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Mrs. Forrest Kyle
Brown County Gazette
Bangs, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kyle:

Mr. Arthur C. Perry referred your letter of November 30th, with enclosure, to this Bureau, and I appreciate receiving the benefit of your observations and comments.

Pursuant to the instructions of President Johnson, the FBI conducted a full investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. In this regard, I can assure you that every possible ramification of this matter was carefully considered.

Our report which contains the results of this investigation has been forwarded to the Attorney General and to the Presidential Commission, and this Commission has been charged with the responsibility to study all available information and make a finding in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS		REPORT MADE BY SA GRAHAM W. KITCHEL	TYPED BY mem
		CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING	

REFERENCES: Houston teletype to the Bureau, dated 11/22/63;
Bureau teletype to all offices, dated 11/22/63.

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LEADS

HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

1. Will locate J. K. MICHELS, JR., P. O. Box 647, Houston, and develop background information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. (Lead set forth in Baltimore teletype to Director, Dallas, Houston, and New Orleans, dated 11/23/63.)

2. Will locate and interview (FNU) HARLAN regarding statements made that would like to see the President dead and if he knew someone who would do it he would give him the gun and pay to have it done. (Lead set out by Boston teletype to Director, Dallas, and Houston, dated 11/25/63.)

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In regard to the above lead, it is possible that (FNU) HARLAN is identical with WILLIAM E. HARLAN, former Special Agent of the FBI, who presently operates the William E. Harlan Insurance Agency, Houston, Texas.

All informants and sources, security, racial, and criminal, have been contacted and no pertinent information developed reflecting on the assassination of the President. All informants have been instructed to immediately furnish any information relating to the assassination, or any phase thereof, to this office.

All bombing suspects in the Houston Division located and whereabouts verified during pertinent period. No indication any of the suspects were in the Dallas, Texas, area.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA GRAHAM W. KITCHEL Office: HOUSTON
Date: NOVEMBER 25, 1963

Field Office File No.: HOUSTON FILE: 62-2115 Bureau File No.:

Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Details of numerous telephone calls received at the Houston Office, which do not bear directly on the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, but mainly relate to reports of individuals who might have been suspect, set out. All suspects interviewed and no information bearing directly on the assassination developed. Results of these interviews set out.

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DETAILS:

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On November 21, 1963, Mrs. [DUVALL WEST, 710 Kipling,] Houston, Texas, advised that she had seen the parade and Presidential motorcade in downtown Houston and while riding home on the bus, the woman sitting next to her engaged her in conversation. Mrs. WEST stated the woman told her she worked in the millinery shop at Craig's Department Store, Houston. She stated that she overheard a man state "the President ought to be killed". The man making the statement was described as 6' 1" tall, 200 pounds, dark hair, mustache, age approximately 45. He was accompanied by a man 60 to 60 years old, approximately 5' 8" tall and heavy build. Both were white males and spoke with a German accent.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's WILLIAM M. SPENGLER and TERENCE D. DINAN.

On November 22, 1963, it was told that Mrs. EMILY FRIEND was the lady who engaged in conversation with Mrs. DUVALL WEST.

Mrs. FRIEND advised that she resides at 4300 Graustark Street, Houston. She stated she left Craig's Department Store at approximately 5:30 PM on November 21, 1963, and boarded a bus. At the corner of Main and Texas, as she was able to cross the street, she heard a man state "I'd kill him". The man mentioned no name. Mrs. FRIEND stated she turned around and noticed this man engaged in a conversation immediately thereafter with another individual in a foreign language which sounded like Czechoslovakian. She described the man making the above statement as 60 to 63 years of age, 5' 3", fair complexion, white male, heavy build, partially bald with white hair on sides. This man wore framed glasses and had a very neat dark business suit on. She stated the second man met the same general description. She stated she could furnish no further information regarding this incident.

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On November 22, 1963, MIKE FLOURNOY, Sheriff Wharton County, Wharton, Texas, telephonically advised that shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY, a telegram had been sent from El Campo, Texas to one TURNER BALLARD, 1420 Savoy Street, Dallas, Texas. This telegram was as follows: "Thank God, did you do it?" The telegram was signed NANCY. The telegram was reported to have been sent from telephone number LI 3-4666 at El Campo, Texas. Bays
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On November 22, 1963, Chief of Police WALTER BROADUS, El Campo, Texas, advised that he had determined that telephone number LI 3-4666 was listed in the name of C. A. STARLIN, JR., 612 Avenue A, El Campo, Texas. He stated that STARLIN's wife was named MARTHA and they had two young children. He stated that as far as he knew, no one in this family was named NANCY or NANNY.

Chief BROADUS stated that he has known STARLIN for approximately ten years, having lived within two doors of STARLIN for quite sometime. He stated that STARLIN was a person of good character and reputation and was employed by an Implement Company in or around El Campo, Texas. He stated that though he did not know STARLIN's political beliefs or ideologies, that he had never known him to be a radical in any respect.

Chief BROADUS advised that the information regarding the telegram was obtained from the Western Union Office and the message was signed either NANCY or NANNY.

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NINCY

On November 24, 1963, Mrs. C. A. STARLIN, 612 Avenue A, El Campo, Texas, was interviewed and stated she is generally known as "NINCY".

Mrs. C. A. STARLIN

Mrs. STARLIN readily admitted that after hearing of the assassination of President KENNEDY at Dallas on November 22, 1963, she had sent a telegram to her uncle, TURNER BALLARD, at Dallas. Mrs. STARLIN acknowledged this message contained the statement "Thank God, you did it". Mrs. STARLIN stated this telegram made reference to the assassination of President KENNEDY but that she was merely attempting to be facetious, which she later realized was in extremely bad taste and she regretted having sent it.

Mrs. STARLIN stated her uncle, TURNER BALLARD, is a man about 65 years of age who retired from the Federal Reserve Bank, had been a bachelor all his life, did not own a gun, was not a radical and would harm no-one. Mrs. STARLIN related both she and her uncle had been against the KENNEDY administration but that she certainly did not want to see the President murdered and she was sure her uncle did not approve of this crime either.

