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The following investigation was conducted by SA DALIEL MAGENNIS:

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

On November 27, 1963, information was received from the San Antonio Southwest Bell Telephone Company, 4502 Newcome Drive, San Antonio, Texas, that at approximately 4:45 p.m this afternoon, a long distance call was received from an unknown male in Montreal, Canada, who requested the names of the residents of 216 Thomas Jefferson Drive, San Antonio, Texas. The caller was advised that he could get this information through his local information operator. The caller, who apparently ... spoke French, could speak very little Rnglish but proceeded to relate information in what English he knew. He stated he had received an anonymous letter this morning, November 27, 1963, from someone at 216 Thomas Jefferson Drive, San Antonio, Texas, and that whoever had written the letter stated that it was a woman writing, that she had some information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and some information about "RUBIO" or "RUBY" and she needed to leave the United States as soon as possible to go to Germany.

The caller said it was very important that he reach the people at the above address, but when he was informed that the telephone company could furnish no information, the call was terminated.

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Mrs. DOROTHY S. BAKER advised that she had been living at 216 Thomas Jefferson Drive since 1941 with her family At the present time her daughter, Mrs. MARILEE SCHOON ERGANG, and her husband, JOHANNES SCHOONDERGANG. She emphatically denied sedning the letter or knowing anything about it and she could recall knowing no one in Canada and knows of no one in Germany or anyone who would wish to go there.

Mrs. BAKER further stated that she cannot recall having heard the name RUBY and knows no one by that name.

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Mrs. MARILEE SCHOONDERGANG advised that she lives at 216 Thomas Jefferson Drive with her mother, Mrs. DOROTHY S. BATER and her husband JOHANNES. Her husband has two cousins presently living in Canada, JAN and GERARD LEDDERHOF. She believes that HENK LEDDERHOF, brother of JAN and GERARD is presently visiting them in Canada. To the best of her knowledge, the LEDDERHOF brothers live in Quebec, Canada.

Mrs. SCHOONDERGANG further advised that HENK, who as originally from Holland, worked for several years in New Guinea and when New Guinea received its independence, he lost his business. She stated that HENK blamed the Communists in New Guinea for his lost business and for that reason seems to be very anti-Communist. HENK is presently in the United States and Canada due to a visa he received sometime in October.

She denied any knowledge of a letter sent to Canada bearing any information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY or information concerning RUBY and knows of no one who wants to leave the United States to go to Germany.

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JOHANNES SCHOONDERGANG stated that he knows of no one who would write to Canada giving any information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY or of information concerning RUEY. He stated he has two cousins in Canada, GERARD and JAN LEDDERHOF. JAN lives in Toronto and GERARD lives in Quebec. He stated that JAN is an engineer and works on the First Canadian Missile but does not know if he works for the Government or private industry.

He stated his cousin, HENK LEDDERHOF, is touring the United States and Canada on a six-month visa which he obtained early in October. He stated HENK is very anti-Communist due to the fact that he holds them responsible for his lost business in New Guinea, and that he liked the United States very much when he visited San Antonio in the latter part of October and that he went to the Immigration authorities in San Antonio to see what the Dutch quota was for this country.

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RE: JOHN GERRARD LEYDEN - THREATS

Mr. JAMES P. JACOBS, 7618 Touchstone, Houston, on December 1, 1963, telephonically advised the Houston Office that JOHN GERRARD LEYDEN made a statement to him "we're going to get the president."

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S TERENCE D. DINAN and MALCOLM R. HARWELL on December 1, 1963:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The records of the Houston Police Department reflect that JACOBS, a Houston cab driver, picked up IEYDEN in Houston and drove him around town for approximately one hour. JACOBS stated IEYDEN discussed world affairs and stated on several occasions "we were sent out here" and "we're going to get that SOB." IEYDEN also made reference to the president but when asked by JACOBS which president, IEYDEN would not answer.

IEYDEN also made threats to JACOBS. JACOBS advised IEYDEN wanted JACOBS to take him to Laredo. JACOBS stated he advised IEYDEN he would have to call his employer before making an out of town trip. JACOBS used this opportunity to call the FDI and the Houston Police Department. JACOBS stated that IEYDEN had had quite a bit to drink.

