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[redacted]
[Lafayette, Louisiana] advised Special Agent Leland A. Lynn on December 16, 1963 that approximately two months ago [he was working as an electrician at] the Phillips 66 Plant in Baytown, Texas. [Assisting him] on the job was one [Hubert Gardner, who was originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, but who presently resides in Houston, Texas with his wife and two children. Gardner and [redacted] are members of Local 861, Electricians] Union of Lake Charles. This Local was instrumental in] securing the job for them at Baytown. While in Baytown, [they stayed at the Blue Bonnet Courts.]

[redacted] stated that about two months ago, while working at the plant in Baytown, Mr. Gardner made the statement in his presence that either "I'm going to take a crack at the President" or "Someone was going to take a crack at the President." [redacted] stated this statement did not mean much to him at the time and he wanted to report this information before but he was unable to recall Gardner's name until several days ago.

[redacted] advised that Gardner is a very obnoxious person and repeatedly spoke out against President Kennedy and his brothers. He is a strong segregationist and Gardner also made the statement that he carried ammunition in his car. [redacted] said he never saw a gun or ammunition in Gardner's car nor did Gardner identify the ammunition. Mr. Gardner drives an

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old model car but [REDACTED] was unable to recall the make and model of the car.

Mr. Gardner is also a member of the Galveston-Houston, Texas Local Electricians' Union. Mr. E. T. Browning is Vice President of Local 861, Lake Charles, and he is also the brother-in-law of Gardner. [REDACTED] stated he departed Baytown shortly after Gardner made the statement regarding the President. [No other person was present when the statement was made. [REDACTED] first met Mr. Gardner while working at the Phillips 66 Plant and he has not seen Mr. Gardner since that time.]

Gardner is described as a white male, 55 years of age, 167 pounds and 6' tall.

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