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JOHN F. KENNEDY
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At 3:45 p.m., December 5, 1963, Mrs. W. L. HAMM, 119 West Magnolia Street, San Antonio, Texas, and who is employed by the Trinity Baptist Church, 300 East Mulberry Street, San Antonio, stated that an individual named GLENN MARKWELL or GLENN MART WELL had called the church several hours previously stating that he had just been transferred to San Antonio from Houston, Texas, by Brown Express and that en route to San Antonio his car was in an accident and demolished and his hillfield lost. He indicated his address as 100 Ninth Street, San Antonio, and stated that his family was coming in by bus and he had no food for them and needed assistance.

Mrs. HAMM advised that MARKWELL informed her that upon his arrival in San Antonio he learned that the Brown Express was laying off men and there was no job and that he had applied for employment at the employment agency. MARKWELL indicated that he had been referred to the Baptist Church by a minister in Houston.

Mrs. HAMM advised that the church checked with Mrs. WILLIE CRAMER, 100 Ninth Street, San Antonio. Mrs. CRAMER indicated that MARKWELL had been roaming the area but had disappeared on the day prior to the assassination of former President KENNEDY and that until the call from

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the church, Mrs. CRAMER had not heard of the subject or seen him. Mrs. CRAMER advised Mrs. HAMM that MARKWELL had informed her that he had once defected to Russia and was also known by the names of ROGER and GEORGE. MARKWELL also informed Mrs. CRAMER that he had gone to Mexico City or Laredo but no reason was given. Mrs. CRAMER stated that MARKWELL was receiving mail under the name of GLENN MART WELL.

Mrs. HAMM was contacted on December 5, 1963, at the Trinity Baptist Church regarding MARKWELL and she stated that she had not met him or even heard of him prior to his telephone call. She stated that when she spoke to him early in the day he appeared to be above average in intelligence, was polite, not demanding, and stated that he was coming over. She informed MARKWELL at this time that the church would be open to give him food until 5:00 p.m., however, this hour came and passed and MARKWELL never showed.

Mrs. HAMM was again contacted at approximately 3:30 p.m. December 6, 1963, and she advised that she had not seen or heard from MARKWELL nor has anyone else at the church.

Mrs. W. E. CRAMER was contacted by telephone on the evening of December 5, 1963, and she advised that she was suffering from a virus infection and laryngitis, which was very noticeable on the telephone and requested that the interview be postponed until the morning of December 6, 1963.

On December 6, 1963, Mrs. W. E. CRAMER, also known as WILLIE CRAMER, was contacted at her residence 100 Ninth Street, San Antonio. She stated that about November 5, 1963, she met a boy who was residing in an apartment next to the building where her apartment is located. She stated that she understood he first took occupancy of his apartment around November 1, 1963. She

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advised that after he had introduced himself to her as GEORGE MARKWELL he asked permission to use her telephone. She stated that he used it a number of times and said he was calling his girlfriend but she has no idea of the number he was calling or the identity of the girlfriend. He also informed Mrs. CRAMER that he was a Baptist preacher and had come to San Antonio from Dallas, Texas, where he worked as a night club entertainer and singer. He stated that he sang hillbilly songs. He advised that he also wrote songs and was getting a check on the royalties from his songs but that for some unknown reason the last two checks had not caught up with him. He said that he had served in the U. S. Armed Forces and had an honorable discharge. He said that he had been caught by the Communists in Viet Nam while serving in the U. S. Armed Forces and held prisoner for nearly two years. He claimed that he was finally able to effect his escape and was returned to the United States and discharged, around July, 1963. MARKWELL stated that he had killed two Communist guards in an effort to effect his escape from prisoner of war camp. He advised that he was short of funds and Mrs. CRAMER suggested that he contact the American Legion for assistance but he said they were not worth the space they take up. He stated that while en route to San Antonio he had had an accident and his car was almost completely destroyed and it was presently in a garage but did not say where. He advised that he has been working for a trucking company but did not say where. He said that some people call him GEORGE MARKWELL, but that his correct name is ROGER MARKWELL. Mrs. CRAMER claimed that he had disappeared from his residence on November 8, 1963 for three days, again on November 11, 1963, and the last time November 17, 1963, and has not returned since that time. When she queried him as to where he goes he stated that he had gone to Laredo, Texas, across the border from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on business. She also said that when he left the last time

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he had taken with him a blanket, sheet, pillow, and pillow case which she had loaned him and it has not been returned. She advised that she had given him food on several occasions.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that on one occasion a Mrs. SLIGH, a neighbor of Mrs. CRAMER, had been visiting with her when MARKWELL came in. Mrs. SLIGH played the piano and MARKWELL sang many songs, most of them hymns. He knew the words to all of them.

