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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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Mr. John J. Anthony, 1344 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois, Room 302, telephone number WH 4-6237,
advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 27,
1964, that he is presently employed as a copywriter for
Kemper Insurance Company. He stated he formerly worked
for the Chicago Scene magazine.

Anthony advised that he had held a high personal
regard for the late President John F. Kennedy and felt that
his assassination had been a tragic event. He stated that
under no circumstances would he have made any laudatory
remarks concerning Oswald nor any remarks indicating any
pleasure on his part in the assassination of President
Kennedy.

Anthony recalled attending a party at the home of
Paul Runyon, 906 Judson, Evanston, Illinois, on or about
December 22, 1963. While at this party, Anthony entered
into a discussion with an individual whose name he does not
recall at present. Anthony said during the discussion he
voiced an opinion that the Dallas Police Department was
inefficient, basing his opinion on the fact that President
Kennedy had been assassinated despite police protection.

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The person with whom [Anthony] had this discussion had a relative who was a police officer and took vehement objection to [Anthony's] remarks stating, in effect, that the Dallas Police Department had done fine police work and that no police body could have prevented the assassination.

[Anthony] advised that he and all the other guests at the above-mentioned party had been drinking, and it was quite possible that he had made certain remarks which he no longer recalls or which may have been misunderstood by other persons attending the party. He said that it was possible he may have made a statement along the lines that "Oswald must have been an excellent marksman" adding that this comment, if made, would not be in any sense commendatory but merely a factual comment on Oswald's ability as a marksman.

[Mr. Anthony] said he had never met Lee Harvey Oswald nor Jack Ruby and to his knowledge, knew no one acquainted with either of these men.

[Mr. Anthony] advised that he was born on July 31, 1943. He advised that he is a high school graduate and did not attend any college or university. His permanent residence address is [617 North Indianola, Indianapolis, Indiana.

[Anthony] advised that at 4:30 p.m. on April 23, 1964, he had been approached by two plainclothes officers of the Chicago Police Department. These officers advised him that he must remain in their custody for the duration of President Johnson's stay in Chicago. They indicated that they were acting on a request received from the United States Secret Service at Chicago based on information that [Anthony] had made a threat of some type to either

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the late President Kennedy or President Johnson. [Anthony] advised that the two officers were courteous at all times. He stated that he and the Chicago Police officers had dinner at a Chicago restaurant and spent the night at a motel. All expenses were paid by the police officers, and [Anthony] was allowed to notify his employer and roommate as to his whereabouts.

[Anthony] advised that he discussed this matter with a legal representative of the [Kemper Insurance Company]. On advice of this attorney, [Anthony] made a telephonic contact with an official of the Secret Service at Chicago. [Anthony] was advised by the Secret Service official to direct a written communication to a certain Chicago Post Office box. [Mr. Anthony] advised that he has submitted a letter containing the details of his detention to the Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, at the Post Office box designated.