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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 - MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE: MARGARET HAMILL

Enclosed are copies of LHM containing information received from U.S. Department of State (USDS) by SA KENNETH J. HASER, WFO.

WFO files reflect JOHN PATRICK and MARGARET HAMILL were subjects of [redacted] investigation during 1961, in which New York was origin. Bureau file number for this case reflected as [87-58882] New York file [47-8676] and Los Angeles [87-13835].

Information obtained during that investigation indicated HAMILLS involved in [redacted]

At that time, HAMILLS claimed to have commitments for donations from the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, provided enough local money could be raised.

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The [redacted] case file also reflects MARGARET HAMILL, using names of MARGARET LOGAN O'HAMILL and PEGGY O'HAMILL, sent and received correspondence from Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She also corresponded with the USDS, [redacted]

Prosecution was declined in this case by AUSAS in Washington and New York.

One copy LHM being furnished Los Angeles in view of HAMILLs previously having lived in that area, and since RAYE ROSENSWEIG reportedly maintains residence in Los Angeles.

REQUEST OF BUREAU

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Search Bureau indices in effort to locate record of any call HAMILL claims to have made to FBI to report assassination of President KENNEDY, prior to his being killed in Dallas on 11/22/63.

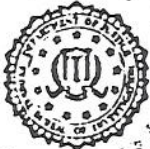
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AT NEW YORK CITY. Will search indices in effort to locate record of call by HAMILL reporting that President KENNEDY was to be shot in Dallas. Also determine if HAMILL reported shot being fired at her while en route between Washington, D. C., and New York via train.

It is noted WFO files contain no record of any such calls ever being received from HAMILL.

In view of HAMILL's background of being involved in [redacted] WFO anticipates conducting no further inquiry regarding her allegation that she advised the FBI that President KENNEDY would be shot in Dallas.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 20535

October 14, 1964

~~MARGARET HAMILL,~~
~~ALSO KNOWN AS,~~
~~MRS. JOHN PATRICK HAMILL,~~
~~LYDIA LEWIS HAMILL,~~
~~MARGARET FOSTINI,~~ *miss John Ireland*
~~LYDIA POSTINI,~~ *FOSTINI*
~~MARGARET GHOLSTON,~~
~~MARGHERITA GIROSI,~~
~~MRS. CESARE GIROSI,~~
~~JOSEPHINE PATRICIA KENNEDY,~~
~~LYDIA LEWIS,~~
~~MARGHERITA MILLO,~~
~~MRS. GIOVANNI MILLO,~~
~~MARGARET GIROSI LOGAN,~~
~~MARGARET O'HAMILL,~~
~~"PEGGY"~~

Josephine Kennedy

John Ireland

Miss

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Mr. John J. O'Dowd, Advisory Branch, Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 13, 1964, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., had received information that date to the effect Margaret Hamill has claimed to have known President John F. Kennedy was to be killed in Dallas, Texas, and that she had made repeated calls to the FBI to no avail.

Mr. O'Dowd informed Margaret Hamill has been of interest to the Passport Office since she claims to be Josephine Patricia Kennedy, the illegitimate daughter of the late Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., brother of President Kennedy. He said Hamill has sought for some time to get a passport in the Kennedy name, and finally was successful at the American Consulate at Dublin, Ireland, in having her passport amended to read in that name. *defenced Miss* *29-2-1927*

Mr. O'Dowd informed Margaret and John Hamill, as well as Raye I. Rosensweig and Teresa Volpe, have recently been interviewed by Italian authorities, Rome, Italy, at which time Margaret Hamill's allegation of prior knowledge of President Kennedy's assassination, and purported contact with the FBI, was obtained. Mr. O'Dowd states further that information pertaining to Margaret Hamill's alleged relationship to President Kennedy was also obtained. *10-23-1964 in Lithuania* *10 N.Y.*