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On November 24, 1963, Mrs. C. A. (MARTHA) STARLIN, who advised that she was also sometimes known as "NINEY" was interviewed at her home at 612 Avenue A, El Campo, Texas, and furnished the following information:

Mrs. STARLIN advised that TURNER BALLARD of 1420 Savoy Street, Dallas, Texas, was her uncle being her mother's brother. She stated that BALLARD was a life-long bachelor and was a retired employee of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas since sometime last year. She stated he had been employed by the Federal Reserve Bank practically all of his life and that he lived by himself at 1420 Savoy Street in Dallas and was usually referred to as "an old maid." Mrs. STARLIN further advised that quite often on weekends, BALLARD would go to Fort Worth, Texas, and stay in some unknown hotel just to get away from his home and for some relaxation. She stated that he liked trains and usually rode trains, that he did not own an automobile. She advised that if BALLARD was not at home on Friday, November 22, 1963, or Saturday, November 23, 1963, that he was probably in Fort Worth and would undoubtedly return to his home in Dallas either Sunday, November 24, 1963, or Monday, November 25, 1963.

Mrs. STARLIN advised that she and her uncle were against the Kennedy Administration. They had often discussed the policies carried on by this administration. She stated, however, that neither she nor her uncle was a radical and that she did not believe that BALLARD would harm anyone and that she did not know it if he ever had a gun in his hand.

Regarding the instant telegram that was sent to BALLARD on November 22, 1963, she admitted that she sent the telegram in an attempt to be facetious but that she later realized that she was in extremely bad taste and that

she regreted sincerely that she had sent the telegram. She advised that although she was against the administration, that she would most certainly not want to see someone murdered as was President KENNEDY. She stated that she did not know that the president was dead at the time that she sent the telegram.

Mrs. STARLIN furnished the following description of her Uncle TURNER BALLARD:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	About 65
Height	5'8"
Weight	165 - 170 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Bald head
Scars and Marks	None known

Mrs. STARLIN further advised that BALLARD is a Baptist and a member of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and has been an ordained minister in the Baptist Church. He belongs to no organization other than the church. BALLARD does not use intoxicants and has never been arrested to her knowledge.

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On November 22, 1963, Mr. GEORGE H. W. BUSH, 5525 Briar, Houston, Texas, telephonically advised that he wanted to relate some hear say that he had heard in recent weeks, date and source unknown. He advised that one JAMES PARROTT has been talking of killing the President when he comes to Houston.

PARROTT is possibly a student at the University of Houston and is active in politics in the Houston area.

The following investigation was conducted by SAS WILLIAM J. SCHMIDT and KENNETH B. JACKSON at Houston, Texas:

HOU TEXAS
On November 22, 1963, Mrs. ETHEL INEZ PARROTT, 1711 Park, advised she is the mother of JAMES PARROTT who resides with her at 1711 Park. She advised JAMES was not at home but was expected back shortly. She advised he had been home all day helping her care for her son GARY WAYNE PARROTT whom they brought home from the hospital yesterday after he had an operation. *N.M.*

Mrs. PARROTT advised that shortly after 1:00 P.M. a Mr. REYNOLDS came by their home to advise them of the death of President KENNEDY, and talked to her son JAMES PARROTT about painting some signs at Republican Headquarters on Waugh Drive. *B 4-1-1936 Raton, N.M.*

On November 22, 1963, JAMES MILTON PARROTT, 1711 Park, advised he is a member of the Young Republicans and has been active in picketting members of the present administration who come to Houston. He advised he was recently one of the picketts at the Rice Hotel when Secretary RUSK was in town.

PARROTT advised he has been in Houston the entire day and most of this time until this evening at home. He advised at approximately 1:30 P.M., KERNEY REYNOLDS, who is also a member of the Young Republicans, came by his house to tell him about the death of the President. He stated REYNOLDS could vouch for the fact he was in Houston at that time.

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He advised in addition to REYNOLDS, the man who lives upstairs from him possibly also saw him during the day. He advised at about 11:00 A.M., he went to his next door neighbor's and used the telephone.

PARROTT advised he has never made any threats against the life of the President and has no knowledge of the assassination except what he has read in the papers and heard on radio and television:

The following description of PARROTT was obtained through questioning and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 16, 1939
Place of Birth	Raton, New Mexico
Height	5'9"
Weight	218
Hair	Brown - curly
Eyes	Blue
Education	7th Grade
Military	United States Air Force 8 months, 1959
Air Force Serial #	AF 18532961
Discharge	General Discharge under honorable conditions. Recommended by Psychiatrist
Employment	Self employed Conservation Sign Company
Relatives	Mother - ETHEL INEZ PARROTT 1711 Park Brother- DAVIS LEON PARROT 3901 M, Galveston, Texas Brother- GARY WAYNE PARROTT 1711 Park Brother- RAYMOND LEWIS PARROTT Inmate, Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville for Burglary
Arrests	Admits arrest in car which was stolen, released when he advised PD he did not know car was stolen

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Houston, Texas X

On November 23, 1963, Mr. KEARNEY REYNOLDS, 233 Red Ripple Road, advised he is a salaried employee of the Harris County Republican Party. He advised at approximately 1:30 PM, November 22, 1963, he went to the home of JAMES PARROTT, 1711 Park and talked to PARROTT for a few minutes. He advised he could vouch for PARROTT's presence at 1711 Park between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM on November 22, 1963.

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On November 22, 1963, LARRY HAUCH, Juvenile Officer, Conroe, Texas, Police Department, telephonically advised that ten days ago he received information from STAN CUKOWSKI of Village Green, Pennsylvania, telephone number Hubbard 5-6321, to the effect that his stepdaughter, name not recalled, departed with one IGOR VAGANOV, aged 25, and an employee of General Electric Company, possibly from Village Green, Pennsylvania. VAGANOV allegedly took his stepdaughter, who is 18 years of age, and headed for Dallas, Texas, in a General Electric Corporation automobile where he claimed he had urgent business for the next week. wife
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The unknown girl has a sister in Conroe, a Mrs. ANTHIS, who allegedly received a telephone call on the night of November 21, 1963, from the girl, stating that she was with VAGANOV at a motel in Dallas, the Oak Cliff Sunset Apartments, 815 Sunset Avenue, Dallas, Texas. The girl was hysterical and crying and claimed that VAGANOV was "up to something terrible" but would not elaborate.

