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RONALD ALEXANDER WARD
BOMBING MATTER

At 5:58 p.m. on January 22, 1967, Sergeant Gene Filius, Communications, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., advised that Ronald Alexander Ward, a white male born on June 12, 1937, had accidentally exploded a battery-operated type of bomb in the Corral Cafe at 3267 M Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. Ward was the only person injured and there was no damage to the cafe. Filius said that Ward resides at 1709 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant Walter Patterson, MPD, advised at 7:00 p.m. that the MPD had found explosives at the residence of Ward and that they were investigating the matter.

Lieutenant John W. Lockwood, MPD, Precinct Number Three, advised at 7:30 p.m. that they had found a suitcase at the subject's residence which contains a clock, wires, batteries and two assembled homemade bombs. A .22 calibre rifle was found in his room and a book with John Kennedy's picture on the cover. The book is about three inches thick and contains a bullet hole through Kennedy's forehead.

A satchel was found in the room which is believed to contain gun powder or dynamite. The satchel is locked but is to be examined by Ordnance experts.

The above information was furnished to the following on January 22, 1967:

Special Agent Clark Fisher
United States Secret Service

7:50 p.m.

62-109060

ENCLOSURE

RONALD ALBERT R WARD

Private First Class Robert Marquette
67th Ordnance Detachment
Fort McNair
Virginia

8:20 p.m.

Captain William F. Broess, Jr.
Liaison Officer
G-2
Military District of Washington

8:23 p.m.

Private First Class Robert Marquette, 67th Ordnance Detachment advised, when contacted that Master Sergeant Paul J. Spicer and Specialist Six Laurence L. Crawford had been dispatched to Ward's residence to examine the explosives in response to a request from the MPD.

Lieutenant John W. Lockwood advised at 11:20 p.m. that he had not noticed anything of a political nature at the subject's residence. He said that the Ordnance Specialists from the 67th Ordnance Detachment had found flash bulbs which could be used as detonators for bombs. It contained ninety five shotgun shells. A clock with the inside missing was found in Ward's residence. Twenty two empty shotgun shells were found in Ward's room.

Lieutenant Walter Patterson, MPD, advised at 11:25 p.m. that Ronald Ward was treated at Georgetown Hospital for second degree burns on left leg and thigh; lacerated lip; two concussions on forehead and shock. Lieutenant Patterson said that the bomb had been made loosely but that if it had been compressed, it would have destroyed the cafe and killed a number of people. He said that Georgetown Hospital had treated Ward and released him.

Lieutenant Patterson said that Ward is being detained at the District of Columbia General Hospital and will be committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.

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Lieutenant Patterson added that the MPD was unable to locate any previous record concerning Ward.

Lieutenant Patterson said that Mildred Ward, 1510 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C., Apartment Number 253, told him that Ward voluntarily had himself committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital on October 5, 1966, and was released on December 6, 1966. She said that Ward had a mental condition while in the Army and had been treated in the Army. Ward told Lieutenant Patterson that he was not discharged for any mental reason.

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