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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On September 2, 1967, Miss Lee Minetz,
Office Manager, Carl Sandburg Village, 1555 North
Sandburg Terrace, Chicago, Illinois, advised the
Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI) that one Henry (Hank) Stark, who has been
a friend of hers for approximately 28 years had
related to her a story which she felt should be
furnished to the FBI. *Stewart and [unclear]*

Miss Minetz stated that Stark, who has
worked at different positions, asked her to help
him get started in a bus catering service for
retarded children in July, 1963. She stated that
she and her older sister helped lay out and make
up brochures and that she even went to Indiana with
Stark to look at a bus. She advised that she took
out a personal loan and gave him the money to buy
a bus and that, in fact, he did start this catering
business. She stated that he sent her a couple
of checks in payment for the bus and then in late
1963, date which she cannot remember, Stark disappeared.
She stated that no one, not even his mother, whom
he presently resides with, knew of his whereabouts
at that time or had any knowledge of his whereabouts.

In October, 1966, Stark appeared at Carl
Sandburg Village and paid her the remainder of the
money owed her for the bus.

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On Christmas Day he was at her sister's home and told her in private that he was in Dallas, Texas, when John F. Kennedy was assassinated and that it was a planned thing, that he had knowledge of it but did not take part in it. He went on to state that the government had some paid people in it and that, in fact, a power behind the government really runs the government. During this conversation, Stark stated that Ruby would be dead within a week.

Miss Minetz further advised that approximately one week later an editorial appeared in the Chicago American (January 4, 1967) and almost stated verbatim what he (Stark) had related to her on Christmas Day. She stated that this frightened her but that she did not do anything at that time about it.

Miss Minetz stated that on January 11, 1967, Stark took her to lunch at the Beef and Bourbon Restaurant on Wells Street in Old Town between the hours of 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. She stated that during this period, he again discussed the government and the fact that he was in danger in Chicago and was leaving on Saturday or Sunday night for the West Coast. Miss Minetz stated that she has tried to get facts from him but only gets generalities. She stated that when he has confronted her in the past with these types of stories they have always turned out to be true through other sources. Miss Minetz stated also that she could not see any change in this individual during the three years or so that he had been away.

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Miss Minetz did say that during the Christmas conversation Stark stated that he got involved while in Dallas, Texas, but again she could not get any facts from him on how he got involved or what the involvement was.

Miss Minetz stated that Stark works nights and drives a Studebaker and described him as follows: six feet tall, slender, dark hair, brown eyes, approximately 36 years old and he dresses conservatively.

On January 12, 1967, Miss Minetz advised Stark was going to attend a birthday party at her sister's residence on Sunday afternoon and then would be leaving for the West Coast. She advised that her sister told her that Stark is working at the following telephone number, 622-2131, and is known as Stewart Gray.

A check with [redacted] lists this telephone to Triumph Tool Corporation at 1950-North Latrobe in Chicago.

The reason for the different name is unknown.

On January 13, 1967, Henry Stark was interviewed at his residence by Agents of the FBI, at which time he furnished the following information:

Stark advised that he has read many articles and books concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and frequently quotes or discusses the theories set forth in these books. He said that he had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the assassination or any events surrounding this event. Stark believes that several questions remain unanswered by the Warren Commission Report which lead him to believe that the possibility exists that the entire story of the assassination has not been disclosed.

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Stark advised that he was in Dallas, Texas, in the early 1950s at which time he accompanied his father who was doing construction work there. He said that he has never been back to Dallas and was definitely not there during November, 1963. He said that he had been working part time at a Chicago gas station and living with a young lady during the entire fall of 1963.

Stark repeated that he had no personal knowledge nor has anyone told him of any evidence or information concerning this matter other than that which he has read in various papers and books.

Stark advised that in the late summer of 1963, he began an association with Arline Kusek, who in 1963 was residing in the 1300 block, North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that in approximately September, 1963, he and Miss Kusek resided together as man and wife in an apartment in the 5000 block, West Addison. He stated that they resided at this address during the month of November, 1963, since he recalls being at the apartment at that address when he first heard of the assassination of President Kennedy. a.k.c.
DeFore

A short time after November, 1963, Stark stated that he and Arline Kusek moved to an apartment in the 3900 block, North Osceola, Chicago, Illinois, where they resided for a few weeks, after which they moved to an apartment at 5254 Newport, Chicago, Illinois. Stark stated that to the best of his recollection, he and Arline Kusek used the name of Mr. and Mrs. Warren De Fore at the above addresses.