Mr. O'Dowd furnished copies of statements obtained from various persons who witnessed remarks made by Margaret Hamill. He also furnished a copy of a letter from Rome Police Headquarters to the American Embassy in Rome, dated October 3, 1964, which letter details the results of interviews conducted by Rome Police. In addition, a memorandum prepared by Everett L. Damron, Chief of Citizenship Section, American Embassy, Rome, dated September 24, 1964, was furnished by Mr. O'Dowd. This memorandum sets forth additional information regarding this matter. *B1?*

The statements, memorandum, and letter are as follows:

MARGARET HAMILL

B approx 1936

"Rome, Italy
September 26, 1964 *US*

"My name is Myleen Merrill, age 28. I live at Via Michele Mercati 33. I can always be located through Captain H. S. Cofield, USM, USSSO American Embassy. I am an American and have lived in Italy for a year and a half. I am a professional singer.

"On the morning of September 1, 1964, I went to the lobby of the Hotel Quirinale in Rome to keep an appointment, pre-arranged earlier by telephone, with Miss Josephine Kennedy and the Contessa Volpe. The meeting had been established to discuss my possible engagement with The National Opera Company, which they claimed to be forming in Washington, D. C. I obtained this information from an article in the ROME DAILY AMERICAN a few days before.

"I was told by Miss Kennedy that she was the daughter of the deceased Joseph Kennedy, elder brother of the late President (to whom she referred as 'Uncle Jack'). She said she 'might as well tell the whole truth' of her story because within three months a book was being published 'exposing everything anyway'. She mentioned having had great difficulty over her passport, but said that her identity had finally been established and that 'Uncle Jack' had fully accepted her as his niece. They had been 'close'-- so 'close', in fact, that she had accompanied the party when he made his last European visit. She spoke glowingly of her own eye-view of his reception at Naples and in Dublin.

"She spoke for several minutes about John Kennedy's assassination and the investigations following and said that she personally had received 'over twenty telephone calls' the night before in Washington, D. C., threatening that John F. Kennedy was to be killed the following morning in Dallas. She said she had made repeated calls to the F.B.I. to no avail, and she said whoever had called her would 'have to have known how close' she was to her 'Uncle Jack'.

"According to Miss Kennedy, the late President had left her a sum of money which would be one of the many sources for financing the proposed new opera company.

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"She admitted to being 'the least known member of the Kennedy family', and said that two years ago John Kennedy had refused her permission for a projected plan to study singing in Europe because he did not want any publicity.

"She spoke of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's hatred for her because of her close relationship with 'Uncle Jack'. She said she wanted the 'world to know' that Mrs. Kennedy is not the woman of culture and refinement the Kennedy family would have the public to believe, but only an image invented by clever and expensive press agents. (Her example: 'Jackie thought the "Mona Lisa" was a French painting!') And, said Miss Kennedy: 'Jackie made Jack's life a hell on earth', and she (Miss K.) wanted 'everyone to know the truth about it'.

"I have written the foregoing statement consisting of one and two-thirds pages and it is true and accurate to the best of my memory.

"/s/ Myleen Merrill"

"Italy)
Province of Rome)
City of Rome) ss:
Embassy of the United States of America)

"Before me, Teresa Offie, Consul of the United States of America, in and for the District of Rome, Italy, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared Everett L. Damron, a Consul of the United States of America, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

"My name is: Everett L. Damron
I was born at: Catlettsburg, Kentucky
on: May 6, 1917
I am residing at: 1231 Via Flaminia, Rome, Italy
My legal residence in the United States is: 5224 Hammond Drive, Toledo, Ohio.

"On Monday, September 21, 1964, Mrs. Margaret Hamill, bearer of Passport No. E-259390 issued at New York on May 13, 1964, stated in my presence, and in the presence of her husband,

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John Hamill Italy B3-4-16-11 Pa.

