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**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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On July 10, 1967, William James Lowery, Jr., Dallas, Texas, an individual who was a member of, and active in, the Communist Party (CP) on a local and state basis from September 23, 1945 to September 23, 1963, and who has testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board, advised he was contacted on that date by Earl Lively, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, who is known to be an extremely anti-communist individual. It is not known to Lowery that Lively is affiliated with any particular organization. He could not identify Lively's current employment or residence address in Dallas. He remembered, however, having had some contact with Lively in about 1964; that Lively then was supposed to be a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

Lively, on July 10, 1967, told Lowery, after engaging in other miscellaneous conversation, that he thought he could put Lowery in touch "with those people in the Southeast", which Lowery understood him to mean District Attorney Jim Garrison, or Garrison's investigators, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lively stated "those people" had been in contact with him in Dallas over the previous weekend and during that period Lowery's name was first mentioned by Lively to them as someone who might be of possible assistance to them.

Lively appeared to be approaching Lowery to determine whether he would be receptive to a contact by someone from District Attorney Garrison's Office. Lively said the possibility existed that Lowery might be able to get something out of being contacted by "those people", recognizing that Lowery had in the past, subsequent to his testimony for the government in 1963, not been able to realize much financially from his past

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good work. Lowery told Lively he could not see how it would hurt to at least let them talk to him. Lowery furnished his residence telephone number to Lively with the understanding that Lively would contact him later at his home where they could talk more specifically. Lively did not state exactly as to what information "those people" sought from Lowery. Lively indicated he would be in contact with "those people" during the coming weekend.

Lowery stated he does not intend to go to Louisiana for any interview but would allow District Attorney Garrison's investigators to contact him in Dallas if they desire. He does not know just how he could be of any assistance in that investigation since he has never known Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby, and has no information of his own knowledge that would in any way contribute to establishing a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. Lowery stated that he is not now affiliated with any organization and that any information furnished by him would be solely as an individual. He understood that any action taken by him would not be for or in behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other organization or agency and that he would be acting solely as an individual of his own volition.

Lowery, as of 9:00 A.M., July 11, 1967, had received no additional inquiry from Lively or any other individuals concerning this matter.