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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
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DALLAS, TEXAS

[REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED] Street,  
Lawrence, Mass., appeared at the Philadelphia Office of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 15, 1968, and said  
that he wanted to confess that he is the person who assassinated  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY at Dallas, Tex. See [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] B 1-19 [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said that he had arrived in Philadelphia, Pa.,  
six days earlier and had been living at the YMCA, 15th and Arch  
Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. It had taken him that long to get  
up the courage to come in and confess to what he did.

Interrogation elicited from [REDACTED] information that  
six days earlier he left the Veterans Administration (VA)  
Hospital at Bedford, Mass., where he had been a patient for nine  
months. He left because he wanted to admit what he did and came  
to Philadelphia to do so because he always liked Philadelphia  
when he spent time here while in the U.S. Navy.

[REDACTED] said he had served one enlistment in the  
U.S. Navy 1947 to 1952. In April 1952 he enlisted in the U.S.  
Air Force for four years and re-enlisted after the four years  
expired. Two or three months after his re-enlistment in the  
U.S. Air Force, [REDACTED] was hospitalized for a nervous break-  
down and in 1957 was discharged as 100% disabled due to disability  
incurred while in the U.S. Air Force.

[REDACTED] related that in November 1963 he drove in his  
1956 two-tone blue Pontiac from Massachusetts to Dallas, Texas.  
It took him two and one-half days to get there and he arrived  
four or five days before President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He went to  
the School Book Depository Building in Dallas and fired four  
shots at President KENNEDY.

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██████████ said he does not recall the caliber of the rifle or the manufacturer, but it was a foreign make and had a telescope sight. He bought the weapon by mail from a dealer in Louisville, Kentucky. From the same source at the same time, he received a box containing 14 or 15 cartridges. He does not recall if the rifle was a bolt action, lever type, or semi-automatic weapon.

██████████ abandoned the weapon on the sixth floor of the building, walked down stairs two floors, took the elevator to the first floor, and walked out the front door of the building to his automobile which was parked on a nearby street, and drove away.

██████████ did not know LEE HARVY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

██████████ said that he was not confined to any hospital on the date of the assassination, November 22, 1963, but cannot recall where he worked in 1963.

██████████ knows that LEE HARVY OSWALD did not murder the President because ██████████ did it. He does not know why he did it because he liked JOHN F. KENNEDY, and no one was involved with him in the assassination.

██████████ said he had been told he has schizophrenia, catatonic type, and he received shock treatment when he first became ill.

He had cards and papers which listed his VA Claim File #C-██████████ Social Security #██████████ Registrant #██████████, with Local Draft Board #10, Middlesex County, Framingham, Mass. He carried Massachusetts motor vehicle operator's license and a membership card in the Disabled American Veterans, showing a former address of ██████████ Street, Lawrence, Mass. He receives disability benefits also from the Social Security System.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Supervisor of Patient Service, VA Hospital, Bedford, Mass., on January 15, 1968, advised Special Agent FRED CONNORS of the Boston Division that [REDACTED] a voluntary patient, eloped [REDACTED] 1968, from that hospital. [REDACTED] is rated incompetent, has a service incurred 100% disability, schizophrenic reaction, and is considered non-violent.

[REDACTED] said that he would voluntarily re-enter the VA Hospital.

Mr. [REDACTED] Chief of Patient Control Section, VA Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., on January 15, 1968, advised that [REDACTED] was being accepted as a patient and on [REDACTED] 1968, would be transferred to the VA Hospital at Coatesville, Pa., which treats patients who are mentally ill.

[REDACTED] is a white male, born [REDACTED] 1930, at Framingham, Mass. His confirmation name is JOHN.

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| Height    | 5'10"  |
| Weight    | 150 pounds   |
| Eyes      | Hazel  |
| Hair      | Brown  |
| Scars     | Two small line scars inside left wrist allegedly from a suicide attempt  |
| Relatives | Spouse - [REDACTED]<br>Stepchildren - [REDACTED], age 17;<br>[REDACTED], age 15;<br>[REDACTED], age 12<br>Son - [REDACTED] age<br>2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; all of [REDACTED] Street,<br>Lawrence, Mass.<br>Parent - [REDACTED] Fla.,<br>32629 |

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[REDACTED] said he is thinking about  
taking his own life and should be considered as having SUICIDAL  
TENDENCIES

Information related by [REDACTED] was  
furnished to Agent MICHAEL A. KELLY, U.S. Secret Service, Phila-  
delphia, Pa., by Special Agent FRANK W. MULDERIG at 11:40 a.m.,  
January 15, 1968.

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