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To: Chief, U. S. Secret Service

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ELLEN DIRMANN
THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

12/16/63
delivered
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This will confirm information furnished on December 12, 1963, to Mr. Robert I. Bouck, U. S. Secret Service, by Mr. O. H. Bartlett of this Bureau.

[redacted] Slaton School, Slaton, Texas, reported on December 5, 1963, that a person whose name he thought was Mrs. Allen Osborne of New Orleans, Louisiana, occasionally visits Jim Parrickson, a Catholic priest in Slaton. The woman in question claimed to have been a school teacher but retired due to a mental breakdown. [redacted] said she told him that a relative of hers who served in the Marine Corps subsequently defected to Russia, and was living there.

According to [redacted] she told him on November 15, 1963, that when President Kennedy got to Texas he was going to be killed, stating "He will be shot when he gets to Texas. He better be killed or in the next six months this country will be in complete ruin." [redacted] explained that he was passing the information on because due to the woman's mental condition he was afraid she might have been connected with President Kennedy's death or might try to kill President Johnson.

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The Reverend James Erickson (not Parrickson), Catholic priest, Slaton, Texas, identified the individual referred to by [redacted] as [redacted], who lives on a farm near Abita Springs, Louisiana, with her parents, [redacted]. [redacted] is a retired school teacher who was committed to the State Hospital, Mandeville, Louisiana, during 1953.

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- Conrad _____
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Reverend Erickson was aware that [REDACTED] was "intemperate" in her talk and opposed President Kennedy's stand on civil rights matters. He did not recall that she had ever made specific statements regarding the President personally and was of the opinion she directed her remarks at his civil rights program rather than at him as an individual. He stated that on the day of the death of President Kennedy he was with [REDACTED] who showed sympathy for the Kennedy family and referred to the late President as "poor Kennedy." He was definitely of the opinion that [REDACTED] is not dangerous and had no serious thoughts of advocating personal harm for anyone, but she is still mentally unstable and is "not responsible."

Records of the Southeastern Louisiana Hospital, Mandeville, Louisiana, show that [REDACTED] hospital number [REDACTED] a white female, born in 1917, was admitted to the institution from Saint Tammany Parish, Louisiana, on judicial commitment November 28, 1953. She was placed on convalescent status August 6, 1954, and was automatically discharged on August 22, 1955. Hospital records show that on several occasions [REDACTED] assaulted and fought with attendants at the hospital. On release, she was considered to be a schizophrenic-paranoid type characterized by grandiose thinking, feelings of unreality and depersonalization activated by an excited, bizarre behavior with completely delusory ideas.

NOTE: From teletypes re "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka; IS-R-Cuba" from Dallas 12-9-63 & 12-10-63.

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