John Patrick Hamill; Concetta Theresa Volpe, American citizen; Raye Rosensweig, American citizen; two Foreign Service Officers of the United States; and two officials of the Italian Police that she is the illegitimate daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr. and that she is the niece of the late President John F. Kennedy.

aka CARLTON J POWERS
aka: GIOVANNI MILLO
"/s/ Everett L. Damron

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of September 1964

"/s/ Teresa Offie"

"Italy)
Province of Rome)
City of Rome)
Embassy of the United States of America)

ss:

"Before me Everett L. Damron Consul of the United States of America, in and for the District of Rome, Italy, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared Nina Matchkaloff who, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

"My name is: Nina Matchkaloff
I was born at: Washington, D. C.
on: Nov. 6, 1907
I am residing at: Viale Angelico 205, Int. 18, Rome, Italy
My legal residence in the United States is: ----

"On September 23, 1964, Mrs. Magaret Hamill stated to me before several Italian nationals that she is the illegitimate daughter of the late Joseph Kennedy, Jr.

"/s/ Nina Matchkaloff

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1964.

"/s/ Everett L. Damron
American Consul"

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"Republic of Italy)
Province of Rome)
City of Rome)
Embassy of the United States of America)

ss:

"Before me, Everett L. Damron, Consul of the United States of America in and for the District of Rome, Italy, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared Teresa Offie, who being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

"That on September 21, 1964, when I was present at an interview at which the following were present: Mrs. Margaret Hamill, John Patrick Hamill, Concetta Theresa Volpe, Mrs. Raye Rosensweig, and two officials of the Italian police headquarters in Rome, Mrs. Hamill stated that she was the illegitimate child of Joseph Kennedy, Jr., and the niece of Jack Kennedy; that she has written letters to her grandfather, Joseph Kennedy, Sr., who is ill, and that she has received 'thank you' notes and candy from him, but nothing else. That she wrote a letter to Mrs. Rose Kennedy while the latter was in Switzerland which was returned because Mrs. Kennedy wanted nothing to do with her; that the late Jack Kennedy assisted her in finding employment and that she sent a telegram to Donna Laura Segni, wife of the President of the Republic of Italy, Antonio Segni, because knowing that the Kennedy has had a lot of trouble recently, what with the assassination of the President, the illness of her grandfather and the recent aircrash involving Ted, she felt the Kennedy family could not worry about sending condolences to President Segni; that she received a reply from Mrs. Signi. That Bobby Kennedy had no time for her; that as a child she remembers being held by the hands of her father, Joseph Kennedy and her mother in Barcelona, Spain; that she had a sworn statement of her deceased mother which showed that she was the daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr.; that she gave the document to persons who were assisting her in establishing her identity as the daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr., and has not seen the document since, and that she was born in Massachusetts.

"/s/ Teresa Offie *Text*

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1964.

"/s/ Everett L. Damron
American Consul"

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"To: Files "September 24, 1964
"From: Everett L. Damron, Chief Citizenship Section
"Subject: John HAMILL and wife, Margaret HAMILL (aka Josephine Patricia KENNEDY)

"On Sunday night, September 20, 1964, I received a call from Concetta Theresa VOLPE (Passport No. E256374 issued NY May 8, 1964) who stated that she and 'the niece of the late President' had been apprehended by the Italian Police that day. Miss Volpe (I found out later she had said to the police she was Contessa Volpe) said they had been taken to the Questura, they kept her waiting for about 3 hours without being told why they were detaining her and had told her she could go but withheld her passport. They had continued to hold Miss Kennedy, she said. She further said she and Miss Kennedy were to appear before the authorities at 9:00 next morning and she asked that something be done before then. She said they had no idea why this action was being taken against them.

"I called Mr. Hackett, Welfare Officer, and he said he would call Miss Volpe at the Albergo Quirinale after making some phone calls for background information.

"The Police called Mr. Whittinghill Monday morning and said 2 persons had made a denuncia against Miss Kennedy. The Police wanted to know who she was. Her passport had been issued in the name of Margaret HAMILL but it had been amended at Dublin to show her known as Josephine Patricia KENNEDY. (Her husband, John HAMILL, had had his passport amended at the same time at Dublin to show him also known as Carlton J. Powers).

