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HUBERT GARDNER

On December 31, 1963, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Lake Charles, Ryan Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised that a file has been maintained in that office on Hubert Justice Gardner since May, 1943. She stated the file reflects that he is the husband of Ora Mae Gardner and they have two children. She said his employment is that of Electrician with construction crews and works out of the local Electrical Workers Union in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She said his last known address, which was verified in July, 1963, was Post Office Box 925, Sulphur, Louisiana. [REDACTED] stated that Gardner has had [numerous collection accounts referred to] [that office; was sued on an obligation in 1957 and in that] [same year had one repossession suit filed against him. She] [stated he has an unsatisfactory credit rating.]

[REDACTED] stated Gardner has resided at 724 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, in 1961; in Longville, Louisiana in 1963; in Sturgis, South Dakota in 1962 and at 1002 Mc Neese Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana in October, 1962.

[REDACTED] stated that Gardner, whose age is shown to be 60, was formerly employed at Briggs Plumbing Company, Lake Charles, in 1958; at the C.C. Electric Company, Lake Charles, no date shown and at Continental Oil Company, Lake Charles, no date shown.

She stated that on September 17, 1960, Gardner filed a non-responsibility notice for debts incurred by anyone other than himself, but that there is no indication that he ever obtained a divorce, even though a legal separation was filed by him against his wife in February, 1959.

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On December 31, 1963, Richard Roberts, Superintendent, Identification Bureau, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised that Hubert Justice Gardner, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office Number [REDACTED]

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He further said that the files of that office reveal that Gardner was fingerprinted as an applicant by the M. W. Kellogg Company, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on September 25, 1942 and again on August 18, 1943.

Mr. Roberts said that Gardner is a white male, 60 years of age, birth date not reflected, 5'11", 165 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, electrician by trade, and has FBI number [REDACTED]. He stated he has fingerprint classification 17 9 U 001 5. He said the
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file reflects Gardner has a brother, William Day Gardner, Mobile, Alabama.

On December 31, 1963, Mrs. Ruby Stratton, Identification Clerk, Lake Charles Police Department, advised that files of that office reflect no record of Gardner.

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On January 2, 1964, [REDACTED] Secretary, Electrical Workers Local #861, 611 Broad Street, advised that Hubert J. Gardner works out of that local and at the present time is working on a job at the Continental Oil Company, Westlake, Louisiana. She said he is employed as an electrician by Vincent Electrical Company, Sulphur, Louisiana, which company is a sub-contractor of Continental Oil Company.

On January 2, 1964, Hubert Justice Gardner was interviewed by FBI Agents at the Continental Oil Company, Westlake, Louisiana, at which time he advised that during approximately October, 1963, he was employed as an electrician at the Phillips 66 Plant, Baytown, Texas. Gardner stated he, like many others in his profession, has not been satisfied with the present availability of jobs and that frequently they discussed the poor situation in which they found themselves. He said he travels on jobs almost constantly, and is never on a given job more than a week or so. He said he has protested this situation and has made the statement that he felt that President JOHN F. KENNEDY was responsible for this situation. He said he has never made the statement "I'm going to take a crack at the President" or "Someone is going to take a crack at the President" in the sense that someone was going to cause bodily harm to the President. He said someone might have misinterpreted any such statement, but that if he said anything similar to that statement, he only meant he was going to make some nasty comments about the President.

Gardner said he is a loyal American citizen and deplors the death of the President. He said he has no knowledge of the President's death other than what he has heard through news media.

Gardner said he formerly had a 1956 Oldsmobile which he left in Baytown, Texas, a total wreck. He said he has carried .22 caliber ammunition and .410 gauge shotgun shells in this vehicle, because he likes to hunt. He said his daughter, Gena, owns a pump action .22 caliber rifle and a pump action .410 gauge shotgun, but that he owns no guns of any description. He said that any ammunition that might have been in his car at Baytown was for hunting purposes and nothing more.

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Mr. Gardner stated that he does not recall where he was when the President was killed but believes he was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on a job. He said that to the best of his recollection, he left Baytown, Texas, about the middle of November, 1963, and went on a job out of Local #1141, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Oklahoma City. He said that job was on a motel, name not recalled, located on the outskirts of the city and that he was on the job for about one week. He said he then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he worked out of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local #130, as a journeyman wireman for about four or five days.

Mr. Gardner said that if he was not in Oklahoma City when the President was killed, then he must have been in New Orleans. He said he has not been in Dallas, Texas, for several years.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Hubert Gardner

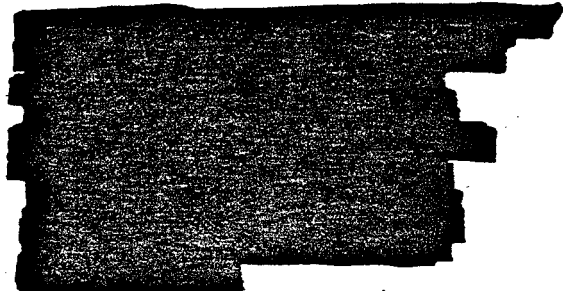
Name	HUBERT JUSTICE GARDNER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	60
Date of birth	January 10, 1903
Place of birth	Vervina, Alabama
Height	5'11½"
Weight	154 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, graying
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Education	8th grade
Military service	None
Marital status	Divorced
Occupation	Electrician
Social Security	No. 408-26-4019
Relatives	ORA MAE REED, ex-wife, 202 Stratford Street Houston, Texas GENA GARDNER, age 13, daughter, same address as mother KATHY GARDNER, age 10, same address as mother

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Residence address

States he is transient electrician and never has a permanent mailing address. He said he can be located through the Electrical Workers Local #861, 611 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Arrests



Admits no other arrests.

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