Officer HAUCH stated that he had just received a telephone call from the girl's stepfather in Pennsylvania wherein the stepfather claims VAGANOV is possibly the individual who assassinated the President.

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On November 22, 1963, Mrs. M. E. PAYNE, 1245 Waverly Street, Houston, telephone UN 9-2527, telephonically advised that about a year ago HERMAN SHEFFIELD, 510 Louise, Houston, had admitted being a member of the John Birch Society. She said that SHEFFIELD told her that "they are going to hire a crackpot to kill the President". Mrs. PAYNE said that SHEFFIELD operates a small armature works behind his home and she does not know his present whereabouts.

On November 23, 1963, HERMAN ESCAR SHEFFIELD was interviewed at 510 Louise Street, Houston, by SA's JAMES W. RUSSELL and DANIEL F. BODINE. Mr. SHEFFIELD readily admitted being a member of the John Birch Society for at least a year in Houston, and stated that he is an ultra-conservative and is inalterably opposed to practically all of the programs of the present Federal administration. Mr. SHEFFIELD stated that he belonged to a small group of the John Birch Society and that this society is a study group in that the John Birch Society does not take an active political stand but merely furnishes reading material and study material for members in order that members can voice their personal opinions and document them with people of their acquaintance, and with members of Congress and other political figures.

SHEFFIELD stated that although he disliked the late President of the United States, he certainly would not take any part in assassinating him and has no knowledge of anyone who did, except he is certain that it was done by a communist. He was asked to explain this statement and he said that anyone who has any knowledge of communism and international affairs would certainly know that this was the act of a communist and not a conservative. Mr. SHEFFIELD was asked if his conservative group, the John Birch Society, at any time advocated violence and he stated that they are conservative and not radical but that probably the John Birch Society had been largely instrumental in some of the acts of violence recently occurring in the South over integration issues. He stated he could not document this statement but it is his own view.

SHEFFIELD specifically denied that he recalled ever having made the statement that the John Birch Society planned to hire anyone to kill the President. He admitted that he may have made a statement "something along that line as a joke" but he certainly had no knowledge that this was true, and again stated the John Birch Society did not advocate violence.

SHEFFIELD stated he was in Houston all day on November 22, 1963, working in his shop behind his home with his wife. He also stated that he took no part in any demonstration or placard carrying against the President when he visited Houston on November 21, 1963, but he observed that this was a good example of how the nation's newspapers and magazines "slant the news" and refrained from reporting the true facts, because the newspapers would publish nothing about pickets and that he had to hear it over the radio or some of the public opinion programs.

SHEFFIELD asked many times during the interview if these agents were investigating the John Birch Society and he was told on each instance that these agents were vigorously investigating the murder of the President of the United States and nothing more. He was asked if he would name all persons known to him as members of the John Birch Society and he stated he could not do this under the rules of the society, although he claimed it is not a secret organization.

SHEFFIELD denied having any personal knowledge as to any facts concerning the assassination of late President KENNEDY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS
RICHARD A. JONES and JOHN G. GREENE:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

On November 22, 1963, EVAN JONES, 6002 Delbury,
Houston, telephonically advised the Houston FBI Office that
he is employed by the American Automobile Club. He stated
that on October 4, 1963, he sold a membership to J. NYE
RYMAN, 2164 Troone, Houston. JONES stated that while he
was at the RYMAN house, Mr. RYMAN "preached and ranted
for approximately an hour and a half" about the ills of
the United States Government. During this period, Mr.
RYMAN predicted president KENNEDY's death. JONES said
that RYMAN stated words to the effect "Kennedy should be
dead now, but he'll die in office." 7911-
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On November 23, 1963, JAMES NYE RYMAN, 2164 Troone,
advised that his opinions regarding the death of the presi-
dent were based on the fact that every president elected
in a year ending in zero has died while in office. He
further stated his ideas were based on "fate". He stated
that he believes LYNDON JOHNSON only agreed to be Vice
President because he was "as superstitious as I am." He
said, "If Barry Goldwater had been elected in 1960 instead
of Kennedy, he would have died in office---it's fate."
He stated he was of the opinion that the man elected to
the office of president in 1980 will also die in office.
He was very emphatic in his views regarding "fate."

Mr. RYMAN is 78 years of age, wears a hearing
aid and advised he cannot hear but must read lips. He
stated that he was in his home all of the previous day and
would have no idea as to the identity of the president's
assassin.

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Houston, Texas

Mrs. BETTY KNOPPENBERG, Clerk, Homicide Division, Houston Police Department on November 22, 1963, advised that JESSIE WATERHOUSE, 5805 Cashmere, phone OX 7-3508, had advised the Houston Police Department that suspect OSWALD's picture closely resembled a man at his home November 21, 1963.

JESSIE WATERHOUSE was interviewed by SA JAMES W. RUSSELL November 22, 1963. He advised that two white men appeared in front of his house in a light colored car in the early afternoon of November 21, 1963. One of the men came to the door and asked him if he watched much television. He said he rarely watched television. The man then said that he represented the Rainbow Program and would give his wife a bottle of perfume if he and his wife would permit him to give them a sales talk.

WATERHOUSE stated he firmly advised this man that he was not interested in an offer and invited him to depart.

WATERHOUSE advised that when the picture of suspect OSWALD appeared on television November 22, 1963, that he and his wife both agree that the man who called on him the previous day appeared to look very much like OSWALD. He said he could positively identify the man who called on him if he should see him in person. WATERHOUSE claimed he does not know what the men were selling who appeared at his home and had no idea how they could be located. WATERHOUSE said that this is a situation where the photograph resembled the man seen, but he could not positively identify the person unless he could see him again in person.

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At 7:20 PM on November 22, 1963, RON DALTON, business address 3605 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas, telephonically contacted the Houston office of the FBI and advised that he had listened to a local radio program over KTRH between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM approximately a week ago, and heard a long discussion on notorious kidnapings and assassinations. DALTON suggested that the person who requested such a discussion might be a logical suspect in connection with the assassination of the President.