"The Police (Dr. Notari, and another officer whose name I did not get) accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hamill, Miss Volpe, and Mrs. Raye Rosensweig (Passport No. E259388, issued NY May 13, 1964) and the Hamill's 3 children to my office around 1:00 p.m. Mr. Whittinghill and Miss Offie were present. In summary, they told the following story (all talked freely, and often, at times interrupting each other or talking simultaneously while other members were talking):

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"At one time Mr. Hamill used the professional name Giovanni MILLO. He had a passport issued in that name. Mrs. Hamill also had a passport issued in that name, as well as their 3 children.

"Mrs. Hamill said she was the illegitimate daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr. who was killed during the war, and a woman from New England who was the daughter of Scandinavians. Her natural parents lived with her in Barcelona, Spain about 1936 or 1937 and she remembers taking walks with her parents when she was only a year or so old. Her mother died when she was very young.

"Mrs. Rosensweig took her in her care and she became her foster daughter. Mrs. Rosensweig had had a daughter born in 1924 who disappeared about 1940 (her whereabouts even to this day are unknown, both Mrs. Hamill and Mrs. Rosensweig said). Mrs. Rosensweig documented Mrs. Hamill with her own daughter's birth certificate, and that is the reason that Mrs. Hamill's passport shows she was born in Virginia in 1924, whereas she was actually born in Massachusetts about 1935. It so happens she appears to be much older than her actual age, according to Mrs. Hamill, but that is a thing of nature. (She does, in fact, appear to be much older.)

"Mrs. Hamill said she had never intended or expected that use of her real name, Kennedy, would 'open up any doors' to her and she did not in any way wish to bring discredit to that name or the well-known family of the late President. She had actually promised that family she would not publicize who she was. Still, she had decided she wanted to be known for who she really is, and it is only fair to her children. Nevertheless, she had kept it a secret through the years but it leaked to the press in some way and she couldn't keep it a secret any longer.

"Throughout the conference, Mrs. Hamill referred to many members of the Kennedy family by first name. She said 'Bobby' had no time for her but 'Ted, Jack, and Grandpa' knew who she was. She said 'when Grandpa gets better I am going to appeal to him.' Her grandmother, she said, had absolutely refused to see her. Out of context she said

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'Barry ^{US}Goldwater' knew her story and had been awfully nice to her.

"She said she had been warned by telephone, some weeks before President Kennedy's assassination, that he was going to be shot. She informed the FBI, she said. She said also she had been threatened on the phone by the same voice, and shortly thereafter while traveling on a train between New York and Washington someone shot at her, just missing her head, while the train was in motion. Again she informed the FBI. Then her husband was threatened by the same voice, and when he was in the hospital seriously ill from a heart operation, someone gained entry to his room and tied a rubber tube around his neck, he managed to remove the tube from his neck just in time.

"She and her husband organized the Cherry Blossom Opera Company (see our welfare file on this) and brought a number of young American women to Italy in 1959 to train them and put on operatic performances under that organization. The venture failed (I've been told that Dr. Stillone and Mr. Maurice Rosenblatt, both American citizens resident in Rome, were among the persons who helped finance it and lost their investments). One of the singers who had signed a contract with them, Mrs. Nina Matchkaloff, and their former maid who is an Italian national, denounced them to the Police because of their debts to these two persons. For that reason Miss Volpe and Mrs. Hamill were apprehended.

"Mrs. Hamill was told by the Police in my office that she would not be detained at the Questura any longer but it would be necessary to hold all of their passports for a few days. The Police made this statement after Mr. and Mrs. Hamill had asked whether they would be released if they paid their debts to the two people who had lodged complaint against them. During the conversation they said they owed their hotel a considerable amount but they were going to pay it. Mrs. Rosensweig said she was financing the group's stay in Italy and that the hotel bill is her responsibility.

"Mrs. Matchkaloff came to see me that afternoon. She explained that the opera venture in 1959 had ruined her financially, Hamill had not fulfilled the contract, and he had practically ruined her voice with his particular type of

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training. She did not want to bring action against them out of vengeance but she felt they should not continue to swindle innocent persons, and bring discredit abroad to the United States. She was appearing at 6:00 at the Questura, at the Questura's request.

