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## ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

On March 27, 1967, Mr. JAMES L. WARD, whose Spanish name is DIEGO LOPEZ WARD, 339 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, Pa., advised Special Agents PHILIP F. SNODGRASS and NOAH R. BASS that in 1946 he was the Counselor General in the United States representing Argentina. He stated he held this position until 1950 at which time he was relieved of duty since he took part in a movement to remove PERON from power in Argentina. He stated that he remained in the United States from 1950 until PERON was removed from power and since PERON's removal has returned to Argentina. He advised his last trip to Argen-tina was in 1964. He advised that while he was Counselor General for Argentina he served in New Orleans, Chicago, New York City, and Philadelphia, Philadelphia being his last place of assignment. He advised when he left Argentina on August 7, 1964, a friend of his Dr. JULIO ANTUN of Buenos Aires, Argen-tina, who was running for Governor of the State of Cordoba, handed to him two manila envelopes, one of which bore the name of Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and the other which bore the name Mrs. JACQUELINE KENNEDY, and asked him if he would deliver them since he was going to the United States. WARD advised he accepted these envelopes, but never delivered them since the material contained therein, in his estimation, was of no value to anyone. He advised he had read this material himself and could find nothing in it which, in his estimation, would have any bearing whatsoever on the assassination of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Mr. WARD produced these envelopes and advised he had no use for them and the FBI was welcome to keep them and he did not desire to have them returned.

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Mr. WARD advised that prior to getting into politics in Argentina he worked for the Bank of Cordoba for 22 years and he is still a citizen of Argentina and presently self-employed selling subscriptions to American printed magazines to foreign countries, most of these countries being located in South America. He was born December 1, 1911, in Cordoba, Argentina. He is married and his wife is GEORGIA and he has a daughter named AMALIA who is presently employed as a receptionist for the American Express Company, Trenton, N.J. He advised his business is known as the International Readers Guide and the address for this business is the same as his home address, 339 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, Pa.

He advised that he is very much against a communistic form of government and he will do anything for the United States Government that would help it in any way. He stated that he could not recall having ever made any statements that the material contained in the envelopes he furnished to Special Agents BASS and SNODGRASS as containing information about the assassination of President KENNEDY, and if someone reported him as doing so they must have misunderstood him.

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