On November 22, 1963, JOHN NEWMAN, 310 Dizerty Street, Houston, telephonically advised that one of the Houston radio stations within the past three weeks had received an unsigned letter asking for an answer about political assassinations, how they happened and how they were done.

On November 23, 1963, Mrs. M. O. CAMPBELL, 802 Twin Brooke Drive, Houston, advised that she had heard over radio station KTRH, Houston, at 1:00 PM on November 19, 1963, a program regarding political assassinations and an unsigned letter.

On November 22 and 23, 1963, CARL BRAZELL, News Editor for KTRH, Houston, advised that station had a program involving a discussion of kidnapings and assassinations. The source of material for this discussion was from the 1963 World Almanac. He stated that there was definitely no unsigned letter requesting this discussion and that the discussion was merely used to fill in a program.

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On November 22, 1963, SAM PETRO, 112 Milam, telephonically advised the Houston office of the FBI that a man by the name of MANUEL, who was the chef at the Carousel Motel, related to him some information concerning a woman from Venezuela who was at the motel and had in her possession an overnight bag full of money.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's WILLIAM J. SCHMIDT and DANIEL D. DREILING at Houston, Texas.

Houston, TEXAS
On November 22, 1963, MANUEL MARTINEZ, Chef, Carousel Motel, 3330 Revielle, advised on November 21, 1963, he had received a telephone call from the front office of the motel asking him to come to the office and assist a guest in placing some telephone calls as this guest was unable to speak English.

Gloria ORSONY *Bohannon 1927*
MARTINEZ stated the woman was GLORIA ORSONY, supposedly from Caracas, Venezuela. He advised she spoke Spanish only and requested him to place two telephone calls for her. He advised the first one was to New Orleans, Louisiana, Roosevelt Hotel, 5297111, and was to a MARY CHANDLEO. He advised he does not know where the second call was placed to but the record would be available in the front office.

MARTINEZ stated the woman had a small brown bag or overnight case which he observed was full of money. He advised he has no reason to be suspicious of the woman except the money and the fact she seemed to talk more like a person from Cuba than one from Venezuela.

He furnished the following description of her:

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Name	GLORIA ORSONY
Age	36
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark, slanted
Height	5' 2"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Dark

MARTINEZ advised ORSONY departed from the motel at 6:00 AM on November 22, 1963, and her destination is unknown to him.

On November 23, 1963, CHARLES COTTINGHAM, Desk Clerk, Carousel Motel, advised the registration card reflects GLORIA ORSONY was registered in Room 154, November 20, 1963, at 12:21 PM and departed on November 22, 1963, at 11:25 AM. He advised the time stamped for departure was the time that he determined the room to be vacant and was not the time she would have actually departed.

He also advised ORSONY did not sign the registration card but that it was signed by one of the motel employees who spoke Spanish.

COTTINGHAM advised the records reflected long distance calls were made on November 21, 1963, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, number 3445294, and New Orleans, Louisiana, number 5297111.

On November 23, 1963, CLAUDE BULLOCK, Bellboy, Carousel Motel, advised that he handled the luggage for GLORIA ORSONY when she arrived, and he observed seven to eight pieces of white luggage and also a brown box. He advised this box was quite heavy to lift.

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On November 23, 1963, LUTHER BARR, Inspector, Immigration & Naturalization Service, advised they have no record of GLORIA ORSONY entering United States through Houston on November 18 or 19, 1963. He advised there were no international flights into Houston on November 20, 1963, because of bad weather.

On November 23, 1963, Mr. FRANK W. ROBINSON, Customs Inspector, U. S. Customs Service, advised anyone entering United States from a foreign country carrying a large sum of money would be of interest to his Service and would be carefully checked. He advised the name of GLORIA ORSONY is not familiar to him and no international flights came into Houston on November 20, 1963.

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Houston, Texas
On November 22, 1963, H. S. GARNER, 9132 Friendly Road, advised SA WILLIAM O. JOHNSON that on November 21, 1963, he was released from the Little York Hospital, 2807 Little York Road, Houston, Texas, and that while in the hospital, he shared a room with one L. L. KERR. *Texas*

He stated that KERR was also released from the hospital on Thursday, November 21, 1963.

He said that while he was sharing the hospital room, with KERR, they had many conversations on political subjects and on one occasion he asked KERR if he thought that President KENNEDY would be re-elected and KERR replied that President KENNEDY would probably be assassinated.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES L. WILLIAMSON: *Texas*

Houston, Texas
On November 23, 1963, Mrs. L. L. KERR, 5521 Rotan Street, advised that her husband, L. L. KERR, had just left home to go downtown to sell pecans and would not be back until later in the day.

She stated that from November 18, 1963 to November 21, 1963, her husband was confined in the Little York Hospital for treatment of an eye infection. She stated that he was released from the hospital at about 11:00 A.M., November 21, 1963, and that he remained at home the rest of the day and on November 22, 1963, worked as a carpenter for KEITH HILL a contractor.

She stated that her husband has not been active in any political movements and stated that she has never heard him say anything that could be construed as a threat against the President of the United States. She stated that her husband has expressed his dissatisfaction with some of the policies of the present administration in the civil rights area but has not gone farther than that to her knowledge.

Houston, Texas

On November 23, 1963, KEITH HILL, 5514 Hummingbird Street, advised that he does business as the "K. Hill Company," at 11833 Chimney Rock, Houston, and he advised that he employs L. L. KERR, 5521 Rotan Street, as a carpenter and has employed him for the past three years.

He stated that on November 22, 1963, that KERR was at work and he specifically recalls seeing him on the job in Houston at 12:15 P.M. that date.

He stated that he knows of no derogatory information regarding KERR.

On November 23, 1963, L. L. KERR, 5521 Rotan Street, advised that he was confined in the Little York Hospital from November 18, 1963 to November 21, 1963, and that on November 22, 1963, he went to work for his employer, KEITH HILL, and worked all day in Houston.

Houston, Texas

He stated that he does not know why there would be any question as to his possibly being involved in anything against the President as he said that he had voted for him and supported most of his policies and he said that to his knowledge has never said anything against the President and if it was suggested that he had, the person suggesting it must have misunderstood him.

He stated that he has no idea, other than the information he has heard on radio and television, as to who could have shot President KENNEDY.

