feeling that the portrayal degraded the Negro race. According to Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Perez is an ardent integrationist and is extremely quick to take offense at any real or imagined slight to the Negro.

Mr. McPherson further advised that Mrs. Perez had requested Mr. Olson and himself to intercede on her behalf with the Elizabeth, New Jersey, Police Department. He explained that she had had her husband jailed for allegedly attempting to murder her and that she wanted him kept in custody to preclude the probability that he would harm her when released. He stated that she became angry when they refused to do this.

Mr. McPherson stated that both Mr. Olson and himself were shocked by the assassination of President Kennedy and that they held memorial services in their church for the late President on the evening of the day of his assassination and on the following Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Mrs. Eleanor Perez, 407 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, advised on January 31, 1964, that she writes "lots of letters" and that she had in fact written a two-page

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letter addressed to "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MURDER:". She added, however, that she knew nothing concerning the assassination and she based her letter on her "hate for Germans". She explained that she felt "the Germans" were responsible for creating a situation wherein the President could be assassinated. She said that they control "education, science and medicine" and, in fact, wanted the President assassinated because of his stand on medicare and civil rights.

Mrs. Perez stated that she had no evidence or proof of any kind that would implicate any person or group in the assassination of President Kennedy.

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