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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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File 106-1920
Philadelphia

At approximately 11:00 P.M., June 2, 1964, an individual identifying himself as DAVID WASS, Apartment 208A, 4010 Swiss Street, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised a representative of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had a matter which he did not desire to discuss over the telephone. This individual stated that, in brief, he had made contact with "The Syndicate," and that a member of "The Syndicate" had been talking to him regarding the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. This individual stated that the member of "The Syndicate" had stated that the President's brother was the one who was supposed to have been killed.

The individual stated that he worked at the Dental Arts Laboratory, Suite 206, Dorchester House, Dallas, Texas, and that he desired an Agent contact him as soon as possible at that location as he did not desire to discuss the matter further on the telephone. This individual stated that he was to be recontacted, either on Wednesday or Thursday evening, June 3 or 4, 1964, by "The Syndicate" member and, therefore, would like to be interviewed by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to his contact with this member of "The Syndicate." The individual stated that the best way to contact him would be to call him at work at any time and set up an appointment.

On June 3, 1964, DAVID MOREY WASS, JR., 4010 Swiss Avenue, Apartment 208A, Dallas, Texas, advised he is employed

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as a Dental Technician at Dental Arts Laboratory, 206 Dorchester House, Dallas, Texas, and has been employed there for the past three weeks. WASS stated he was born January 26, 1920, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He said until two years ago he was married to ETHEL M. WASS and they resided together at Allentown, Pennsylvania, until their divorce.

Prior to coming to Dallas, Texas, WASS stated he had been living with his mother, Mrs. IDA V. WASS, Box 236, Leonard, Texas. He stated his half brother, JOHN C. SCHERER, a retired United States Air Force Major, also resides in Leonard, Texas. WASS said he had spent several weeks recuperating at his mother's residence following his release from Park Place Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas.

WASS informed that around February 1964, he was employed as a Dental Technician by RALPH KESSLER, owner of Towers Dental Laboratory, Medical Towers Building, Houston, Texas. During the course of this employment, WASS stated he made the acquaintance of one FRANCES GOLDEN at the Golden Cask, Port Arthur, Texas, a bar owned by PAUL COLLETTI (phonetic). WASS stated FRANCES GOLDEN resides in Groves, Texas. WASS advised that almost nightly he would meet FRANCES GOLDEN at the Golden Cask and they would spend the evening drinking together. On either March 16 or March 18, 1964, WASS stated he went to the Golden Cask and FRANCES GOLDEN was not there. He said he telephoned her at home, and she informed him their relationship was over. WASS stated he remained at the Golden Cask and, later that evening, FRANCES GOLDEN arrived. Shortly after GOLDEN arrived, WASS stated a man, whose identity is unknown to him, approached him at the bar and made some comment to the effect that he, WASS, had been bothering FRANCES GOLDEN. WASS said he denied this, whereupon this man jerked him off the bar stool and "worked him over." WASS stated he did not know the reason for this, but believes FRANCES GOLDEN "set it up." WASS advised that following this beating, he went to the rest room and, upon returning, went to PAUL COLLETTI, the owner of the Golden Cask, and protested

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the beating he had received. At this point, WASS stated COLLETTI uttered some profanities, threw him out of the Golden Cask, and also proceeded to "work him over." Following this, WASS stated he returned to the Golden Cask and called the police for assistance. He stated, however, when the police arrived they arrested him on a charge of "Disorderly Conduct" and placed him in jail, where he remained overnight.

Upon his release from jail the next day, WASS stated he went to another bar and had a beer. He advised that his chest and head were hurting so much that he called Lieutenant DUB BEALL, Port Arthur, Texas, Police Department, who advised that maybe he should go to the Park Place Hospital. WASS stated he did this. He said he was examined at the hospital by a Doctor BINSKY (phonetic), who told him he had several broken ribs and the cartilage was torn loose from his sternum. WASS stated he was confined to this hospital for several weeks.