He furnished the following descriptive data about himself:

Name	LONNIE LEE KERR, also known as L. L. KERR
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	March 15, 1902
Place of Birth	Nacogdoches, Texas
Height	5'10"

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Weight	150
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Amputation	Left leg amputated four inches below knee (wears artificial limb and has no limp)
Address	5521 Rotan, Houston, Texas (since 1950)
Occupation	Carpenter
Prior arrests admitted	None

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

AT GALVESTON, TEXAS

On the night of November 22, 1963, MARALIS FRANCIS SAMUEL contacted the Galveston Police Department and advised that he desired to talk to an FBI Agent as he had information that could break the case of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

SAMUEL was interviewed, and he exhibited Seaman Identification Card reflecting that he had Z number Z-951497 and that he is ordinary seaman - oiler - messman. He gave his address as 42½ 25th Street, Galveston, Texas. He also exhibited a paper reflecting that he was last employed on the "SS SMITH DEFENDER" having signed aboard the ship at Galveston on March 21, 1963, and departed from the ship on October 31, 1963.

SAMUEL appeared to have been drinking. He stated that he had no information as to the identity of the subject that assassinated President KENNEDY, but he had a theory that Texas Governor JOHN CONNALLY had something to do with the murder. He could give no reason for this theory.

Some time later on the night of November 22, 1963, SAMUEL telephonically contacted the Galveston, Texas, Police Department and stated that he was at a tavern and requested that officers come to the tavern immediately. Two officers were dispatched to the tavern, and it again appeared that SAMUEL was under the influence of intoxicating beverages and the officers also believed that SAMUEL was mentally unstable and they took him to the Galveston County Jail where he was to be checked by a psychiatrist.

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On November 22, 1963, Mr. J. D. EDMONDS, 808 Vincent, Houston, Texas, telephone number UN 4-5440, contacted the Houston Office and advised that the individuals listed below had made statements to the effect that the President of the United States should be killed or that they would kill him if they had the chance:

LESLIE ERNEST ELGIN, Brooksmith Grocery Store,
Gardner at Vincent Streets;
NORMAN BISKAMP, Biskamp Signs, North Loop between
Shepherd and North Main;
LESLIE REE DRUMMOND, 806 Vincent;
WALTER RAIFORD, Raiford Sign Company, Washington
Avenue.

~~Houston, Texas~~ B 9/26/05 Lundy, Mo

On November 23, 1963, LESLIE ERNEST ELGIN, 601 Vincent, was interviewed by SA CLARENCE C. WRIGHT and advised that he had never made any statements to the effect that he would like to see the President of the United States killed. He advised that he had disagreed with President KENNEDY on his civil rights program and has stated in public that he could not agree with the President on his stand on civil rights. He advised that he does discuss the Bible and political matters in his store but does not believe that he has ever gotten radical about his views.

Mr. ELGIN further advised that he has worked in his grocery store, the Brooksmith Grocery Store at 601 Vincent all week long and that he begins work at about 6:00 A.M. in the morning and works till early evening. He stated that his living quarters are combined with the store at 601 Vincent and that he has not left this area for the past week other than a few short trips in the neighborhood.

Mr. ELGIN advised that he does not belong to any group or organization whatsoever. The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	LESLIE ERNEST ELGIN
Date of Birth	September 26, 1905
Place of Birth	Lundy, Missouri
Height	5'8"
Weight	186
Hair	Light brown, turning gray
Eyes	Gray

The following investigation was conducted by SA MALCOLM R. HARWELL at Houston, Texas on November 23, 1963:

NORMAN W. BISKAMP, 308 North Loop, Houston, was interviewed on November 23, 1963, and advised that he had no personal knowledge of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. BISKAMP advised that in the past, he had made remarks that he believed someone would probably kill the President, but this was based purely on speculation.

BISKAMP advised that he did not have anything to do with the assassination and did not know of anyone who did. BISKAMP advised that he was at the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston on the morning of November 22, 1963 and that in the afternoon he was at the Texas Arts Supply Company purchasing supplies from a BOB HEARD.

BISKAMP advised that he has never liked the President and that he felt the President was not serving in the best interest of the country. He stated, however, he was sorry the President was killed and should he received any information whatsoever, he will immediately notify proper authorities.

BISKAMP is described as follows:

Name	NORMAN W. BISKAMP
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	January 29, 1914
Place of Birth	Kirby ville, Texas
Height	5'8"

Norman W. Biskamp
Houston, Texas

Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Thin, light brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	7" scar on side of neck under left ear
Occupation	Sign man

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD A. JONES at Houston, Texas on November 23, 1963:

LEXLIE REE DRUMMOND, 806 Vincent, advised that he had been in Houston all day on November 22, 1963. He stated he had the highest regard for President KENNEDY and that he has never said anything against him. He appeared to be deeply moved of the assassination of the President and stated that he had no idea what type of person would be capable of doing such a thing. He advised that he was currently employed as a carpenter and had formerly been with Civil Service, employed as a chemical plant guard in Eldorado, Arkansas.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LEXLIE REE DRUMMOND
Date of Birth	November 30, 1906
Place of Birth	Hampton, Arkansas
Height	5'9"
Weight	130
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY at Houston, Texas:

On November 23, 1963, a review of the Telephone Directory for the City of Greater Houston for 1963, reflects that WALTER D. RAIFORD (wife - BONNIE) resides at 835 Lamonte Lane, (telephone number OX 5-8593).

A review of the City Directory for Greater Houston, reflects that WALTER G. RAIFORD is a partner in Raiford Sign Company, 2209 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas.

WALTER G. RAIFORD was interviewed on November 23, 1963, at which time he stated he had no information indicating suspect in the assassination of President KENNEDY. He pointed out that he, as well as all persons he has contacted, has been stunned by the assassination of President KENNEDY, and stated he was sorry it happened. He stated that he was not a man of violence and even added that he hated to see anyone go deer hunting because it would take the life of a living thing. Mr. RAIFORD stated he has never made a derogatory statement concerning President KENNEDY and specifically pointed to the fact that he has never made a statement to anyone in public or private that the President should be killed or he would kill the President if he had the chance.

