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

On April 11, 1969, an individual who identified himself as Richard Dennis Yourek appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), at which time he voluntarily provided the following information:

Yourek advised that approximately two years ago, he was employed at the Baltimore, Maryland, dry dock shipyard and became interested in reading about District Attorney (DA) Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

As a result of a talk he heard Garrison give over the radio, in which Garrison explained his theory regarding the assassination, Yourek wrote DA Garrison a letter in which he praised Garrison for his investigation into the assassination.

Yourek stated he received a letter in return bearing the signature of DA Garrison thanking Yourek for his comments and his interest in the investigation.

During the next 12 to 15 months, he corresponded with DA Garrison's office on four or five occasions and in this correspondence he indicated that he believed the assassination had political overtones and communistic overtures. In these letters, he related that prior to the blockade of Cuba in 1962, which had been ordered by President Kennedy, it appeared that Premier Khrushchev of Russia and President Kennedy got along well because he recalled Khrushchev always had kind words when he spoke of President Kennedy. Yourek stated that he believed that President Kennedy had received substantial support from the Communist Party in the United States in the 1960 elections.

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In these letters to the DA, Yourek said it was his theory that the reason President Kennedy was assassinated was because the communists had become angry at Kennedy when he ordered the blockade of Cuba in 1962 and that the assassination was a result of this blockade. He stated that he felt the assassination was also communist-inspired because Lee Harvey Oswald had resided in Russia and obviously had become a Russian-trained agent.

Yourek stated that he left Baltimore, Maryland, in about January, 1968, because his "public image" was being tarnished. He said that people that he came in contact with, primarily at work, were insinuating and harassing him by claiming that Yourek was a homosexual. Yourek stated that obviously these insinuations were the result of a "communist trick" and the reason this was being done was because he had been corresponding with DA Garrison and had told Garrison of his theory that the assassination had communistic overtones.

Yourek stated that he has read extensively on communism in the past 20 years and feels that he is an expert in this field, particularly in the ways that the communists use to compromise individuals.

Yourek said he then moved to Chester, Pennsylvania, where he went to work for the Sun Shipyard and continued working for about three or four months. These insinuations that he was a homosexual continued by fellow employees. Also, several other strange things happened such as in the morning he would leave for work and he would lock all the doors at his residence and when he came home from work, all of the doors would be opened and the furniture in his residence would be rearranged. He stated he felt that this was further communist agitation because of his contact with Garrison.

Yourek stated that prior to his initial letter contact with Garrison, he had never experienced any of the insinuations nor any of the strange things which had been happening to him and he blamed all of the events which had happened on his communications with Garrison.

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Yourek related that in August, 1968, he moved to New Orleans in an attempt to see DA Garrison about what was happening to him.

Shortly after he arrived in New Orleans, he went to Garrison's office and found that there was nobody present, including any secretary, and so he left a note with his name and address on it in which he chided Garrison for lack of security of the records of his office. In this note, he told Garrison that anybody could walk off the street and confiscate any records of Garrison's office about the assassination.

Yourek related that the next day, Louis Ivon, who was one of the investigators assisting DA Garrison, came to Yourek's residence. Ivon wanted to know of Yourek's interest in the investigation and Yourek told Ivon the same information as he had written in letters to Garrison.

Thereafter, on about three occasions, Yourek went to Garrison's office where he conversed with Ivon. He said he brought to the attention of Ivon an old Frank Sinatra movie wherein Sinatra was a paid assassin who was going to shoot a foreign diplomat in the U. S. with a high-powered rifle from a window and that there seemed to be a close relationship between the assassination of President Kennedy and this movie. On these occasions, he also related to Ivon that possibly the Warren Commission had overlooked the fact that Oswald was merely a decoy as it was obvious that the Russians probably had hired assassins who traveled throughout the world killing people.

On one of these occasions, he furnished to Ivon a brochure which he had compiled over several years which he felt would substantiate his main theory that the Russians killed President Kennedy because of the blockade of Cuba. He said this brochure consisted mainly of newspaper and magazine articles which showed the close relationship between President Kennedy and Russia and that a falling out had occurred only after the blockade of Cuba.

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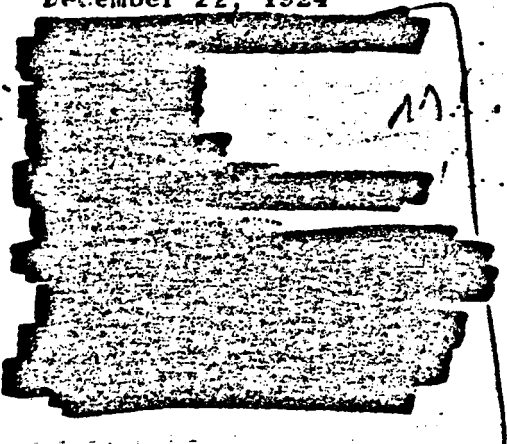
Yourek stated that thereafter he began to have doubts about the validity of Garrison's investigation when neither Garrison's office or Ivon would express any interest in Yourek's personal problems. He said he told Ivon on these occasions that he was being persecuted by the communists and that this persecution was continuing at the Todd Shipyards in New Orleans principally because his fellow employees accused him of homosexuality.

Yourek stated that he had recently read an article in a newspaper that DA Garrison was considering running again for political office and as a result, there was no doubt in his mind that Garrison's investigation into the assassination was a phony and was only used to promote Garrison for personal political gain.

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The following description of Yourek was obtained during the interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	December 22, 1924
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
Occupation	
Employment	
Social Security Number	
Military Service	

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Residence

Previous residence

Marital Status

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