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PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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By letter dated March 24, 1967, Mr. FRED WRIGHT,
Reporter, "Evening Independent," a St. Petersburg, Florida
newspaper, advised as follows:

Miss ETTA MAY TUCKER, a winter resident staying
at the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida, visited the
"Evening Independent" offices on March 24, 1967.

Miss TUCKER stated that on the day President
JOHN KENNEDY was assassinated, she was dining at Schrafft's
Restaurant, Palm Beach, Florida at a luncheon. At that
time, she saw a man and a woman who "didn't belong in a
nice place like this" at a nearby table. She described
the man as tall, slim, with salt and pepper hair, and tan.
She could furnish no description of the woman except that
she and the man seemed to be Cubans. During the time that
Miss TUCKER observed the couple the man did not eat but,
at different times, several waitresses and hostesses came
over to the man to whisper something in his ear. Miss
TUCKER could not hear these conversations. Suddenly a
waitress whispered something to the man, and the man and
the woman rose and quickly left. Miss TUCKER said a few
minutes later there was an announcement on the radio that
President KENNEDY had been assassinated.

She had observed that the man appeared to be
worried throughout the meal, and when he received the
last message, he appeared to be scared. She added that
she had asked the waitress who the man was, and she was

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told, "He has a sugar refinery in West Palm Beach." Miss TUCKER believed that she would recognize the man if she saw him again and, furthermore, she believes that Cuba is responsible for President KENNEDY's death.

Mr. WRIGHT added that Miss TUCKER had told him that she had gone to the West Palm Beach, Florida police with her story and she had been told to report it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated she hadn't reported it to the FBI because she did not want to become involved. She explained that she had been in and out of hospitals since that time, and she had gotten out of the hospital on March 24, 1967.

Mr. WRIGHT added that Miss TUCKER appeared to be lucid, in complete control of her faculties, and genuinely concerned. She mentioned that she had told her story in letters to several others, including Chief Justice EARL WARREN and also to a former aide of President KENNEDY, but had no response.

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