The following is a physical description as obtained through observation and interview:

Name	WALTER G. RAIFORD	835 Lamonte
Race	White	1 mile Houston
Sex	Male	Texas
Nationality	American	
Date of Birth	August 27, 1907	
Place of Birth	Houston, Texas	
Height	5'7"	
Weight	154	
Hair	Gray	
Peculiarities	Wears Glasses	
Remarks	A resident for life of Houston, Texas.	

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD A. JONES at Houston, Texas on November 23, 1963:

J. O. EDMONDS, was reinterviewed at his Paint-Rite Sign Shop, 4122 North Main. He stated he was drunk last night and displayed an empty pint of Seagrams Whiskey which he advised he had finished on instant morning. He stated that he has a son in a mental institution and knowledge of the murder of his "beloved President" was just too much for him so he began drinking. He stated he wanted to strike back at people who had talked against "his President" and he furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the names of all such people on the previous night.

Mrs. J. O. EDMONDS, 808 Vincent, advised that her husband was drunk when she arrived home about 11:00 P.M. on the previous night. She stated he drinks heavily and makes up stories when he is drunk. She advised that she was certain he did not know what he was talking about when he called the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the previous night.

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On November 22, 1963, JOSEPH SCHECHTER, 603 Brittmore Road, Houston, Texas (telephone HO 8-1172), telephonically advised Special Agent CLARENCE E. WRIGHT that in his opinion, a CLIFF TAYLOR might be a suspect in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated TAYLOR has expressed a very radical attitude toward President KENNEDY in the past and is believed to have led some of the demonstrations against President KENNEDY the last time he was in Houston. Mr. SCHECHTER stated he believes TAYLOR would be capable of this kind of act adding TAYLOR lost his job as a result of his radical views.

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Mr. SCHECHTER stated that CLIFF TAYLOR resides some place in the Spring Branch area of Houston and that he was last employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the Machine Accounting Department, Houston, Texas.

He stated that TAYLOR matches the general description of the assassin as given over the radio and described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 35
Height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	150 - 160 pounds
Hair	Short brown, possibly gray

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANK M. IVEY on November 22, 1963 at Houston, Texas:

Examination of the telephone directory for the City of Greater Houston for 1963, reflected that one CLIFTON H. TAYLOR resided at 3922 Willow Springs. Houston, Texas

Attempts to locate for interview, CLIFTON H. TAYLOR at 3922 Willow Springs, determined that Mr. TAYLOR was employed as a clerk at the U-TOTEM store, 10407 Shadow Oaks Drive.

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CLIFTON H. TAYLOR, clerk at U-TOT-GM Store, 10407 Shadow Oaks Drive and resident of 3922 Willow Springs, advised that he formerly worked in the Bookkeeping Department of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and was discharged from this employment because of his voiced dislike for President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mr. TAYLOR said he could establish an alibi throughout the day of November 22, 1963 and in addition stated he has been at his present place of employment since 6:00 P.M. He said it would have been foolish for him to have pulled such a stunt as the assassination of KENNEDY in Dallas, however, stated his only regret in the matter was the fact that the assassin did not complete the job with LYNDON JOHNSON.

Mr. TAYLOR stated he could provide no suspects in instant case. He further declined to be additionally interviewed.

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On November 22, 1963, WILLIAM ALLEN SIMMS, III, 813 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, temporary address, YMCA, Beaumont, Texas, advised that three or four months ago a man he now identifies as LEE HARVEY OSWALD was observed on Canal Street at New Orleans near a Walgreen's Drug Store passing out pamphlets which took the position that the United States Government was entirely wrong in its dealings with Cuba and in the Korean matter, and defended the present Cuban Government. SIMMS advised he called the New Orleans Police Department and was told that several complaints had previously been received. SIMMS had no further information concerning the man's identity, organization connections, associates or other activities.

The man was described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 30
Height	5' 9" - 5' 10"
Weight	155 - 160 lbs.
Hair	Blond, receding
Dress	White shirt and khaki trousers

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. at Galveston, Texas.

On November 23, 1963, Sergeant ERNEST GALVAN,
Galveston Police Department, furnished the following
information.

TEXAS INFO

He stated that at about 1:00 AM on November 23,
1963, he was at the World's Fair Grocery and Market, 3702
Avenue H, Galveston, and ROOSEVELT ARMSTRONG, one of the
employees there, told him that only a few moments ago two
unknown white men were in the store and at the time the tele-
vision was on and a newscast was being given concerning the
assassination of President KENNEDY. One of the unknown white
men stopped and watched TV and the other grocery shopped.
The one that was watching TV turned to ARMSTRONG and inquired
"is that the man that killed President KENNEDY?" ARMSTRONG
answered yes and then the individual asked if he was about 21
or 22. ARMSTRONG replied yes. This young man then stated
that this individual had been in Galveston about two weeks ago
and remarked he was going to kill the President when he came
to Dallas.

These two unknown white men purchased a loaf of
bread, some lunch meat and potato chips. They left the store,
means of travel unknown.

These two unknown white men were described as follows:

No. 1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	Approximately 6' 2"
Weight	Approximately 225 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Dress	White shirt, khaki pants
Age	Twenties

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No. 2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	Approximately 6' 2"
Weight	225 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Peculiarities	Wearing mustache and needed a shave
Dress	Blue jean jumper suit and blue jean pants
Age	Twenties

According to GALVAN, unknown male No. 2 was the one that remarked to ARMSTRONG about the individual was going to kill the President.

GALVAN stated he immediately put out a pick up to all cars for these two unknown individuals but they were unsuccessful in locating them.

On November 23, 1963, Detective CHARLES ROACH, Galveston Police Department, stated that he had no idea as to the identity of the above mentioned unknown males.

On November 23, 1963, ROOSEVELT ARMSTRONG, employee, World's Fair Grocery and Market, 3702 Avenue H, Galveston, residence 3727 Avenue H, Galveston, advised that sometime about 1:00 AM on the morning of November 23, 1963, he was cleaning up the store and they were in the process of closing when two unknown white men appeared at the store. One of them stopped to watch TV and the other shopped for groceries. The one that was watching TV asked if that was the man that shot the President and then remarked that this man was in Galveston

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about two weeks ago and remarked he was going to kill the President when he came to Dallas. The two men then left the store, means of travel unknown.