"Next day Mrs. Matchkaloff informed me that the Hamills had promised to pay both her and their former maid within 3 months and she dropped charges against them. She said she doubted she would be paid (she had advanced her own money to Mr. Hamill for expenses which, by contract, he was to pay) but perhaps it would stop their fraudulent operations. She said Mrs. Hamill, at the meeting at the Questura, had asked to see her immediately after the meeting, and at that time informed her she wanted to reveal a long held secret, that she was the illegitimate daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr. Mrs. Matchkaloff said to me she doubted Mrs. Hamill's claim, for she had said she was the daughter of Italian parents, and sometime later claimed she was the daughter of a general.

"During the course of the conference, Mrs. Hamill stated that she, knowing that the Kennedy family were very much occupied with the recent unfortunate mishaps which had occurred a few years ago in the family, sent Mrs. Segni a telegram of sympathy during President Segni's serious illness. She said she signed the telegram Josephine Patricia Kennedy and received a reply from Mrs. Segni.

"At one point in the conversation, Mrs. Hamill stated she had lost sympathy with the Kennedy family in the United States after traveling to Ireland and seeing the impoverished circumstances of the Kennedy family there. She referred to several of the latter as 'cousin Mary' 'aunt Jane', etc., and she exhibited a number of color photographs of herself embracing a number of the Irish Kennedys."

"ROME POLICE HEADQUARTERS
Aliens Office

"Rome,
October 3, 1964

"To the Embassy of the
United States of America,
Consular Office
Rome

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"Subject: U.S. Nationals Margareth HAMILL, John HAMILL,
Raye I. ROSENSWEIG and Concetta Teresa VOLPE

"With reference to your kind letter dated September 28, concerning the persons named above, we wish to advise you that, acting on a report from the Magnanapoli Police Station, this Office has investigated the following U.S. nationals who, having lived some time at the Quirinale Hotel, had contracted debts in Rome and caused complaints by their creditors.

"The said U.S. nationals have been identified as:

"-Margaret HAMILL, born in Virginia on 10.31.1924, holder of U.S. Passport No. Z 324287, issued in Rome on September 29, 1964 ;

"-John HAMILL, born in Pennsylvania on 3.4.1916, holder of Passport No. Z 32486, issued in Rome on September 29, 1964 ;

"-Raye I. ROSENSWEIG, born in Lithuania on 10.23.1900, holder of U.S. Passport No. E 259388, issued in Washington on 5.13.1964 ;

"-Concetta Teresa VOLPE, born in New York on 9.2.1927, holder of U.S. Passport No. E 256374, issued in Washington on 5.8.1964;

"With the said persons are also staying at the Quirinale Hotel also the minors Richard Alexander HAMILL, born in Italy on 9.13.1955, holder of U.S. Passport No. E 259391, issued in Washington on 5.13.1964 ; April E. and Grace P., whose names appear on their brother's passport, all three being the children of the Hamills.

"In the course of the initial investigations, however, it was found that Mrs. Hamill was known, and used to introduce herself, with the name of 'Josephine KENNEDY', as she alleged that she is the natural daughter of the elder brother (who died in the war) of the late President of the United States of America. To support ther claim, she produced a photostat of Page 5 of a passport whereon the U.S. Embassy in Dublin had written 'The bearer is also known as Josephine Patricia Kennedy'.

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"This circumstance, as you are aware, has resulted in (our) verbal request for your Embassy's kind interest.

"When subsequently checking Mrs. Hamill's passport, we did find on page 5 the said inscription, which had been affixed on an unspecified date.

"It was also found that on page 5 of Mr. Hamill's passport the said U.S. Embassy (in Dublin) had affixed, on an unspecified date, the inscription 'the bearer is also known as Carlton J. POWERS'.