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Stark advised that during the fall of 1963, he was basically unemployed, although he did work at odd jobs for a few days at a time at unrecalled gas stations. He said that Arline Kusek was regularly employed as a waitress during this period.

Stark advised that neither he nor Arline Kusek owned an automobile during the fall of 1963 and spent most of their time at their residence apartments. He advised that in the winter of 1963 or early months of 1964, while residing at the Newport address, he purchased a 1954 Chrysler which he registered under the name of Warren De Fore.

Stark advised that from the time he began his association with Arline Kusek for approximately a year and a half, he severed all connection with his former friends as well as his family. He stated that he recontacted various family members, including his mother, late in 1965 at approximately the time that he broke off his relationship with Miss Kusek.

Stark advised that he entered the United States Marine Corps in 1952 and had been in an absent without leave status for a period of several months. He said that he had been picked up by local law enforcement officers in Chicago, Illinois, in the Spring of 1952, at which time he had been returned to the custody of the Marine Corps. He stated he received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1953.

Investigation in the 1300 block, North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that Bernice Kusek had resided at 1311 North Pulaski until approximately October, 1966, at which time she

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moved leaving no forwarding address. Neighbors recall that Mrs. Bernice Kusek had a daughter Arline who had resided with Mrs. Kusek for several years at this address until the late summer of 1963, at which time Arline married an unknown individual and moved from this address. Neighbors recall that Arline Kusek reportedly broke up with her husband approximately one and a half years ago but these neighbors had no information concerning Arline Kusek's present whereabouts.

On January 18, 1967, Mr. Henry Stark telephonically advised the FBI that he had driven past his former places of residence in 1963 and furnished the exact addresses as 5028 West Addison and 3926 Osceola, both Chicago, Illinois.

On January 19, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that she has resided at this address for the past 11 years. She stated that this home is owned by [REDACTED] whom she assists in maintaining records of the tenants. [REDACTED] advised that rental records are maintained by the [REDACTED] for approximately two years and no records are presently extant for the period of November, 1963. [REDACTED] advised that there have been numerous young couples residing at this address for short periods of time in the past three or four years. She said that she could not recall the specific names of Stark, De Fore or Gray, but does recall that in November, 1963, a young couple in their 30's resided in the basement apartment at this address. She stated that this couple, who remained here for approximately five weeks, consisted of a husband who, to the best of her recollection, was unemployed

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and a wife who worked as a waitress. She advised that to the best of her recollection the description of Stark generally fitted the man who had resided at this address in November, 1963.

[redacted] telephonically advised the FBI on January 19, 1966, that she had consulted with [redacted] who recalled a young couple living in their basement apartment in the fall of 1963, who generally answered the description of Stark and Arline Kusek. [redacted] advised that both [redacted] are extremely elderly and in ill health. She said that she did not believe that further contact with [redacted] would be of value, since their recollections of former tenants have always been extremely vague.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	Henry Stark
Alias	Stewart Gray
Date of Birth	May 27, 1930, Chicago, Illinois
Height	Six feet
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Military	United States Marine, Corps, 1953
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Factory worker, Triumph Tool Corporation 1950 North Latrobe Chicago, Illinois

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Residence

4807 West Potomac,
Chicago, Illinois
Third Floor

Remarks

Stark advised that he
'has been in minor
difficulty with various
local law enforcement
agencies at various
times and presently has
traffic warrants
outstanding in Chicago
which caused him to
seek his employment
under the name of Gray.

The following description applied to Stark
in 1952 

Name

Henry Stark, Jr.

Address

918 North Paulina (father)
4832 West Bloomingdale Avenue
(mother)

Born

May 27, 1930, Chicago, Illinois

Sex

Male

Race

White

Height

Five feet, eleven inches

Weight

140 pounds

Hair

Brown

Eyes

Brown

Build

Slender

Characteristics

Wears mustache

Marital Status

Single

United States

Marine Corps Number

1295944

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Relatives
Father

Henry Stark, Sr.
918 North Paulina Street,
Chicago

Mother

Anne Nurkiewicz,
4832 West Bloomingdale Avenue,
Chicago

Uncles

Louis Stark,
221 South 59th Street,
Cicero;

James Stark,
Skokie Highway;
Stanley Stark
2611 Rice Street,
Chicago;

Thomas Miller
4822 North Drake,
Chicago, Illinois;
Stanley Rich,
4832 West Bloomingdale Avenue,
Chicago

Aunt

Jean Kowalewski,
Wheatfield, Indiana