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| TYPE OF CASE Protective Research | STATUS Continued | TITLE OR CAPTION Person Identified: |
| INVESTIGATION MADE AT Pala Springs, California | PERIOD COVERED 2/19/64 | Name : Josephine Patricia Kelly Address: 1333 Indian Avenue Palm Springs, Calif. Tele. : 324-9186 |
| INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA's George V. Sheaks and John Larson | | |

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Mrs. Josephine Kelly re-interviewed at Palm Springs, California, and fingerprints obtained. WFO requested to determine through the FBI if subject is Joan Kennedy Geddes, FBI #7928B.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to M/R of SA Behl dated 2/13/64 and M/R of SA Thomas, New York, dated 11/21/63.

On 2/19/64 SA Sheaks and Larson and Sgt. Davis of the Palm Springs Police Department, re-interviewed Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly at their present address, 1333 Indian Avenue, Palm Springs, California. They are registered at this address, the Carlton Motel, as Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. Powers. They claim they are using different names in an attempt to evade the threatening telephone calls that they claim they have received in the past.

Mrs. Kelly continued to maintain that she is the illegitimate daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr., who was killed during WW II, and that she had actually seen Joseph Kennedy, Jr. at Hyannis Port, up until she was nine years old. She claims that her date of birth is July 25, 1935 at Hull, Massachusetts, so she claims that she actually saw Joseph Kennedy, Jr. in 1944.

Mrs. Kelly produced a partially destroyed affidavit signed by her foster mother, Mrs. Raye Rosenzweig, that states in part "there was no certificate registered for the child...the child had been baptized a Roman Catholic." The Kellys had a picture of President Kennedy on the wall and several books written about the President were conspicuously placed around the room. Mrs. Kelly said she nor her husband own an automobile, and that she does not have a drivers license. She was asked for any form of identification that she carries with her, and the only

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| | | APPROVED <i>Guy H. Spaman</i> Guy H. Spaman SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DATE 3/5/64 |

identification card that she produced was a Social Security card, #092-36-6059, in the name of Josephine Patricia Kennedy.

Mrs. Kelly stated that she first went to England to study when she was 13 years of age. She again went to London in December 1948, eventually going to Rome, Italy and returning to Palm Springs, California. She said that she returned to Rome later in 1950 and came back to the United States in 1952. She stated that she again returned to Rome in 1954, returning to the United States in 1955; returning to Rome in 1956 and returning to the United States in 1957; and returning to Rome in 1959 and coming back to the United States in July 1960. She claimed that the name she used on her passport was Margaret Gerosi. She stated that she never worked for any movie or TV companies while in London, but that she did work for movie studios, both foreign and American, when she was in Italy. One of the companies she said that she worked for was Plato Roma. She also claimed that she worked for the State Department while at Rome. Mrs. Kelly stated she has never worked as a model. She further stated that she has worked for the Department of the Army in New York City and the National Notion Association of 286 5th Avenue, New York City. She claimed that she became acquainted with Connie Wolpe while working with the National Notion Association.

Mrs. Kelly said that she married Mr. John Kelly at Arlington, Virginia, on March 15, 1954. They now have three children, Joseph Patrick Kelly born 9-6-56 at Rome; April Elizabeth Kelly born 4-14-58 at New York City; and Grace Patricia Kelly born 7-6-59 at New York City.

Mr. John Kelly said that he was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on March 4, 1916, and that he has used the name Hamill as well as various other names. Mr. Kelly said that he was aware that his wife was actually named Kennedy before she married him.

Mrs. Kelly said that a Mr. Jim Fayne, approximately 80 years of age, and an associate of Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., has letters that she has written to her grandfather, that he is located at the Pan American Building in New York City. According to Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Fayne told her by telephone that he had kept all of the letters she had written to Joseph Kennedy, Sr. regarding this matter.

The photograph of Joan Kennedy, as obtained by the New York District Attorneys office, was shown to Mrs. Kelly and she claimed that the photograph was not of her. She claimed that she had no association whatsoever with the names Gittins or Geddes, and that she had never been married to anyone with this name. She further claimed that she has never been at Palm Beach, Florida, and that she has never been arrested for anything.

Mrs. Kelly is described as W/F, alleged DOB 7-25-35 Hull, Massachusetts, 5'7", 150, heavy build, reddish brown hair, brown eyes. She does not appear to speak with an English accent (per New York District Attorney's report dated 5-15-63). This report also reflects that Joan Kennedy has gray eyes and blond hair. There is only a slight resemblance at best to the photograph of Joan Kennedy, and Mrs. Kelly does not appear to be 41 years of age. She does appear to be approximately 35 years of age, but this could possibly be attributed to her heavy build.

Mrs. Kelly was requested to come down to the Palm Springs Police Department so that her fingerprints could be obtained. She sounded very willing to do this, and promised to appear at the police department the following day. On February 20, 1964, Mrs. Kelly did appear at the Palm Springs Police Department and two sets of fingerprints were obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

One set of fingerprints is being furnished to the WFO with the request that they determine through the FBI whether Mrs. Josephine Kelly aka Josephine Patricia Kennedy, is the same Joan Kennedy as mentioned in the New York District Attorney's report dated 5-15-63. This latter person, Joan Kennedy, is described as W/F, DOB 2-14-22 Cambridge, Massachusetts, 5'7", green eyes, blond hair and FBI #7928B. She also used the name of Joan Kennedy Geddes, having been married to Mr. Maurice G.V. Gittins, who used the name of Martin Grenville Vincent Beresford Geddes.

ATTACHMENTS

WFO: Fingerprint card dated 2-20-64 signed Josephine Patricia Kennedy.