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WALTER JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

On December 20, 1963, Mr. Miles Johnsen, 117 Ridgemount, San Antonio, Texas, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been visiting a relative, Willard Courville, in Sunset, Louisiana. While in Sunset, he had heard that a few days before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, a man who was a salesman, called at the Western Auto Store in Sunset and told Mabry Romero, the manager of the store, that they had originally planned to "get Kennedy" in New Orleans in March of this year, but that it was raining and the bubble was up in the car.

On December 21, 1963, Mr. Mabry Romero, 110 Dolores Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, employed as the manager of the Western Auto Store, Sunset, Louisiana, advised that in the early part of 1963 Walter Schneider who is a sales representative for the Pioneer Gen-E-Motor Corporation, 5841-39 Dickens Avenue, Chicago 39, Illinois, and who operates the Schneider Lawn Supply, 3101 Banks Street, New Orleans, had visited the Western Auto Store in Sunset in an effort to sell some lawn mowers. During conversation with Schneider, Romero stated that Schneider had been very critical of President John F. Kennedy. Schneider advised that he was from Mississippi and was very bitter about what had happened at Oxford, Mississippi, and stated that Kennedy should leave Mississippi alone and do something about Cuba. He stated that he belonged to an organization and that "they" could just pull a name out and have a man killed. Schneider said that they had "missed him" (referring to Kennedy) at New Orleans and Romero stated that he got the impression that "they" had planned to kill him while he was in New Orleans.

Romero stated he did not believe that Schneider

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had stated why they did not "get him" and had not indicated that they planned to try to do anything to Kennedy in the future. Romero advised that Schneider did not mention the identity of the organization he had referred to.

Romero advised that after the assassination of President Kennedy he had thought about Schneider's remarks and connected the fact that Schneider was from New Orleans and that Lee Harvey Oswald had resided in New Orleans with the fact that Jack Ruby was from Chicago and the company that Schneider represented was from Chicago and he thought that perhaps there was some connection with the statements made by Schneider with the assassination of President Kennedy.

On December 21, 1963, Mr. Wilbert Leger, Route #1, Box 15, Sunset, Louisiana, who is employed at the Western Auto Store, Sunset, Louisiana, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been present when Schneider had visited the store in the early part of the year and had heard him make some statement regarding President John F. Kennedy. He stated that about two weeks ago Schneider had again called on the store that sells lawn mowers and he had said to Schneider that he was a good prognosticator, referring to President Kennedy's assassination. Schneider said, "It had to happen sooner or later, you just can't expect to keep pushing people around." Schneider said that Kennedy had lived a violent life and had died violently. Schneider said that he spoke and preached against communism "all the time."

On January 6, 1964, Mr. Walter Joseph Schneider, 880 Pontalba Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and owner of Schneider's Lawn Supply Company, 3424 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he never told anyone that he belonged to an organization that could just pull a name out and have a man killed. He said he never told anyone that they had missed President Kennedy at New Orleans during his visit here, nor did he ever state that "they" had planned to kill President Kennedy in New Orleans.

Schneider advised that he is a manufacturer's

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representative for Pincor, of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the only organization that he belongs to is the Citizen's Council, 509 Delta Building, New Orleans; Benevolent Knights of America, New Orleans; Catholic Knights of America, Metairie; Disabled American Veterans, John April Chapter, Metairie; and American Legion, Brunner Post, 5518 Magazine Street, New Orleans.

The following information and description of Schneider was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Walter Joseph Schneider
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	7/15/20
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	5'11"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Military Service	Veteran, Air Force, World War II (SN 18134025)
Marital Status	Married, wife Harriet Latour
Children	Walter, Jr., age 16 Susan Elizabeth, age 11 Kevin Peter, age 4 months

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