"Upon their being questioned as to the reasons for their stay in Italy and for the inscriptions, the Hamills stated that they have come to this Country for artistic reasons, as Mr. Hamill wishes to perform in operatic productions and Mrs. Hamill to study singing.

"Mrs. Hamill claimed that, to this end, she has already had several auditions with the managers of the San Carlo Theater in Naples, of Rome's Opera and of Milan's La Scala.

"Mrs. Rosensweig claimed she is Mrs. Hamill's adoptive mother ; Miss Volpe identified herself as the 'manager'.

"As regards the inscriptions (on the passports), the Hamills have made the following statements :

"a) Mrs. Hamill (stated) that :

"-her true name is Josephine Patricia KENNEDY, daughter of the late Joseph and of the late Ann Jean O'Neil, born at Hull, Mass. on July 25, 1935 ; resident at 3867 Sunny Dunes Road, Palm Springs, Cal. ; her birth and names do not appear to be registered with the competent offices at Hull ;

"-her parents were not married ; she did not know her mother ' she is the daughter of Joseph Patrick Kennedy, Naval Air officer, who died in England in 1944 during World War II, brother of the late President of the U.S. and son of the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom ;

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- "-since the age of seven she lived in the home of her 'paternal grandfather', where her father often visited her ;
- "-in 1942 she had been placed in the custody of Mrs. Raye LEWIS-ROSENSWEIG, residing in Los Angeles ;
- "-on 5.5. 1947 she married a John FOSTINI, assuming on that occasion the name of Lydia LEWIS, born in Norfolk, Va. on 10.31.1924, lost (sic) daughter of Mrs. Rosensweig ;
- "-she took that name on the advice of Mrs. Rosensweig and of her 'paternal grandfather' who, she alleges, did not wish her true identity to be revealed, because during the previous year her paternal uncle, the late President of the U.S., had been elected Representative of Massachussets to the U.S. Congress ;
- "-in 1948 she moved with her husband (Fostini) to New York, where she stayed till December of that year ;
- "-after two short trips to Europe (in 1949 and 1951), in 1952 she returned to the U.S.A., settled in New York and casually met her paternal uncle, the late President Kennedy, whom she saw four or five times, without, however, knowing that he was her father's brother ;
- "-at an unspecified time a friend of hers, Joan Walker, in looking at a picture of her father hanging in her bedroom, pointed out to her his marked resemblance to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, but she had no more opportunities to meet with her paternal uncle, nor could she get in touch with him ;
- "-it was then her intention to ask Mr. Kennedy for documents and pictures concerning her origin, which he had in his possession through having received them from an associate of his, to whom she had previously delivered them ;
- "-she did not insist, however, in her request for an interview with Mr. Kennedy because, a few nights

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later, on returning home, she was accosted by two men who, having taken her father's pictures away from her, slapped her and ordered her to quit claiming her name to be Josephine Patricia Kennedy ;

"-in 1952 she met a Cesare GIROSI and, on his advice, to evade a possible search by the Kennedy family, she began using the stage name of 'Margherita Giroisi', under which she frequented artist's circles ;

"-on 3.15.1954, having obtained a divorce from her first husband (Fostini), she married in Arlington, Va., Mr. John Patrick Hamill ;

"-Their marriage, however, was registered at the office of the Justice of the Peace under their respective stage names of Margherita Giroisi and Giovanni MILLO ;

"-In 1954, bearing U.S. passports, made out respectively to Lydia Hamill Lewis and John Patrick Hamill, she and her husband visited Italy where, her first son, Richard Alexander, was born in Rome in 1955 ;

"-In November 1955 she returned to the U.S., taking residence in New York where, on 4.14.1958 and 7.6.1959, her two other children were born, April Elisabeth and Grace Patricia ;

"-Subsequently, when renewing the passports, she succeeded in having the new documents made out respectively to Margherita MILLO, nee' Giroisi, born at Norfolk on 10.31.1924, Giovanni Millo and Richard Alexander, April Elisabeth and Grace Patricia Millo (single passport) ;

