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[REDACTED] advised on June 22, 1964, that he has been acquainted with James M. O'Brien, who he also knows as Mike O'Brien and J. F. Hugh O'Brien, since approximately [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] O'Brien purchased a 1955 DeSoto from [REDACTED]. He stated that O'Brien at that time was staying at the Douglas Hotel in Elgin.

[REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] records show that O'Brien, on December 5, 1962, gave an address of in care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Tennessee. He stated that on October 25, 1962, his records show that Dr. Guy M. Francis of the Earl Campbell Hospital, 525 Callie Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, treated O'Brien in Chattanooga. He stated he recalls sending some money to O'Brien while he was in the hospital, which O'Brien has never repaid. He stated that when O'Brien purchased the automobile from him, he gave a reference as J. O'Dell, 1515 Melrose Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

[REDACTED] related that O'Brien has no relatives in Elgin and O'Brien, in conversations with him in the past,

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told him that he is a professional card player and has no legal residence. He stated that sometime in 1962, to the best of his recollection, O'Brien was either arrested by the Sheriff's Office somewhere in Iowa or the State of Wisconsin and was sentenced to three or four months in one of the above two states charged with cheating in a game. [redacted] stated that he knows nothing additional concerning the background of this arrest, and the only information he obtained concerning this was directly from O'Brien.

It was related by [redacted] that he has not seen O'Brien or heard from O'Brien since approximately the summer of 1963, when O'Brien passed through Elgin, Illinois, alone and stopped at the Highland Avenue Motors and conversed with him for awhile. He stated he knows nothing concerning any statements made by O'Brien concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, and has no additional information than that set out above concerning O'Brien.

Chris J. Chamales, Manager, Douglas Hotel, Elgin, Illinois, advised on June 23, 1964, that he has no additional information concerning James M. O'Brien since last contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.