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--THAT FERRIE POINTED OUT HE WAS A PILOT AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ESCAPE TO MEXICO AND THEN TO BRAZIL OR EVEN CUBA, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS A RISK OF HOSTILE FIRE IF A STRANGE PLANE LANDED IN CUBA.

--THAT FERRIE DISCUSSED "TRIANGULATION OF CROSS-FIRE" AND SIMILAR BALLISTICS SUBJECTS IN DETAIL.

RUSSO, NOW AN INSURANCE MAN IN BATON ROUGE, LA., GRADUATED IN 1964 FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH IN NEW ORLEANS WITH A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

HE SAID HE ONCE MET FERRIE AT A CIVIL AIR PATROL MEETING IN KENNER, LA. HE SAID HE KNEW HIM SINCE 1960 AND THEY OFTEN VISITED AT ONE ANOTHER'S HOME.

HE SAID FERRIE WAS OBSESSED WITH KENNEDY.

"AT HIS APARTMENT, I SAW CLIPPINGS OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PICTURE," HE SAID. "THERE WAS ALWAYS MUCH TALK AND DELIBERATION."

RUSSO SAID FERRIE SEEMED TO BE "THE LEADER" AT THE CAP MEETINGS.

"HE PERFORMED DEMONSTRATIONS THAT IMPRESSED ME," RUSSO SAID.