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Mr. WALTER ANDREW KOOPMAN, who resides at 2404 Parallel Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland; was interviewed at his place of business the Saab Motor Company, at 4922 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. KOOPMAN furnished the following information:

In the current issue of U. S. News and World Report on page 59 or 69 there appeared a close-up photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who is accused of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Upon seeing this photograph KOOPMAN stated that it looked very much like a man who came into his place of business on Cordell Avenue sometime between February 15, 1963 and March 15, 1963. KOOPMAN advised that the person resembling OSWALD called himself JERRY PELLEGRINO and had come to him to determine whether he would be able to trade his Volkswagen for a Saab. During the conversation, KOOPMAN advised that it became quite obvious that PELLEGRINO was not interested in trading cars but was more interested in talking, which he did at length.

PELLEGRINO stated that he had been living in either St. Louis, Missouri or St. Louis, Illinois, but had lost his job a week or ten days earlier. PELLEGRINO spoke a great deal about the "shape the country was in" and the lack of leadership.

KOOPMAN advised that a few days later, PELLEGRINO returned briefly to his place of business and left a picture post card in an envelope. This card had a picture of the United Nations Building and imprinted across the picture was "The House That Hiss Built." On the back of the card was the printed words "Isn't it time we did something about this?" KOOPMAN no longer has this card; however, PELLEGRINO at the same time left a manila envelope addressed to Mr. JERRY PELLEGRINO, 500 East 119th Street, New York City 35, New York. The manila envelope was apparently a business envelope from Allen-Bradley Company, Quality Motor Control, 136 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin.

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On 12/3/63 at Bethesda, Maryland File # BA 89-30
 by SA LELAND L. HUDSON:mjh Date dictated 12/4/63

Enclosed in the manila envelope were the following:

1. A complete reprint of testimony of Dr. SCHWARTZ contained in the U. S. Government Printing Office, Document number 92964. Stamped in the margin of this document was "Four Freedoms Study Group, Post Office Box 3815 - TA 2-1271, Kirkwood 22, Missouri."

2. A one page reproduction of an Encyclical Letter of HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI, issued in 1937, entitled "Atheistic Communism" (Divini Redemptoris).

3. The Wackenhut Security Review, Volume 3, Number 3, dated March, 1963, entitled "Communism and You."

4. Hillman/Mac Fadden Pocketbook by NATHANIEL WEYL, entitled "Red Star Over Cuba."

5. A pocketbook distributed by Christian Crusade, Box 977 Tulsa, Oklahoma, entitled "Communist America, Must It Be?" by BILLY JAMES HARGIS, D.D. On the inside of the front cover was the following pencil notation:

c/o Mrs. HARRIS
JERRY PELLEGRINO
4000 - 52nd Street
Bladensburg, Maryland
UN 4-4531
Work - Fairchild Stratons
extention 26
5006 Johnson Street

Mr. KOOPMAN advised that he has neither seen nor heard from this man since he left the pamphlets.