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On December 2, 1963, [redacted] Brentwood Trailer Park, 1100 Industrial Boulevard, Chula Vista, California, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the FBI at San Diego, California.

He is employed as the [redacted] at this trailer park. In August, 1963, he had a conversation with a resident of the trailer park who resides in Trailer Space F-14, one "Lon Bonner". [redacted] Bonner is a white male, age approximately 38, who resides here with his widowed mother. [redacted] Bonner is employed in the Los Angeles, California area.

[redacted] does not recall many specific comments made during this August, 1963 conversation, but does remember that the gist of it was [redacted] Bonner said he had been told by someone that President Kennedy, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, California Governor Edmund Brown and U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren "would be wiped out within a year". [redacted] asked Bonner who told him this, but [redacted] Bonner did not say. Bonner's source of this information is not known to [redacted] but he, [redacted] somehow got the impression the person who had said this to [redacted] Bonner may have been a fellow employee.

After President Kennedy's assassination, [redacted] spoke with [redacted] Bonner and referred to their August, 1963 conversation. Again [redacted] Bonner's source was not identified but [redacted] Bonner did repeat the identity of the same four individuals mentioned in August, 1963, that is President Kennedy, Attorney General Kennedy, Governor Brown and Chief Justice Warren.

[redacted] Bonner resides at this trailer park on week ends, but works in the general Los Angeles area during the week.

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He is a member of Local [11] of some Electrical Workers Union in Los Angeles and his occupation is that of an [electrical lineman.] Currently, he stays at the [Ho Hum Motel, 103 East Coast Highway, Long Beach, California,] and is on the payroll of the [R. S. Schulman Co. of Imperial Street,] Los Angeles. This company is a contractor to the [Edison Electric Company] and [Bonner] is employed at the [Edison Rio Hondo Substation, Long Beach,] California.

After extensive investigation, [Lon Morris Bonner] was located in Apartment 2, 1814 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California. [Bonner] is employed as a [lineman] with the [A. S. Schulman Electric Company,] at the port of Long Beach, at the Edison Substation. [His permanent address is 1100 Industrial Avenue F-14, Chula Vista, California.] He advised as follows:

Approximately four weeks ago while at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #11, [2317 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles,] California, he was in conversation with another member, [Tommy Thompson]. Thompson is a white male, 55 to 60 years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds, gray hair, who lives in Rosemead, California. Further address and job location of Thompson can be obtained through Local #11.

While sitting around at the Local waiting for a job, they talked of many topics and politics entered the conversation. [Bonner] claimed that he did not vote for President Kennedy, which was known to [Thompson], whom he described as a Republican. [Bonner] related that he had no information that [Thompson] belonged to any subversive organizations and neither had he ever heard [Thompson] express indifference to the United States form of Government.

[Bonner] related that he was unable to recall how the conversation came about, but said it was probably due to the fact that they were out of work and blamed the Democratic Administration for the lack of work in their particular field. During the conversation, [Bonner] recalled [Thompson] remarked that, "there were four slated to be

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knocked off". He further claimed that this would occur during the Democratic Convention next year. (Bonner) asked (Thompson) what he meant and (Thompson) replied that President Kennedy, Governor Brown, Chief Justice Warren, and Attorney General Kennedy were the ones he was talking about. (Bonner) then asked (Thompson) where he obtained the information and (Thompson) replied "never mind". Bonner said the conversation was dropped at this time and he has not talked to (Thompson) since the death of the President.

(Bonner) said that following the death of the President he wondered about the remark made by (Thompson) and claimed that in conversation with others in Chula Vista, he probably mentioned to individuals about the remarks made by (Thompson) without stating (Thompson's) name. (Bonner) said that he and (Thompson) were the only two in the conversation at the time of the above remark. (Bonner) had no further information to report regarding this incident.

(James L. Thompson, 3919 North Rosemead Boulevard, Rosemead, California, Telephone No. 288-4037, advised on December 5, 1963 that he is employed by the A. S. Schulman Electric Company, and that he is a member of the Electrical Workers Local #11, 2316 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California. Thompson remarked that he was born June 7, 1900 in Georgia. He said that he is called both Jimmy and Tommy.

He stated that he is very frank and outspoken in his political discussions and that he rants and raves about politics. (Thompson) could not recall any conversation that would create the idea that he knew anything about four men being "knocked off" at the Democratic Convention next year. He said that he has never made any statement to that effect and that if he knew anything whatsoever about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, he would gladly come forward and assist the Government in its investigation. (Thompson) said he could not remember his specific conversation with (Lon Bonner).

(Thompson) remarked that he has frequently voiced his

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Disapproval of the policies of President John F. Kennedy, Governor Brown, Chief Justice Warren and Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He stated he has "cussed" Warren since he was the governor of California. He advised he voted for Kennedy since he was the least of two evils and came to the conclusion that Kennedy was unable to make a definite decision. He said Robert Kennedy has gone "overboard on the civil rights deal". Further, he has never agreed with Governor Brown and in his opinion Chief Justice Warren was wrong in his interpretation of the separation of the church and state and causing schools to eliminate the opening of school with a prayer.

He advised that some people may think he is an extreme rightist because he thinks that this country is going the wrong way. He advised he has made the remark that if he had the power of Hitler or Stalin for six months he would round up all the men that had ever been politicians and that "running all of them into the ocean would be too good for them". It would be his job to shoot them. Thompson explained that sometimes he talks "strong" to people and that he frequently used the above remarks during political discussions. He commented that of course he did not actually mean what he said and he recalled that he had told his insurance agent that "all of them should be rounded up and shot so we can have a little peace". He said his insurance agent then joked back and remarked that all electrical workers should be rounded up and shot. He said neither one of them actually meant what they said.

Thompson reiterated that he could not figure out how Bonner got his ideas. He said he may have made some comment that he did not know how Warren got down to Georgia and back without getting "bumped off". He said that since the assassination he has made the remark that "It is too bad that it was not Robert Kennedy" because he disagrees with Robert's civil rights program.

He concluded by saying that his discussion with Lon Bonner was nothing more than a political discussion and

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that he has no information regarding the shooting of President Kennedy.

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