"-Finally, on 5.13.1964 she and her husband obtained in New York new passports made out to Margareth HAMILL, born in Virginia on 10.31.1924, John Hamill, born in Pennsylvania on 3.4.1916, and Richard Alexander, April Elisabeth and Grace Patricia Hamill (single passport), bearing respectively Nos. E 259390, E 259389 and E 259391 ;

"-On the next day, she, her husband and her children departed for London, and from then traveled to Dublin ;

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"-On the 22nd of the same month the U.S. Embassy in Dublin, on the request of Mrs. Hamill herself, and on evidence given by Mrs. Raye Rosensweig and Miss Conottina Teresa Volpe, affixed on the passport the inscription referred to above ;

"-The affixing of the said inscription, instead, had been refused in Washington, in New York, in California and by the U.S. Embassy in London, but she had insisted on getting it because in 1961, on the occasion of a meeting with the late President Kennedy, he had stated that, if her name was really Josephine Patricia Kennedy, she could have freely used that name ;

"-so far she has not succeeded in having affixed on her passport the birth date of July 25, 1935, since, as indicated above, her birth was not registered in the Hull Population Register, and she possesses no evidence in that respect ;

"-she intends to establish proceedings for the recognition of the alleged paternity before the competent U.S. authorities, and to this end she has already retained the Melvin (sic) M. Belli, Ashe and Gerry legal firm of San Francisco, 722 Montgomery Street and Los Angeles, 6505 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 316.

"b) Mr. Hamill (states) that :

"-his real name is John HAMILL, son of the later Patrick and Mary Burnesfather Postgate Millo, born at Johnstown, Pa. on 3.4.1916, resident at 3867 Sunny Dunes Road, Palm Spring, Cal. ;

"-he caused the inscription (Carlton J. Powers) to be affixed on page 5 of his passport because, under the U.S. law, this is perfectly legal ;

"-he met his wife (he referred to her as Margherita Girosi) in November 1953 ;

"-she told him that her real name was Josephine Kennedy ; she indicated that the Kennedy family of which she was a member was that of Joseph Kennedy Sr. 'a person of

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great wealth and widely known in the U.S. ; she added that her father, Joseph Kennedy Jr. was a Naval aviator, killed on duty in England in 1944, and hinted that her family situation was very complicated, that her mother was dead, without mentioning her name, and that she was forced to live under assumed names, because this had been imposed on her by the Kennedy family ;

"-he knows that, since the age of seven, his wife had been placed by a sister of her father, named Caterina, in the custody of Mrs. Raye I. Rosensweig and that this custody was to last two or three months, and that instead it had lasted till her marriage. ;

"-subsequently he learned that his wife's father had sent to Mrs. Rosensweig many documents concerning his wife's birth ; he saw such documents which, subsequently, were taken away from his wife by 'two policemen' and knew that, in the years 1948 to 1952, his wife had gone to Boston, where her grandfather was Mayor, in order to trace her father's family, without success ;

"We have also questioned Mrs. Raye I. Rosensweig and Miss Concetta Teresa Volpe, who accompany the Hamills in their European trip.

"Mrs. Rosensweig stated that :

"-in 1940 she met in Virginia Miss Caterina Kennedy, sister of the late President of the U.S. and became her friend ;

"-in 1942, when visiting with her, the said Miss Kennedy introduced to her Brother Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. who, having been commissioned in the U.S. Navy and being about to depart for Europe, asked her whether she was willing to take with her his daughter, then 7 years old, and added that the child was named Josephina Patricia, was born at Hull on 7.25.1935, that her mother had died in Spain in 1937 during a Civil War air raid, and that she was absolutely forbidden to disclose anything about this to anybody ;

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"-she accepted and, in the same year 1942, at the Los Angeles Station, an unknown person turned over to her a seven-year girl, carrying some documents, showing her name to be Josephine Patricia Kennedy and that she had been baptised with the Catholic rite ;

"-the custody, which then lasted for years, was to last a few months, and therefore she had not bothered to obtain fuller information on the girl and on her family situation ;

"-in 1951 she turned over to the girl the documents in her possession, which were later taken away by persons unknown ;

"-on 10.31.1924, in Norfolk, Va., she had given birth to a daughter, Emil Anna, registered with her first husband's surname LEWIS. This daughter moved to New York in 1939 and nothing was heard from her ; since Miss 'Kennedy's' birth had not been registered, she gave the latter her lost daughter's birth certificate, to facilitate her obtaining a passport ;

"-she read a letter addressed by Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy to his daughter, telling her that he was coming home and that he would, without delay, regularise her position.

