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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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Mr. JAMES W. GALLAHER advised the Seattle Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was temporarily awaiting shipping orders, as a Merchant Seaman, at New Orleans, Louisiana in October, 1963. He advised that while in New Orleans he resided in a hotel, name not recalled, across the street from the Capitol House Hotel. Mr. GALLAHER stated that on an evening just prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY he went to the Capitol House Hotel for the purpose of eating. Upon entering the hotel, he observed three men standing at the magazine counter, one of whom he stated was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whom he did not know at the time but subsequently identified through newspaper photographs. While standing near these three individuals, he overheard the following statement made by one of the two unknown individuals to LEE HARVEY OSWALD: "If we can't vote the man into office we want, we will vote him in with a rifle."

Mr. GALLAHER related that he is able to describe only one of the two men talking with OSWALD, that being the individual who made the above statement. He described him as follows: white, male, American, 5'10" tall, 50 years of age, sandy hair, with a large stomach. Mr. GALLAHER stated that he feels sure that he could identify this individual should he ever observe him again.

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