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with an agent from the F.B.I. The agent asked me to get more information and said that he would be back.

## THE ASSASSINATION

On November 20, the day before President Kennedy's assassination, Bergman was released from prison. At that time I did not think there was a connection between these two events.

However, two weeks later I received a notice that my parole was coming up for review; and a visit from a representative of the Board, who told me I would be back in Canada and working by Christmas 1963. (Ed.Note: Members of a Pardons and Paroles Board are not known for such definite statements.)

On November 24, I was driven in a truck to Huntsville and released to the Immigration authorities. Two officers drove me to Houston Airport and handed me a full pardon. I was then flown, as the only passenger, in a plane to Chicago, unaware of why I had been pardoned. From there I was flown by American Airlines to Detroit, taken across the border to Windsor, and handed a train ticket to Toronto.

After I had become settled in Toronto, I approached the C.B.C. public affairs program, "This Hour Has Seven Days," with my story, and agreed to the suggestion that the R.C.M.P. be contacted.

Two officers from the Intelligence Division questioned me and asked that I write letters to Bergman and two other contacts I had with the organization.

The first reply I received was from James Bergman, revealing to me some startling facts. He stated that, through his organization he had been made aware of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, prior to the actual killing. His information was, that Kennedy was killed because he was attempting to have Red China recognized by and admitted to the United Nations.

The R.C.M.P. were aware of the letter's content because they had asked to read it even before I saw it. However, they would not tell me what I should do next.

About two weeks later they advised, research writer, Hugh Greig that the C.B.C. should drop the story and forget about it, as it was being handled by the Department of External Affairs.

Everywhere I go with my story I find people who show interest and then either tell me to forget it or never contact me again.

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## HEADS WILL ROLL

Reactions to George's story:

INTERPOL AGENT CHARLES WRIGHT- " I will push this thing into the open, if you wish, but heads will roll."

JACK IRWIN M.P.- Passed it on to the Solicitor-General, Mr. Pennell. (No reply to this date)

JOHN LINBLADD, WINDSOR STAR- Wrote an article in the Star, July 7, 1964, without mentioning names.

VANCOUVER SUN and PROVINCE- Negative.

U.S. CONSULATE VANCOUVER- Have sent letters of



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inquiry to C.I.A. and F.B.I.  
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FOOTNOTE: In 1964 George was convicted of passing \$500 worth of bad cheques and given a two year suspended sentence. After making a token payment on an order of restitution he left Ontario. To this date he has not made further payment. (Nor have the R.C.M.P. issued a court order against him.)

51-YEAR OLD EX-CON GEORGE HOWLAND ASKS:

# "Why pardon me?"

As told to JACK BARTER

During 1962 in Dallas, Texas I was arrested by city police on a sex charge and sentenced to a four year term in the State Penitentiary as convict with the number 170586.

In February 1963, after serving the first three months, I met a James Bergman who asked me if I was interested in joining a Communist group whose intent was to overthrow the American government. The whole thing sounded rather peculiar to me, but I went along with

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of the same year, I was advised by the Board of Pardons and Paroles that I would have to serve my full four years without charge of Parole. This prompted me to write the Head Warden, Doctor Bito, revealing my connection with Bergman and the organization. I subsequently received permission to see the Assistant Warden, Major Valentine, who arranged an interview

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