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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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At 4:45 p.m., March 23, 1967, Clyde Malcolm Limbaugh, 323 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Telephone Number 532-3249, personally appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and volunteered the following information:

Limbaugh advised that he has the "answer to the assassination probe by District Attorney James C. Garrison" and has been trying to see Mr. Garrison for about two weeks, but Mr. Garrison "does not appear to be interested in seeing him." He stated, "Mr. Garrison appears to be interested in getting votes and making a name for himself." Limbaugh remarked that he "was there when the assassination took place" and "was propositioned to take part in it."

Limbaugh said he knew Jack Ruby very well and worked for Ruby for "four years, from 1959 until about three days before the assassination in 1963." At the same time he worked for Ruby in Ruby's three night clubs in Dallas, Texas, Limbaugh also worked at Dinwiddie Direct Mail Advertising Company, Dallas, part-time for five hours a day.

Limbaugh advised that Jack Ruby was a "queer," a "known homosexual," and "everybody called Ruby 'Pinkie'." He said J. D. Tippit, the Dallas, Texas, policeman who was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, was a "bouncer and friend of Jack Ruby." He stated that Tippit "worked for Ruby day and night, never went to police headquarters in regard to his work as a police officer, and reported to the Dallas Police Department by telephone." According to Limbaugh, Tippit had lived with Ruby at an apartment at Oakcliff, between Dallas and Fort Worth, since about 1958, and Tippit was living with Ruby at that apartment at the time Tippit was shot by Oswald. He said Ruby and Tippit also had an apartment above the Colony Club, one of the night clubs owned by Ruby, on the main street of Dallas, next to the Neiman Marcus Store.

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Limbaugh advised that one of his duties when he was employed at Ruby's night clubs was to look after the girls who worked in the clubs. He stated that approximately one week or ten days before the assassination of President Kennedy, he went into Ruby's office in the Colony Club in order to get some money from Ruby to give to one of the girls so she could buy some stockings, and he saw three men in conference with Ruby in the office. He said Tippit was one of the men because he knew Tippit, and said he recognized another one of the men as being Lee Harvey Oswald since he had recently seen Oswald's picture in a newspaper for passing out posters in New Orleans. He said Ruby later told him the other man was David William Ferrie. After Ruby gave him money for the girl, Limbaugh left the office. After a few minutes, Tippit left Ruby's office, and Limbaugh asked him who the other man was, but Tippit told him he did not know.

Limbaugh stated that about three days before the assassination, he again went into Ruby's office in the Colony Club in order to get money from Ruby to give to one of the girl employees of the club. At that time he saw Tippit, Oswald, and a woman in the room with Ruby, and on a table in the room he saw a map of the sixth floor of the wholesale book store building from where "the shot was fired by Oswald." After Ruby gave Limbaugh the money, Limbaugh departed from the office. A few minutes later, Tippit left the office and Limbaugh asked him who the people were in the office. Tippit told Limbaugh he did not know, at which time Limbaugh called Tippit a "liar" and told Tippit he knew one was Oswald. At that time Tippit told Limbaugh that he might as well ask Ruby if he wanted to know who the people were. He said he later asked Ruby who the man and woman were, and Ruby told him the man was Oswald and said the woman was "really a man named Ferrie, who he had previously seen in the office, who was dressed as a woman and is known as Cappie Bertrand." Ruby further commented that Cappie Bertrand was a female impersonator. Ruby related to Limbaugh that "they are going to do a job for me," and Ruby remarked that "if Oswald does not do what I want him to do I am going to kill him." At that time Ruby also commented that he was "not going to harm the lady," and Limbaugh believes he was referring to Ferrie, who Ruby had previously said was Cappie Bertrand. At that same time, according to Limbaugh, Ruby asked Limbaugh, "How would you like to make \$1,000 for one night?" Limbaugh asked him how he could do that, and Ruby stated it was "something dealing with politics." Limbaugh asked Ruby if it had anything to do with

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the President coming to Dallas, and Ruby "remarked something to the effect that it did concern the President's visit." Limbaugh asked Ruby "if it was to be the Lincoln-Booth incident repeating itself," to which Ruby replied they "were going to hurt President Kennedy and Governor Connally but were not going to kill them." Limbaugh said he told Ruby he did not want any part of that "business."

