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In Dallas, in 1968, it very well could have been a "colloquial expression" the phrase no used here), or a "joke", not "vicious" or "indictive" in manner.

But suppose these had been poor black or, horrors, militants?

The "Port of Call" is one of the more popular places. I have had it described to me, I believe, by Trudy Castorff; who met a rather strange woman with a rather strange tale there.

I think it serves a purpose to collect just this kind of thing, where there undoubtedly was not serious intent to kill the President but where this nuts who consider themselves brilliant consider such conversation both proper and entertaining. I have begun such files, under 'threats'.

But how modest, how quiet and subdued these conversational pleasantries were, when they reached the papers!

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Mr. TAYLOR ROBINSON advised that he resides at 3409 Dartmouth in Dallas, and is employed in the Commercial Sales Division of Titcher Goettinger Company, which is located at 1502 Slocum in Dallas, Texas. He said he recalled that he and his wife attended a party, "The Corsicana Party", at the Ports O Call restaurant in early August, 1963, where Mr. and Mrs. LOD C. ALLISON were the host couple and Mr. and Mrs. FRANK CALDWELL were guests along with him and his wife. He said subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY, he recalls seeing an article in a Dallas newspaper, a remark that was attributed to three young couples in which it was stated to the effect that "they did not care if someone took a potshot at the President." He said he wondered if some other couple had made a similar expression other than the group with whom he attended a dinner on August 9, 1963, but he did not call the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to the remark on August 9, 1963, because there was no vicious intent implied by the person who made it.

He said that during the course of the dinner in early August, 1963, his wife and Mr. CALDWELL engaged in a rather lengthy discussion about integration and toward the end of the discussion, Mr. CALDWELL made some remark, exact context of which he was unable to recall, but it was to the effect "Do you suppose you could get someone to kill the President?" He said it was not made in a vicious, indictive manner and no additional discussion resulted.

He stated he felt Mr. CALDWELL was simply expressing a displeasure with the current Democratic administration and not particularly at President KENNEDY. He said there was no unpleasantness at the party, although Mr. CALDWELL had taken an opposite side from Mrs. ROBINSON during a part of the evening. He said he believed Mr. CALDWELL and Mrs. CALDWELL were persons who are loyal and patriotic, and they were just as distressed as everyone else in the nation when they learned of the assassination of President KENNEDY and that he was sure Mr. CALDWELL regretted having made such an expression.

He said that he had discussed this with Reverend DECKINSON but did not name any names or dates.

Mr. ROBINSON said he has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Mr. LOD C. ALLISON advised that he and his wife were hosts for a party at Ports O Call at Dallas on August 9, 1964, and two other couples were present, the FRANK CALDWELLS and the TAYLOR ROBINSONS. He said he and Mr. CALDWELL and Mr. ROBINSON were all raised in Corsicana, Texas, had known one another all their lives and they decided in early August they would get together with their wives for dinner at Ports O Call and he recalled that on that particular evening all of them went and had a few drinks and became involved in a discussion of integration and its problems and progress. He said Mr. CALDWELL and Mrs. ROBINSON appeared to be taking definite sides on the issue, but at no time did he ever hear any remarks about anyone wanting to kill the President or take a "potsnot" at him. He said that he held the ROBINSONS and the CALDWELLS in high regard and had no reason to doubt their loyalty, patriotism, character or associates.

He said he had known JACK RUBEY personally since 1956, when JACK RUBEY came to him in 1956 and engaged him as a tax consultant. He said he had done no further business with him since that time and had seen him on occasion and would recognize him but had never had any other dealings with him. He said he had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any association between JACK RUBEY and OSWALD and the only time he had ever been in RUBEY's business was when he went to the Vegas Club to obtain business records and to audit accounts in connection with his tax research matter.

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