

ORIGIN Chief's Office OFFICE Washington, D. C.

FILE NO. CO-2-34,030

TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President John F. Kennedy Reproduction of Mass Cards Person Identified: Anthony Carpineti (Business Printing Service 766 - 11th Street, S.E. Washington, D. C.)
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Washington, D. C.	PERIOD COVERED 2-7-64 2-8-64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY Special Agent Charles W. Baber		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

This report covers interviews with Anthony Carpineti and Robert F. Bowman who are engaged in producing offset reproductions of the John F. Kennedy Mass cards. Investigation revealed that Carpineti and Bowman are engaged in the production of these cards primarily as a service to those parties who desire them.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated upon receipt of a telephone call from Inspector Thomas Kelley, Chief's Office, to SAIC Geiglein, on February 7, 1964. SAIC Geiglein instructed the reporting Agent to go to Inspector Kelley's office for further details regarding this matter.

On February 7, 1964, Inspector Kelley furnished the reporting Agent with a John F. Kennedy Mass card and advised that a firm known as the Business Printing Service, located in Southeast Washington was engaged in the reproduction of the Mass cards. An ad had been noticed in the Washington Daily News in which the Mass cards were advertised for sale at 50¢ each. Inspector Kelley instructed the reporting Special Agent to investigate this matter to determine the background surrounding the reproduction of the Mass cards.

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On February 7, 1964, the reporting Agent interviewed Anthony Carpineti, owner of the Business Printing Service, 766 11th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., telephone number Lincoln 3-6493. Mr. Carpineti's home address is 1302 Monroe Street, N.E., Washington, D. C., telephone number LA 6-8746. Mr. Carpineti advised that around the middle of January 1964 a friend of his, one Robert F. Bowman, came into his shop and showed him a Mass card which allegedly was an original. Mr. Carpineti stated that Mr. Bowman inquired if he, Carpineti, could reproduce it and if so, possibly they could be sold.

Mr. Carpineti stated he advised Mr. Bowman that he believed that he could reproduce the Mass card (both front and back); however, he would only do so after he verified the fact that the Mass card was an original and also that there was no copyright on the Mass card. Mr. Carpineti stated that he got the impression that Bowman had received the Mass card from a policeman who was on duty at the church during the funeral of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Carpineti advised that he called St. Matthew's church to verify the authenticity of the Mass card which he had received from Bowman. He stated that it was his opinion on the basis of a telephone call to St. Matthew's church that the Mass card was an original. He further stated that he took the Mass card to the Catholic Standard Newspaper, 1711 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., to further verify the authenticity of the Mass card. He stated that the Catholic Standard Newspaper was of the opinion that the Mass card was an original. Mr. Carpineti advised that he made inquiry at the Library of Congress to ascertain whether or not the Mass card was copyrighted. He stated that the Library of Congress had no copyright on file for the Mass card.

Mr. Carpineti stated that only after the above inquiries were made did he start making reproductions of the Mass card. Mr. Carpineti stated that in regard to the reproduction of the Mass card, it is strictly a 50-50 proposition with Mr. Robert F. Bowman - that is, the expenses are split half and half and any proceeds which may be made are to be split half and half.

Mr. Carpineti advised that after consideration was made of the labor, materials, et cetera, the price decided upon was 50¢ per picture.

Mr. Carpineti advised that the original Mass card from which he made a negative for the reproduction of the Mass cards did not contain a black border as did the Mass card furnished the reporting Special Agent by Inspector Kelley.

Mr. Carpineti advised that he had advertised in the Washington Daily News, in the television section, on two prior occasions and once in the main body of the paper. He further advised that he had had an advertisement in the last three issues of the Catholic Standard Newspaper which is published weekly. Mr. Carpineti stated that from the conception of the idea to print these reproductions up until this date, he had sold approximately 100 of them as a result of the advertisements. Arrangements were made with Mr. Carpineti to interview Mr. Bowman at 766 - 11th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1964.

On February 8, 1964, interviewed Mr. Robert F. Bowman and Mr. Carpineti at 766-11th Street, S.E. Mr. Robert F. Bowman is a District of Columbia Fireman and he resides at 2765 Naylor Road, Apartment 206, Washington, D. C. His home telephone number is LU 3-4423. Mr. Bowman stated that he and Mr. Carpineti had placed an ad in the Boston Globe and the Washington Post Times Herald which they expected to appear in the Sunday editions, February 9, 1964. Mr. Bowman and Mr. Carpineti both stated that they had received several letters from various persons who commended them for making the reproductions of the Mass card available. They were both of the opinion that they were doing the general public a service by reproducing the Mass card.

Mr. Bowman and Mr. Carpineti estimated that they had approximately \$400 tied up in advertising and promotion between the two of them for the sale of the Mass cards. They both stated that up until the present time, they have made absolutely no profits on the cards as all the money that came in was put back into other advertisements. Mr. Bowman and Mr. Carpineti stated that they were both willing to discontinue the reproduction of the Mass cards if it was requested of them. They both

stated that the ads in the Boston Globe and the Washington Post Times Herald could be cancelled if this Service so desired.

Mr. Bowman stated that he did not wish to cancel the advertisement appearing in the Boston Globe at his own expense inasmuch as he did not wish to tie up any further money in the sale of the Mass cards if he was to stop the production of them. Mr. Bowman stated that he desired the ad in the Boston Globe to be cancelled before the paper went to press on the possibility that they would receive numerous requests for the reproduced Mass card and that he and Mr. Carpineti would have to answer each of the requests at their own expense. Mr. Carpineti furnished the reporting Agent with the negative and plate used in the production of the Mass card. The card is an offset reproduction made on an ATF Press.

The reporting Agent telephoned Inspector Kelley at his home in regard to the cancellation of the ad which was to appear in the Boston Globe on February 9, 1964. Inspector Kelley advised the reporting Agent that he would make inquiries concerning this matter and contact the reporting Agent later.

On the afternoon of February 8, 1964, Inspector Kelley telephoned the reporting Agent and advised that he had made inquiries of the former First Family concerning this matter and it was decided that no action would be taken to discontinue the reproduction of the Mass cards.

The reporting Agent then contacted Mr. Carpineti and advised him that his plate and negative would be returned next week and that he could proceed with his prior plans concerning the reproduction of the Mass cards.

On February 13, 1964, the plate and negative used in the reproduction of the Mass card were returned to Mr. Carpineti at 766 - 11th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

DISPOSITION

Case closed in Washington, D.C.

In view of the investigation conducted above, no further action is being taken in this matter.

Attachments:

Chief: Original Mass card.

Reproduction of Mass card.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

President of the United States

May 29, 1917 - November 22, 1963



Dear God,

Please take care of your servant

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

is to be

Now the trumpet summons us again—not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need—not as a call to battle, though embattled we are—but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation"—a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself . . .

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the slow from that fire can truly light the world . . .

With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to level the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own.