Limbaugh advised that he left Ruby's club that day, three days before the assassination, and went to Pineville, Louisiana, where he "put himself in the Central State Hospital for Mental Patients because he had had a nervous breakdown."

Limbaugh stated that Jack Ruby had had cancer since about 1951, even while Ruby was in Chicago, and he said that several of Ruby's employecs, as well as some of Ruby's relatives knew Ruby had cancer. Limbaugh said he went to see Ruby when Ruby was in the Dallas Jail and he asked Ruby why he had shot Oswald. He said Ruby told him he "did it because of Jackie, John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Caroline; because the man had taken their father and had robbed us of the President of the United States." Limbaugh advised that he also visited Ruby in the hospital in Dallas about two days before Ruby died. At that time Ruby told Limbaugh he "had shot Oswald because he (Ruby) always wanted to be popular, and that now he would be famous and would be remembered in history."

Limbaugh advised he "had known Clay Shaw for nine years in New Orleans." He said that "ten years ago Shaw was very gay and liked to dress up in women's clothing." He stated he "does not think Shaw had anything to do with the assassination matter." He said that "Perry Russo is lying when he says he (Russo) saw Shaw with Oswald on the waterfront because that on the first date Russo claims he saw Shaw and Oswald, Shaw was at the Central State Hospital for Mental Patients in Pineville, Louisiana, visiting with him (Limbaugh)." He said that "on the second date Russo claims he saw Shaw and Oswald together on the waterfront, he (Limbaugh) and Shaw were having lunch together at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant in the French Quarter in New Orleans."

Limbaugh stated that "Mr. Garrison thinks Bertrand is a man" but that "Bertrand was Ferrie dressed as a woman." Limbaugh advised he had seen Ferrie dressed as a woman in clubs in New Orleans on two occasions--once at Lafitte's Bar in the French Quarter in New Orleans, and once at a "party held in a house located in about the 1300 block of Dauphine Street, New Orleans." Limbaugh stated he could not recall the dates on which he had seen Ferrie dressed as a woman.

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Limbaugh advised that the "whole assassination plot was arranged in Washington, D. C.; was carried to San Antonio, Texas; then carried to Dallas, Texas; and was carried back to Washington, D. C." He said the "persons who took part in the assassination were part of the President's tour or was arranged by part of Vice-President Johnson's group." He stated "the assassination never came to New Orleans." Limbaugh stated that, in his opinion, "Oswald shot Governor Connally and Ferrie shot President Kennedy."

The following background data were voluntarily furnished by Clyde Malcolm Limbaugh for himself:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	June 14, 1914
Place of birth:	Birmingham, Alabama
Height:	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	170 lbs.
Hair:	Grey - blond
Eyes:	Brown
Scars or marks:	Wears a brown mustache; Has a bullet wound on lower part of left leg.
Military service:	Two years, 1947-1949, in U. S. Army, where member of . 101st Airborne Division; Serial Number was 13 276 301; received honorable discharge.
Arrests:	None
Social Security No.:	131-09-3399
Occupation:	Singer; is known as the "American Baritone."
Employment:	Presently singing in Joe Burton's night clubs in New Orleans; in approximately two weeks Limbaugh is going to become self-employed and open the Chcz Limbo Coffee Shop, which will be located on Dauphine or Carondelet streets in New Orleans.
Previous residence:	Green Briar Motel, Alexandria, Louisiana, first 7 months of 1966; came to New Orleans from Alexandria in October, 1966.

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When furnishing the foregoing background data, Limbaugh advised that he had been in the Central State Hospital for Mental Patients in Pineville, Louisiana, on two occasions. He said he was "in that hospital for six months, from September, 1963, to January, 1964," and on another occasion he stayed there "about one year, from the latter part of 1964 until the first part of 1965." Limbaugh also advised that he spent about one year in a mental hospital in San Bernadino, California, in about 1950 or 1951, for a "nervous breakdown which was caused by his wife being murdered, raped, and beaten on a farm near Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947."

As Limbaugh was departing the FBI Office, he remarked that he had furnished the foregoing information to an assistant district attorney to Mr. Garrison about two weeks ago and the assistant district attorney told him that Mr. Garrison would be talking with him, but that Mr. Garrison nor any of his staff have talked further with him.

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