After his release from the Park Place Hospital, Port Arthur, Texas, WASS advised he stopped at a bar, name unrecalled, for a small "libation." Upon leaving this bar, WASS stated he was again picked up by the Port Arthur, Texas, police, who took him to jail for investigation. Shortly after his arrival there, WASS advised the police informed him that he should leave town and, since he had no money, they drove him to the outskirts of Port Arthur, where he hitchhiked a ride to the home of Mrs. WILLIAM E. HARRIS, 5071 Winding Way, Dickerson, Texas, who is his twin sister. He stated he remained there for a few days, at which time he went to the home of his mother in Leonard, Texas.

On May 31, 1964, WASS stated he was in the El Dorado Bar on Haskell Street, Dallas, Texas, which is one block east of his present residence. During the course of the evening, WASS stated he struck up an acquaintance with JIM LATTIMER, an electrician, who resides at 911 Haskell Street, Room 5, Dallas, Texas, telephone number TA 4-9543. WASS stated he related his

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above experiences to LATTIMER and LATTIMER asked him if he were interested in "getting rid of COLLETTI." WASS advised that, in trying to "draw out LATTIMER," he responded in the affirmative and was informed by LATTIMER that he would do the job for \$1,500. He said the arrangements would be \$500 down and \$1,000 when the "job was done." As an alternate plan, WASS stated LATTIMER informed him he could get someone else to "do the job" for \$2,000, \$500 being paid down and \$1,500 when COLLETTI had been removed. WASS informed he and LATTIMER decided to discuss this matter further at WASS's apartment, where they went for some beer.

WASS stated that, in his discussions with LATTIMER at his apartment, LATTIMER informed him he was a member of "The Syndicate." He said LATTIMER did not describe "The Syndicate" further. He stated LATTIMER also informed that JACK RUBY was a member of the same "Syndicate," but stated "The Syndicate" was not involved in the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or in the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said LATTIMER stated both of these jobs were bungled and "The Syndicate" would not bungle any job they did. WASS stated LATTIMER told him "The Syndicate" was not interested in President KENNEDY, but interested in BOBBY KENNEDY. *with a copy of Oswald's B.C.*

WASS advised he does not know why LATTIMER would inform him of the above, but stated LATTIMER told him if he betrayed the confidence he would be eliminated. Further, WASS stated LATTIMER informed him that someone higher up in "The Syndicate" wanted to talk to WASS and would be around to see him on either June 3 or 4, 1964.

Concerning his past medical history, WASS informed he received a Medical Discharge from the Air Force on September 15, 1943, because of bad eyes and "a nervous condition." He said his medical diagnosis was psychoneurosis, anxiety type. He informed he had a recurrence of his nervous condition in 1948 and was confined to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oakland,

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California, and in 1951 or 1952, he was confined to the Allentown General Hospital, Allentown, Pennsylvania, which confinement was authorized by the Veterans' Administration. In both of these instances, WASS stated he believes he was confined for two or three months. He said he presently draws a thirty per cent service-connected disability from the Air Force.

WASS advised he is not acquainted with and, to his knowledge, has never had any contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. Further, WASS stated he had no information which would assist in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

On June 20, 1964, WASS was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Houston, Texas, at which time he stated he wanted to correct the name of the individual previously given by him as JIM LATTIMER. WASS stated that this name should have been JIM LOUDERMILK, who resides in Room 5, 911 Haskell Street, Dallas, Texas, and who is an electrician. WASS advised that LOUDERMILK is about twenty-eight years of age, has dark wavy hair, slender build, and is about 5'10" tall. WASS advised that LOUDERMILK carries a gold sheriff's office badge from some place in Oklahoma or Arkansas.

WASS advised that LOUDERMILK's superior in "The Syndicate" is a BILL HAYDEN, JR., who has telephone number BR 6-6744, Dallas, Texas, and that this is the individual to whom LOUDERMILK reports.

On June 20, 1964, at the time of WASS's interview, he stated he was in Houston, Texas, to discuss employment with two dentists, a Doctor RUSSEY and a Doctor ROY BELL, JR.

On June 21, 1964, WASS telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Houston, Texas, and advised that he had hired a private investigator by the name of W. JIM MARIBEL to look into the "Port Arthur mugging." He stated MARIBEL has business telephone number Capital 7-5613 and residence telephone number Jackson 4-6737, both Houston, Texas.