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Boston, Massachusetts
November 25, 1963

Assassination of President
JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22,
1963, Dallas, Texas

RE: UNKNOWN TEXAS CHIEF OF
POLICE AND MOTEL MANAGER

JOHN RICARDO, 75 Park Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts on November 25, 1963 advised that he works for himself and is engaged in the reduction of vibration of machinery. During October, 1963 his wife and he were returning to Massachusetts from Tucson, Arizona where they have a son in school and during the course of their trip homeward they passed through Texas during which time he handled some business.

While in Texas they stopped at a motel which was managed by a man, name not known, but who was also the Chief of Police of the small town where the motel is located. On that particular evening the exact date of which he could not remember but which was in October, 1963 he engaged this man in conversation and during the course of this conversation the man was critical of permitting Negroes to have civil rights and was also critical of President KENNEDY. During his conversation the man said something to the effect that "we do not say much in Texas but we take care of things in our own way." RICARDO said that the man in making this comment was referring to the civil rights issue but now in view of the assassination of the President he thinks there might be some connection with the assassination. RICARDO said that he also felt that the assassination had been sanctioned and that there was an organization involved in addition to the suspect OSWALD.

RICARDO said the motel manager did not actually say anything specific which would lead him to reach the above conclusion and he had no proof for actually feeling as he does. RICARDO said he could not recall any additional comments made by the motel manager and he had no additional information pertaining to the conversation.

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RICARDO said the motel owner that he had in mind was about 50 years old, had a Chihuahua dog and his son had a Shetland pony. The motel mentioned by this man was brick in structure, was L shaped, had 20-25 rooms and also had a swimming pool.

He further related that while in Texas he had made several overnight stops but believed the one in question was when he was approximately 100 miles from Dallas, the exact location unknown but in one of the following places where he had stayed on the dates as indicated.

October 8, 1963, within 30 miles of Lamesa, Texas
October 9, 1963 Manor Motel, U. S. Highway 287,
Weslaco, Texas
October 10, 1963, within a few miles of Wichita Falls,
Texas
October 11, 1963 within 20 miles of Gainesville, Texas

Mrs. JOHN RICARDO advised that she had been with her husband on this trip but she too could not remember the name or the location of the motel that her husband had in mind. She said that she had not been in the conversation with the motel manager but did recall that her husband after returning to the motel room had been upset by the man's remarks. She said that she did not know specifically what the man had said but felt that her husband was disturbed to think that this man, a Chief of Police, had spoken as he did.

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