ARMSTRONG stated he had never seen these two unknown males before and had no idea as to their identity.

On November 23, 1963, JESSIE BENAVIDEZ, cashier, World's Fair Grocery and Market, recalled the two unknown white males that came into the store, and stated they purchased a loaf of bread, lunch meat and potato chips, only remained in the store a few minutes, then departed. He stated he had never seen them before and had no idea as to their identity. He stated he believed that in the event they lived in this neighborhood they would no doubt have been in the store on previous occasions.

On November 23, 1963, FRANK BURROW, Longshoremen Union 307, Mechanic Street, Galveston, stated that no longshoremen worked on the night of November 22, 1963, and he was unable to identify the above described two unknown males as anyone he has ever known or seen. The description of these two unknown males was discussed with several longshoremen at the Longshoremen's Union 307 and no one could identify them.

The following were contacted on November 23, 1963, with negative results as to any information regarding the two unknown white males:

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. BULLINGER
Sissie's Bar
805 37th Street

ANN LOTT
Barmaid, Sissie's Bar
805 37th Street

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Mr. and Mrs. PETE MATA
Mata's Bar
804 7th Street

CAROLYN CUCCHI
Brown Mule Tavern
3701 G Street

NORA RING
Owner, Brown Mule Tavern
3701 G Street

It is noted that the above taverns are located in the immediate vicinity of the World's Fair Grocery and Market as mentioned above.

It is further noted that the World's Fair Grocery and Market is located in a residential section of Galveston and most of the residents in that area are of the Negro race and Latin American origin.

It is also noted that 37th Street is one of the main thoroughfares over which trucks and employees go to the dock area of Galveston.

All of the above individuals that were interviewed promised that in the event they received any information as to the above unknown white males they would immediately contact the FBI.

Detective ROACH stated his department would be on the alert for any information as to the identity of the above two unknown white males.

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On November 23, 1963, ROBERT CLAUDE BOWER, 301 North DeLeon Street, Victoria, Texas, furnished the following information:

~~Robert X Bower~~

BOWER advised that he was in the Levi Beer Tavern in San Antonio, Texas, about 10:00 P.M. on the evening of November 22, 1963, at which time he was drinking beer with a Mexican male; and the subject of the president's assassination was brought up. BOWER advised that the individual whom he was talking to stated that he knew who assassinated the president; and he, BOWER, asked him who did it and he stated that the Mexican male would not give him any name. BOWER advised that he met this man at the bar and that they drank five or six beers apiece and were talking to one another only. He stated that the Mexican male appeared to be a stranger as he did not converse with anyone else and did not appear to be known at the bar. BOWER stated that he had never seen the subject before and that he would take him to be of Latin American decent, that he talked fairly good English but with a Mexican accent.

BOWER stated that he would describe the man as:

Age	About 47-50
Height	About 5'10"
Weight	155 - 160 pounds
Complexion	Medium Dark
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Scars and Marks	None visible
Dress	Khaki pants with a light tan shirt and a straw hat

Mr. BOWER resides in Victoria, Texas, and is employed by the Shaefer Drilling Service, was born in Silver Lake, Kansas, on June 1, 1932, and was in the United States Army for one year at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and had Army Serial Number 55307877.

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ROBERT BOWER was recontacted on November 23, 1963, and stated that the club mentioned above was actually spelled Leavi Club. He stated in arriving at this club he turned off U. S. Highway 87 on Loop 13 onto the Laredo, Texas, Highway. He advised that the Leavi Club was located one block off of Loop 13 and he believed it was on the Laredo, Texas, Highway. BOWER stated the Parkway Tavern was just up the street from the Leavi Club.

BOWER described the Leavi Club as a long pink building with a solid pink door. It is constructed out of concrete blocks and had no plate glass window. He stated - the club had a small dance floor and a four man band, consisting of a guitar, bass, drums and a piano. - The club has one bartender and one waiter, both Anglo-American and both approximately 30 years old.

Chief of Police JOHN GUSMAN, NA, Victoria, Texas, advised that BOWER was shabbily dressed, needed a shave, and lived in a dirty shack. He stated that BOWER appeared to have been on a several-day drunk.

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Under date of November 23, 1963, CASLOV STANJOVIC, ^{11/24} Mathematics Professor, University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, an acquaintance of NADINE BESTOUGEFF, a French National who arrived in the United States from Paris August 22, 1963, felt BESTOUGEFF was in on the planning of the assassination of the President of the United States or at least knew there was something being planned.

The following investigation concerning NADINE BESTOUGEFF was conducted on November 23, 1963, by SAS JOHN E. SHIMOTA and DANIEL W. FULTS, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mrs. JEANNE OSTER, Director YWCA, 1118 Crawford Street, Houston, made available a record which disclosed the following:

NADINE BESTOUGEFF, born October 8, 1937, single, a graduate of the University of Paris, Paris, France, registered at the YWCA, September 8, 1963, and departed November 11, 1963. Her residence was shown as 214 Boulevard Voltaire, Paris, France, and her parents were indicated as "BESTOUGEFF", 12 Rue Jean Thomas, Eaubonne, France. In Houston she was participating in some training program of the Continental Oil Company, Houston, Texas. She indicated the following references to the YWCA:

Dr. PERVOUCHINE, McGill University,
Montreal, Canada;

Dr. LAZARD, Chemistry Department,
Mt. Sinai Hospital, 5th Avenue at
100 Street, New York City.

Mrs. OSTER advised that NADINE BESTOUGEFF was a model resident at the YWCA, and she was most interested in travel and sight seeing. Mrs. OSTER stated that BESTOUGEFF had spent several days in Mexico for the purpose of sight seeing; and when she left Houston, Texas, on November 11, 1963, she intended to visit in several localities in the United States prior to arriving in New York City. Mrs. OSTER had a recollection that BESTOUGEFF intended to depart the United States from New York City to return to her home in France on or about December 1, 1963. According to Mrs. OSTER, BESTOUGEFF gave no indication of being an individual with tendencies of violence nor was she known to have indicated any strong Communist or other political feelings.

