

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 3-30-64

ARTHUR BREEDEN, 317 Roosevelt Avenue, Union, Missouri, advised that on September 3, 1963, he and his wife left Union, Missouri, accompanied by their friend, BENNO GEBERT, en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, for a vacation. They arrived in New Orleans three or four days later and checked into the Southland Hotel. A few days later, all three were in the French section of New Orleans when a man approached them and pointed to Mr. BREEDEN and asked if he were not from Texas. Mr. GEBERT told the man that BREEDEN was from Missouri. Then the man made some remark about HARRY TRUMAN being from Missouri. The man also made some remark about KENNEDY. His general attitude somewhat irritated Mr. BREEDEN and he walked on up the street rather than to become involved in any discussion with the fellow whom he considered to be a radical. Mrs. BREEDEN and Mr. GEBERT continued to talk with the man for a few minutes but he did not hear any other conversation.

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1Date April 1, 1964

Mr. BENNO GEBERT, 4448 McPherson, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that in the summer of 1963, dates not recalled, he and two friends, Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR BREEDEN of Union, Missouri, were on vacation in New Orleans, Louisiana. He said that at about 8:00 p.m., while walking on a street in the French section of the city, they were passing a night club in front of which three men were standing. He did not recall the name of the night club, but thinks the street may have been Boyle or Bourbon Street. The three men were standing in front of this club, apparently talking. One of these three men approached Mr. and Mrs. BREEDEN and Mr. GEBERT at which time he stated that he assumed Mr. BREEDEN was from Texas. Mr. GEBERT said BREEDEN was wearing western style clothes and a large hat at the time. Mr. BREEDEN told this individual he was not from Texas, but was from Missouri. As Mr. GEBERT recalls, this individual then inquired as to what they thought about the current situation and stated "KENNEDY was awful to have in office" and that they "must get rid of him". Mr. GEBERT also recalls some comment made about former President TRUMAN, but cannot remember what the comment was. Mr. GEBERT said he considered the person who approached them as being a nut and attached no additional significance to it. Mr. GEBERT stated they all went on their way and left the individual who approached them without noting what he did.

Mr. GEBERT commented that he is a retired individual and regularly makes trips to New Orleans. He said he is a former employee of the City of St. Louis.

Mr. GEBERT stated that after the assassination of former President KENNEDY, he thought the individual who approached them on the street in New Orleans bore a striking resemblance to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but he does not know in fact whether he was OSWALD. He stated no names were mentioned in connection with the above incident or if any names were mentioned, he does not now recall them.

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