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MANUEL MARTINEZ,
also known as
Manuel M. Rivera

On October 16, 1967, Mr. James M. Atwood, ^{INT} 3500 West 9000 South, West Jordan, Utah, telephone number ~~255-3070~~, telephonically requested that he be contacted by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was contacted on the same date by phone and arrangements were made to contact him at his residence on October 17, 1967. He advised on the phone that he wanted to furnish some information pertaining to communism in the United States.

On October 17, 1967, he was contacted at his residence and furnished the following information:

~~Manuel Martinez~~ ^{aka Manuel M. Rivera} has resided in West Jordan, Utah, for many years and is considered by Atwood to be a good friend of his. Atwood is of the opinion that Manuel is law-abiding but may have been, without his knowledge, involved with a man, whose name Atwood does not know, in a manner which resulted in the assassination of President Kennedy.

^{1121 So. 2200 West}
Shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy, Manuel told Mr. Atwood that a neighbor of his, who was a Puerto Rican, had borrowed \$750 from him and had purchased a fifth of whiskey and left the area. Atwood thought nothing of this at the time but on the day of Kennedy's assassination Atwood was at Manuel's residence in West Jordan. A group of Puerto Ricans were also present. While there Atwood received word with the others via radio to the effect that Kennedy had been killed. Manuel and his wife

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seemed to react in a way that they regretted this, but the Puerto Ricans appeared to be happy. Atwood does not understand Spanish and is of the opinion that most of the Puerto Ricans present did not understand English. The possibility exists that they were not fully aware of what had happened. Mr. Atwood and his wife discussed the lack of sadness on the part of the Puerto Ricans but at the time dismissed it.

Some weeks thereafter Atwood read in the newspaper that two high-ranking army officers were enroute by plane from Denver to Salt Lake City and that this plane, including an unidentified man, had crashed between Denver and Salt Lake City, with all aboard being killed. Atwood mentioned this to Manuel, and Manuel said that the unidentified man on the plane was the man who had borrowed money from him and that the man's people were afraid to claim his body. A few days later Atwood learned, however, that the body had been claimed and a funeral held. It seemed strange to Atwood that an unimportant Puerto Rican from West Jordan would be on a plane with two high-ranking army officers. After thinking of this for some time, Atwood decided the possibility existed that there was a second rifleman involved in the shooting of President Kennedy and that this Puerto Rican could have been that man. Atwood stated he has always been personally convinced that there was more than one person involved in the shooting of President Kennedy.

Atwood repeatedly stated he doubts that Manuel is personally implicated with knowledge in the assassination of Kennedy but believes that the money he loaned to the Puerto Rican was used to purchase transportation by the Puerto Rican to Texas for the purpose of becoming involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. Atwood states he realizes this is based on his own reasoning and that he has heard nothing otherwise which would indicate such implication.

Manuel is employed by Kennecott Copper Corporation and is described as follows:

MANUEL MARTINEZ,
also known as
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Age	45
Height	6 feet
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Build	Large frame
Complexion	Light
Posture	Erect
Scars and marks	None

Mrs. Martinez is described as follows:

Age	35
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Light
Teeth	Some back teeth missing.

Atwood was unable to locate a telephone listing for Manuel. He pointed out the house of Manuel and stated that the car in the driveway was Manuel's car. The address was 8101 South 2200 West, West Jordan, Utah.

11:10 - The 1967 Salt Lake City, Utah, Suburban Directory lists Manuel Rivera at this address. His wife's name is listed as Iris Rivera and his employment as Kennecott Copper Corporation.

Published records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State of Utah list the license number FC 3187, which was on the automobile in the driveway, as being issued to Manuel M. Rivera at the same address, on a 1965 Chevrolet Station Wagon.

Atwood said that insofar as he knows, he has never seen, nor has he heard, the name of the Puerto Rican to whom Manuel loaned the money.

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