Mrs. CRAMER described MARKWELL as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	27 years, approximately
Height	5'8", but is not certain
Weight	about 140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Languages	English, which he spoke "beautifully"

Mrs. CRAMER advised that she never mentioned to anyone that MARKWELL had been stationed in or defected to Russia at anytime. She did state that he had been imprisoned by the Communist at Viet Nam.

On December 6, 1963, Mrs. HELEN SLIGH, 100 Ninth Street, San Antonio, Texas, was interviewed and advised as follows:

She advised that she is an employed at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio. She stated that during the first week of November, 1963, she met a young man who was

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residing in the apartment which is next to hers, but is located on Arison Drive. This person is either ROGER or GEORGE MARKWELL or POWER or GEORGE BROCKWELL; she is not certain which. He appeared to be a very lonely type of person who desired company. She stated that in several conversations had with him she learned that he is a graduate of a Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and knew the Bible from cover to cover. He could quote passages from the Bible, giving verse and chapter. He stated that he had been a religious type of person because his father was "an odd type of person." He stated that his parents separated when he was a child and he was sent to an orphanage to be reared. He stated that he had been in the U. S. Army and served most of his time in Viet Nam where he had been captured and was imprisoned for a long time. He claimed to have worked for a "transfer company" in Dallas, Texas, and had quit to come to San Antonio where his girlfriend resided. He later informed Mrs. SLIGH that he broke up with his girlfriend after she "stood up" on two occasions.

With reference to his trips Mrs. SLIGH advised that he had only gone away one week and told her that he had gone to Eagle Pass, Texas, to visit a friend about trying to "peddle" a some of goods. The next time he left was about November 10, 1963, and he has not returned since that date.

Mrs. SLIGH advised that MARKWELL has an excellent vocabulary, well trained, good education, very fine type of person, but a little confused. Something appears to be always worrying him. She also advised that he liked poetry and wrote some himself.

Mrs. SLIGH described MARKWELL as follows:

Race

White

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Sex	Male
Age	24, would be 25, December 20, 1963
Height	6' to 6'1"
Weight	160 to 175 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Either green or blue
Complexion	Medium

Mrs. SLIGH stated that in her opinion MARKWELL left because he could not pay his bill and did not want to embarrass anyone.

Mrs. SLIGH advised that Mrs. CRAMER is old and at times imagines things. She is kind-hearted but often gets confused on date. Mrs. SLIGH advised MARKWELL at no time ever mentioned to her being in or near Russia and appeared to be very anti-Communist in his belief.

On December 6, 1963, Mrs. TERRY HUFF, 318 Arden Drive, San Antonio, advised that she is the owner of the apartment which ROGER MARKWELL rented from her on October 31, 1963, at \$35.00 per month. He paid for two weeks and then left on November 15, 1963, after telling her that he could not meet the next week's rent. He stated that he had had some bad luck, and had been in an automobile accident and that his car was being repaired and it took all of his money to pay this bill. Mrs. HUFF advised the address of the apartment where MARKWELL resided is 201 Arden Drive, San Antonio.

A check was made with the Salvation Army in San Antonio on December 6, 1963, and the manager, WALTER MARLIN, advised that they have had no one by the name of MARKWELL, MARTWELL, or BROCKWELL during the month of November, 1963, or up through December 6, 1963.

A check was made at the San Antonio Police Department, Identification Section, and the San Antonio

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Retail Merchants Credit Association, and both of these met with negative results.

On December 6, 1963, Mrs. STAZIE TAFOLLA, Texas Employment Commission, 406 N. Main Street, San Antonio, advised that a review of their files reflect that ROGER GLENN MARKWELL was registered with them since November 1, 1963. He listed his San Antonio address as 420 E. Quincy Street. His Social Security Number is 469-55-7515. The records reflect that he served in the U. S. Navy from July 13, 1961, until Jan. 13, 1962, when he was given an honorable discharge. While in the Navy he had the title of Yeoman's Clerk, and did general office work. For five years prior to his entrance into the U. S. Navy he worked for Mueller Truck Line, 242 Casa Manle, Mesa, Arizona, possible Second Mesa. He advised the Texas Employment Commission he wanted to locate permanently in San Antonio. He also stated that he has a valid drivers license but did not say for which state. He also claimed to own a car.

The Texas Employment Commission's records describe MARKWELL as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 20, 1937
Place of Birth	Not listed
Height	6'2"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown

MARKWELL advised the Texas Employment Commission, he had attended elementary and high schools in Phoenix, Arizona. He also advised that of November 1, 1963, he had been in San Antonio for about two weeks.

A check of 420 E. Quincy Street, San Antonio, reflects that it is occupied by Miss OPHELIA BLUM. Miss BLUM was contacted and she advised that she has never

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hears of MARSHALL in accordance with his description.
She states that she does not take in roomers and has
lived in the neighborhood for over twenty-four years.