"Miss Concetta Teresa Volpe stated that :

"-she met 'Miss Kennedy' about two years ago ;

"-the latter told her that she was President Kennedy's niece ;

"-she always considered her as such, since her features have many points of resemblance with the Kennedys' ;

"-on the occasion of the recent trip to Dublin, she was present at a meeting between 'Miss Kennedy' and Mrs. Mary RYAN, 'the sister of the late President's father' ; she claims that this meeting was most cordial and affectionate, convincing her that it was a meeting between relatives, rather than acquaintances ;

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"-she knows that 'miss Kennedy' had lived since her early years with Mrs. Rosensweig, and that her father, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Jr. had died in the War in England in 1944 ;

"-she confirmed that, together with Mrs. Rosensweig, she declared to the officials of the U.S. Embassy in Dublin that 'miss Kennedy's' name is Josephine Patricia Kennedy, for the purpose of the issuing of a document 'which could replace her passport, since Miss Kennedy claimed that the one issued to her in New York had been stolen or lost'.

"Please be advised that this Office, in view of the precarious financial conditions of the aforesaid U.S. nationals (who at present have no means of subsistence in Italy and have contracted debts totaling over three million Lire, even though the creditors for the time being have refrained from instituting legal actions, as the debtors have undertaken to pay them in January 1965), as well as in view of the fact that all of them have failed to file the prescribed 'sejour declaration', thus violating the provisions of Article 142 of the Code of Public Safety Laws, has requested Mr. and Mrs. Hamill, Mrs. Rosensweig and Miss Volpe to leave Italy by and not later than October 15.

"The Hamill passports with the aforesaid notations and the photostatic copy of Page 5 of Mrs. Hamill's passport have already been delivered, on your request, to your Mission, which has replaced them with the passports bearing No. Z 324286 (Mr. Hamill) and No. Z 324287 (Mrs. Hamill), issued in Rome on September 29, 1964.

"The Rome Police Headquarters takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the U.S.A. the expressions of its highest consideration.

"for THE QUESTORE
Sgd. (illegible)"

Mr. O'Dowd also provided a copy of a letter from Melvin M. Belli, dated September 18, 1964, at San Francisco, California, to Mrs. Josephine Kennedy, Hotel Quirinale, Rome,

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Italy. This letter indicates the firm of Belli, Ashe, and Gerry is handling a case for Mrs. Josephine Kennedy.

A review of the files of the Washington Field Office of the FBI fails to reflect any information identifiable with the names Theresa Volpe, Nina Matchkaloff, Myleen Merrill, Josephine Patricia Kennedy, Mrs. Raye Rosensweig, Richard Alexander Hamill, April E. Hamill, Grace P. Hamill, Ann Jean O'Neil, Mrs. Raye Lewis, John Fostini, Lydia Lewis, Margaret Fostini, Lydia Fostini, Cesare Giroi, Margherita Giroi, Lydia Hamill Lewis, Martherita Millo, Carlton J. Powers, and Emil Anna Lewis.

The files of the Washington Field Office of the FBI do reflect Margaret and John Patrick Hamill were the subjects of [redacted] investigation conducted by the FBI in 1961.

Information in Washington Field Office files also reflect that during 1954 one Mrs. Johnny Hamill claimed possession of a forged passport in the name of Lydia Lewis Hamill.

No information whatsoever is available indicating Margaret Hamill has ever been in direct contact with the Washington Field Office of the FBI at any time.

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