Mr. CHARLES E. BETHEL, JR., Director Petrochemical Market Research, Continental Oil Company, upon interview at his residence, 4839 Warm Springs, Houston, Texas, informed as follows:

NADINE BESTOUGEFF, a French National, was associated without compensation, with Continental Oil Company, Houston, Texas, as a trainee in Market Research Development. She was so associated from approximately September 8, 1963, until approximately November 11, 1963. When leaving Houston, Texas, on the latter date, she intended to arrive in New York City shortly prior to December 1, 1963, the date she planned to depart the United States en route to France. She intended to proceed to New York City by way of Atlanta, Georgia, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan. Her visits to these cities were presumably for sight seeing purposes. This was her first trip to the United States; and when she first arrived in New York City from France, she proceeded directly to Mexico, where she visited for approximately two weeks. She then proceeded to Houston, Texas, from Mexico and entered upon her training with Continental Oil Company. While in

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Houston, Texas, BESTOUGEFF spent a weekend in New Orleans, Louisiana, and she also spent a weekend in Dallas, Texas. According to Mr. BETHEL, these weekend trips were for sight seeing purposes. She was not known to have dated while in Houston, Texas; and she was not known to have had any close friends or associates. Her father is believed to be rather well known in CFR, a French oil company. Miss BESTOUGEFF manifested a genuine interest in her work; and upon her return to France, apparently intended to resume her work in the same field. To the best of Mr. BETHEL's knowledge BESTOUGEFF demonstrated no tendencies of violence, she would not become involved in discussions of Communism or other political subjects and her personal conduct was regarded as most satisfactory.

J. H. BENNETT, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. ADELINE DEAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, Houston, Texas, upon check of their respective records advised nothing could be located identifiable with NADINE BESTOUGEFF.

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JWR:ms

An anonymous call was received in the Houston Office on November 23, 1963, and the caller said that CLARA KEY of 11205 O'Donnell Street has expressed a desire to see the president killed. The caller stated that KEY is a member of the John Birch Society. HOUSTON, TEXAS

On November 23, 1963, Mrs. CLARA BELL KEY was interviewed at a beauty shop operated by her at 11205 O'Donnell Street, Houston, Texas by SAS JAMES W. RUSSELL and DANIEL F. BODINE. Mrs. KEY admitted that she had been a member of the John Birch Society for a short period of time, approximately two months, six or eight months ago. She claimed that she was dis-satisfied because in their discussions they seemed to get nowhere and that she felt the dues paid to this society were simply making someone rich.

Mrs. KEY stated she has different views than the late president on many matters and that she has expressed a belief that he could be beaten in the next presidential election. She denied that she has ever stated to anyone she would like to see him killed. She said that she would never want to see any person killed for any reason as she is certain there are better ways to settle any differences. Mrs. KEY states she has frequently written to congressmen expressing her views and that many people in her neighborhood do not like her because of her views. She stated she recently was of a different opinion from many of her neighbors in regard to the sale of a water district which caused some differences of opinion. Mrs. KEY said she knows of nothing that indicate a plot of any group to cause the death of the late president KENNEDY.

Mrs. KEY is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	<u>November 12, 1904</u>
Place of Birth	<u>Farmersville, Louisiana</u>

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Height	5'5"
Weight	220 pounds
Complexion	Sallow
Build	Very heavy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown
Scars and Marks	Legs show many scars from varicose veins

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This investigation was based upon an anonymous telephone call received at the Houston FBI office at 12:15 AM on November 23, 1963.

The anonymous caller indicated that one JAMES D. McMASTER, an employee of the Post Office Department, Houston, Texas, appeared overly joyous about the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and had commented that this would take care of the racial problem.

B 4-3-K130 Yorkum, Texas

JAMES D. McMASTER, 1445 Confederate, Houston, telephone number HO 8-4590, was interviewed at his home in the presence of his wife, MAXINE, relative to this matter at 9:45 AM on November 23, 1963.

McMASTER stated he had left his home for work a few minutes before 12:30 PM on November 22, 1963, and arrived at the main Post Office in downtown Houston at about 1:00 PM.

He stated that he was shocked and not overjoyed upon hearing of the President's death. He stated that regardless of one's political beliefs, a murder does not correct a situation. He stated he has a good education, that he is a graduate of Texas A & M College, and possibly because he may know more about politics than a lot of people, he had made comments that may have been the cause of this complaint. He stated politically he believes JOHNSON is a moderate and as a result of this, he believes the racial situation will calm down. He further stated he had made comments to this effect.

McMASTER has lived in Houston since January 16, 1963. He started to work with the Post Office on October 12, 1963. Prior to this time he was with the Nestle Candy Company.

He stated if we wished to contact a reference relative to his loyalty we could contact one ALBERT SAEGART who was a former U. S. Marshal under President EISENHOWER and he lives at Seguin, Texas.

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JAMES D. McMASTER was born April 3, 1930, at Yoakum, Texas, his wife is MAXINE, and he has one child, SUSAN, five years of age.

Mr. McMASTER furnished a resume to the FBI.

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At 2:30 PM on November 24, 1963, MARY KATHLEEN GRINDAHL, Unit 37, Chief Motel, Houston, Texas, telephonically contacted the Houston Office and advised that she works for the Philco Houston Operations on a National Aeronautics and Space Administration Contract. She stated that as she left her place of employment on November 23, 1963, she heard men discussing the fact that World Leaders would be gathered in Washington, D. C., for President Kennedy's funeral. She stated that she boarded a Westheimer bus near the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel at about 3:20 PM on November 23, 1963, and heard two men talking on the same subject. One of the men stated that the incident in Dallas was only the first step and the second step would be the bombing of the funeral of President KENNEDY.

GRINDAHL further advised that the men mentioned the "Communist Time Table", which GRINDAHL stated had received publicity some years ago. She stated that the men mentioned it was easier to take over from within than from the outside.

GRINDAHL advised that she could not identify these men since she merely saw them seated on the bus and the only description she could give was that one of the men was wearing a suit.

She stated that if further background concerning her was desired, contact should be made with JOHN R. MURDOCK, former Congressman from Arizona, who is listed in the Washington, D. C., Telephone Directory.

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