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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director Security
SUBJECT :
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1. Subject is a staff employee of OEL. She advised the undersigned on the morning of 18 May 1964 of statements made to her on Thursday evening 14 May, which associated the CIA with the assassination of President Kennedy. She wanted a report of the conversation made known to the Office of Security.

2. Mrs. indicated that she resided in Prince Georges County, Maryland, and several months previously had registered as a Republican in order to vote in the up-coming primary elections. This past Thursday night a Mrs. Sherwood telephoned Mrs. indicating she was one of the Delegates on the Republican ballot and was supporting Senator Barry Goldwater. Mrs. told Mrs. Sherwood that she had not decided which candidate to support, and that although she had registered Republican she held a deep respect for the late President Kennedy. Mrs. Sherwood then made some disparaging remarks about the late President Kennedy. She also furnished specific information regarding what she described as a reliable prediction, made prior to November 1963, that President Kennedy would be assassinated.

3. Mrs. Sherwood indicated that an acquaintance in West Virginia, who said he was a former CIA courier, had told her prior to the assassination of President Kennedy that President Kennedy would be assassinated and that the assassin in turn would also be killed. Mrs. Sherwood further advised, according to Mrs. that her attempts to locate this person in West Virginia, after the assassination, were not successful. Apparently, in Mrs. Sherwood's words, this person "just disappeared from sight", following the assassination of President Kennedy.

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4. Mrs. [] said she did not identify herself as being with CIA, and did not make any attempts to draw out Mrs. Sherwood for further information. Mrs. [] does not have the name of the alleged ex-CIA courier nor the first name of Mrs. Sherwood. She identified Mrs. Sherwood as being number 33E on the Republican ballot in the Maryland primary of 19 May 1964.

5. If you desire further information from Mrs. [] she may be contacted on extension 9180.

John R. Pherson
JOHN R. PHERSON
Security Officer
DD/S&T

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Excerpt from Washington Post-20 May 64



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