

Letter from WALTER HARPER:

Pullman, Wash.
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Dear Fred & Marlynn:

The following two CD's are, as far as I know, still classified:

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CD 788, FBI, Memorandum on Eugene B. Dinkin, Chicago.

CD 943, CIA, Allegations of PFC Eugene Dinkin re assassination plot, Washington, D.C.

They are listed as classified in a compilation of classified CD's in the November 1970 issue of Computers and Automation. Some time ago, I obtained copies of a few pages from CD 1107 that dealt with Dinkin. Perhaps it was an oversight that these pages were not classified. At any rate, I thought you might be interested in what CD 1107 has to say about Dinkin and his allegations.

Capt. Howard C. Cowen, U.S. Army, told military intelligence authorities at Metz, France, where he was stationed at the time of the assassination, that on the evening of Nov. 22, 1963, he was told by a friend of Dinkin that the latter had predicted that JFK would be assassinated on Nov. 28, 1963, and had later changed the prediction to Nov. 22, 1963. (The FBI apparently learned of this not from U.S. Army authorities, but from Cowen's girlfriend, to whom Cowen had also related his story. The FBI subsequently obtained a report from the Army concerning the matter.)

The FBI interviewed Dinkin in Chicago on April 3, 1964. Dinkin said he had just been discharged from the Army after spending four months in detention while undergoing psychiatric tests. Dinkin said he had studied psychology in college, and in 1963 had examined several issues of Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper, as an exercise in "psychological sets." He explained that "psychological sets" referred to a series of events, articles, etc., that, when coupled together, set up or induced a certain frame of mind in the person being exposed to the series. Dinkin said he discovered that Stars and Stripes, as well as certain Hearst newspapers, were using "psychological sets" to portray JFK as "soft on communism" or "perhaps a communist sympathizer." Dinkin concluded that this was a campaign being waged by the military, and that, further, this conspiracy planned to assassinate JFK.