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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

RE: LEWIS EDWARD BERRY, JR.

On June 20, 1964, Mrs. Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., 705 Harold Street, Houston, Texas, furnished information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning her husband, Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., which information is contained in a memorandum dated June 22, 1964, at Houston, Texas.

At the time of this interview, Mrs. Berry advised that, while her husband was in Dallas, Texas, as a delegate to the Republican State Convention held in Dallas in 1964, he indicated he stayed with a friend of his from the University of Houston whose family resides in Dallas. Mrs. Berry could not recall this friend's name, but stated he was called the "Nazi" by his friends and associates at the University of Houston. She stated the "Nazi" claimed to have knowledge of the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

On June 30, 1964, Mrs. Berry advised that the "Nazi" had been identified as Stanley P. Toland and investigation conducted at Houston determined Toland was now residing at 3718 Armstrong Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

On July 13, 1964, Stanley Pendleton Toland, 3718 Armstrong Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised he was born December 8, 1934, at Dallas, Texas. He stated he is now at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Homer L. P. Toland, on vacation from the University of Houston, where he is about halfway through law school.

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Toland advised that in the Fall of 1963 he did not return to the University of Houston since he was undecided at that time as to whether he would continue law school or go into the building business with a friend in Dallas, Texas. He said he has a real estate license and acted as a real estate salesman during this period until he returned to the University of Houston in February, 1964.

Toland advised that when he returned to the University of Houston at Houston, Texas, he was harassed and beleaguered by his fellow students for any information he might have relating to the assassination of President John Kennedy. Toland said his fellow students felt that since he was from Dallas, Texas, he might have some "inside" information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. At first Toland stated he denied having any information at all pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy, but stated he finally tired of the questioning and informed Phillip Godwin, a fellow student at the University of Houston, that a group of "right wingers" in Dallas paid Lee Harvey Oswald to kill President Kennedy. Further, this same group of "right wingers" also paid Jack Ruby to kill Oswald.

Toland said he also informed Godwin that H. L. Hunt of Dallas was involved in the assassination and that Oswald was hired, due to his "communist connections" since this would throw suspicion off this group.

Toland stated this story absolutely has no basis in fact and was a complete fabrication on his part. He said he has no information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and no information relating to the killing of Oswald by Jack L. Ruby. Toland stated, "What gets me is that someone would believe it -- it's so silly."

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Toland said he might have also related this same story to Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., another fellow student at the University of Houston.

In addition to the above fabrication, Toland said he advised both Godwin and Berry that he is well acquainted with Major General Edwin A. Walker who, according to Toland, lives a block and a half down the street from his mother's residence. He said he does not know General Walker and has had no contact with him.

Toland advised he made up the above stories since his fellow students looked on him with a little more respect for having "inside" information.

Regarding Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., mentioned above, Toland stated Berry was formerly president of the Young Republicans at the University of Houston and is president of the Republican Student Lawyers Club at the University of Houston. In early June, 1964, Toland stated Berry attended the Republican State Convention, held in Dallas, Texas, and stayed at Toland's mother's residence, 3718 Armstrong Avenue, Dallas, Texas, while the convention was in progress.

Toland advised that Berry was accompanied to Dallas by a "rather young, unattractive fat girl," whose name he did not know. He said she possibly stayed with Berry, although he did not know. He informed that his mother, as well as his brother, were out of the city and he, Toland, was staying at an apartment he had rented. He said he, therefore, did not know just who, if anyone, stayed at Toland's mother's house with Berry.

(Toland advised the above referred to girl, he believes, is a student at the University of Houston, and he also believes she was a delegate to the Republican State Convention held in Dallas during the time she was here.

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Toland related that while at the University of Houston, he and other law students have engaged in various political discussions. He said he has often been on the opposite side of an argument from Lewis Edward Berry, Jr. For the sake of argument, Toland stated he would determine what Berry's views were on a particular subject and then take the opposite side from Berry. He said his position in these arguments was usually to the "extreme right," and he has been called by students at the University of Houston a "Nazi" or "Hitler."

Toland advised that he is a member of the Young Republicans at the University of Houston and also a member of the Young Americans for Freedom, Incorporated, 514 C Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C. He stated the Young Americans for Freedom, Incorporated, is an organization which was set up "propagandizing" presidential aspirant Barry Goldwater and for aiding in any manner possible Goldwater's nomination as the Republican presidential candidate.

Toland advised he strongly favors Barry Goldwater as a Republican presidential nominee, as does Lewis Edward Berry, Jr. He said Berry is very strongly opposed to Attorney General Robert Kennedy and stated that, although he does not believe Berry would be capable of violence against the person of Robert Kennedy, should he be elected to some prominent political office, he believes he would be in favor of removing Kennedy in any manner.

Toland stated he has known Berry only since he attended the University of Houston and has had little contact with him off the campus. He stated he knows Berry is married, has met his wife, but knows nothing of their marital relationship. He stated Berry has rented a house in Houston, lives upstairs with his wife in this house, and operates a book store called the "Dusty Shelf" on the first floor of the residence.

Toland advised he knows of no loosely knit group or revolutionary group being organized by Berry. He stated, "If Berry is organizing any revolutionary-type organization, he has not invited me to join." Toland further stated he doubts very seriously that Berry is organizing any type of revolutionary group.

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Concerning a possible hideout that Berry allegedly has in some undisclosed location from which he would operate when he gets financial backing and further organized, Toland stated he believed this to be a figment of someone's imagination. He said Berry does not have enough money to supply any type of a hideout and hardly enough money to support himself. He said the only hideout he might have "would be in his basement and he could cover himself with books."

Toland stated the only possible loosely knit organization that Berry might be trying to organize would be composed of a group of students at the University of Houston who have received tickets from the University of Houston Campus Police for parking infractions. He said Berry has informed him that he has received parking tickets with fines totaling \$240, and knows that Berry has contacted Michael McCrory, who has parking fines totaling \$180, and Thomas DeShazor, who has parking fines totaling \$140. Toland stated both McCrory and DeShazor are also students at the University of Houston.

Toland stated Berry feels if he is able to contact enough other students who have also received parking fines and is able to "get them together" and in a group appeal to the University of Houston to have the fines dropped, he would have more success, "since the inference is drawn that there is more weight in numbers."

Concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, Toland stated he has no information which would assist in the investigation of the assassination. He did state he was not unhappy that President Kennedy is out of office, but stated he certainly did not want to see him assassinated. He stated he was in favor of our constitutional government. He stated Kennedy should have been removed from office by being voted out.