Houston Police Department arrested LEYDEN at 2:10 A.M., December 1, 1963, and charged him with being drunk, as when arrested LEYDEN was found to be in a highly intoxicated condition.

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LEYDEN was interviewed at the Houston, Texas, Police Department by SAS DINAN and HARWELL on December 1, 1963, and advised he was a merchant seaman who had been in Houston since November 25, 1963 and was waiting to be shipped out.

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IEYDEN advised that he left his hotel room at approximately 1:00 P.M., November 30, 1963, and started drinking. He advised that he had several drinks and had lost tract of time but that he definitely did not remember threatening the life of the president or anyone else. LEYDEN also advised that he did not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has never been in Dallas, Texas.

LEYDEN is described as follows:

JOHN GERRARD LEYDEN Name Date of Birth February 13, 1922 Sligo County Ireland; Place of Birth came to the United States in 1943 and became naturalized

citizen in 1951, Baltimore, Maryland

51911 Height 190 pounds Weight Build Stocky Complexion Ruddy Eyes

Hazel Hair Brown; graying; straight

Education High school 2 Number 483244D2 Social Security # 030-20-9335

Selective Service Claims to have registered for Selective Service in Baltimore in 1943

Occupation

Merchant seaman, Cuartermaster

Marital Status

Single (has never been married)

Relatives

Father, deceased; Mother, deceased; Sister, MAE O'GRADY. London, England

Brother, MICHAEL (no middle name) LEYDEN, 927 Piety Street, New Orleans,

632 Louisiana

Houston Police Department #

Arrests

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Claims to have been arrested approximately eight times for arunk and disturbing the peace; claims no arrests for felony Low Irish accent

Speech Dress Scars and Marks

Meat; sports clothes None observed

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Re: THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS JONATHAN C. McDONALD

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. RUSSELL:

Information was received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 26, 1963 from MARION L. WILSON, 6210 Sherwood, Houston, that approximately one year ago JONATEAN C. McDONALD had made the Statement to him that he was in touch with a group that had funds available for assassination of Unitational States Government officials. McDONALD said \$10,000.00 would be paid for the assassination of some officials and \$25,000.00 for that of the President. WILSON stated that McDONALD is a member of the John Birch Society and is very radical. WILSON feels that McDONALD may have been trying to feel him out to see if he would be willing for perform such assassinations. He said that at the time the statement was made McDONALD had been drinking but did not appear to be drunk and that at the time he did not feel McDONALD was sincere.

JONATHAN C. McDONALD, 3761 Odin Court, was interviewed by Special Agents EDWIN DALRYNPLE and JAMES W. RUSSELL on November 27, 1963. He said he is employed as an insurance broker for General American Life Insurance Company, 3865 Montrose Boulevard. McDONALD admitted being a member of the John Birch Society, having joined a group about one year ago that was headed by V. L. GALLIA. He said he attended meetings for about six months and discontinued going about six months ago. He said GALLIA resides at 4521 Mimosa, phone MO 4-3919, and is employed by Lufkin Manufacturing Company. McDONALD claims he paid \$2.00 per month dues while active in the John Birch Society and was requested to contribute \$1.00 for signs urging the impeachment of EARL WARRING.

McDONALD emphatically denied that he had ever indicated that he had any knowledge of the plot to assassinate the President or Government officials. He chimed to have no knowledge such plots had been conceived by the John Birch Society and had no knowledge concerning their possible implementation.

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McDONALD stated that he has possibly stated some ill advised things while intoxicated but feels emphatically certain he would not have made such a statement. McDONALD is described as a white male, born January 24, 1929 at Garrison, Kentucky. He is 5'll" tall, weighs 225 pounds, is of medium complexion and heavy build. He has a thick neck and round face with ears set very close to head. He is married to SHIRLEY R. McDONALD, nee NESTER, who is employed as a speech therapist for Houston Independent School District. McDONALD stated he was in the United States Air Force under serial number AO 2218473, serving from July 10, 1951 to March 6, 1956 and receiving honorable discharge.

McDONALD identified RICHARD A. KERR of Houston as being the most outspoken critic of the Government he knows in Houston and a John Birch Society member.