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the hospital for about eleven years. He said that JAMES T. BRAY is one of the finest employees of the hospital. BRAY's wife, FELMA, is a registered nurse, and she is employed at JOHN ANDREWS Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama. He has known her for six years, and she is a fine individual, who has always displayed common sense. Dr. EDWARD T. BRAY, brother of JAMES T. BRAY, is a veterinarian at Tuskegee Institute, and he is likewise of excellent character and reputation.

Mrs. CORRIE WILLIAMS, 807 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, on July 1, 1964, advised that she has lived at this address for thirty years, and she does not know anyone by the name of Mrs. JAMES F. BLACK.

A letter was received from EUGENIA J. WILLIAMS, 807 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Montgomery, Alabama, and postmarked July 3, 1964. She referred to the fact that she had made telephone calls concerning the wife of JAMES T. BRAYE, Tuskegee, Alabama, and she advised that if it was desired to question her in person, she should be asked for by her maiden name, EUGENIA J. WILLIAMS.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at Mobile, Alabama reflect that on April 28, 1964 EUGENIA JOYCE WILLIAMS, 807 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, Alabama, telephoned Special Agent SPENCER H. ROBB at Montgomery, Alabama. She informed that she was approaching a "permanent helpless state" and needed brain surgery. She wanted the Federal Bureau of Investigation to recommend a neurologist, or a brain surgeon. When informed by Special Agent ROBB that he could make no such recommendation, she requested permission from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to contact a brain surgeon. She was told that this permission was not necessary, but she repeated for approximately fifteen minutes that she was approaching a "permanent helpless state" and felt that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should help her contact a brain surgeon.

On July 7, 1964, Miss EUGENIA JOYCE WILLIAMS, 807 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, Alabama, was interviewed at Tuskegee, Alabama by Special Agent RONALD L. McLANAHAN in the presence of her mother, Mrs. CORRIE WILLIAMS, and sister,

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Miss LOIS WILLIAMS. She stated that she was first married to JAMES R. BLACK, and was later married to JAMES T. BRAY, of Tuskegee, Alabama. She said that she had made numerous telephone calls to the Federal Bureau Of Investigation under the name of Mrs. JAMES R. BLACK.

She told of being contacted by Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and Senator TED KENNEDY at her home shortly after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. She claimed that they told her they knew she had participated in a plot to assassinate President KENNEDY, and that her husband, JAMES T. BRAY, was aware of same. She said that she had heard her name mentioned over the radio and television, being accused of being responsible for President KENNEDY's death. She said that, obviously, it was the present Mrs. JAMES T. BRAY ALA. they were referring to, and not to her. She made the numerous telephone calls, as she wanted people to know that she did not have anything to do with the death of President KENNEDY.

On July 7, 1964, Mrs. CORRIE WILLIAMS, 807 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, Alabama, advised that she had not known that her daughter, EUGENIA, had been making these telephone calls. She said that EUGENIA JOYCE WILLIAMS has been mentally ill for the past fourteen years, and she had been a patient at South Oakes Mental Hospital, Amityville, New York, in 1961, and she is presently under psychiatric treatment. She said that EUGENIA appeared normal at times. She has been under the care of Dr. CHARLES R. F. BEALI, Psychiatrist, Atlanta, Georgia, for the past few years. She said that EUGENIA has never been married, and she does not know why EUGENIA chose to make accusations against Mr. and Mrs. JAMES T. BRAY, other than the fact that Mr. BRAY works at the VAH in Tuskegee, Alabama, where EUGENIA worked as a typist for a few months in around 1956.

She stated that her daughter is not dangerous, and she will try to prevent her from making any further telephone calls concerning this matter.

She advised that EUGENIA JOYCE WILLIAMS is a Negro female, and that EUGENIA was born on February 4, 1930 at Birmingham, Alabama.

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Re: MELVIN GOODMAN.

On July 27, 1964, an individual telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and identified herself as a supervisor of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois. This individual stated that a Mrs. WERNICK stated she had some information concerning the assassination of the President; that her 13-year-old child is in danger; and that she is not mentally disturbed. This telephone company supervisor stated she had determined Mrs. WERNICK's telephone number was CO 7-7344, located at 5005 North Lawndale, Chicago. The telephone is listed to Rabbi MOSHE WERNICK.

Mrs. MOSHE (GOLDIE I.) WERNICK, 5005 North Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR., on July 27, 1964. Mrs. WERNICK, at the time of this interview, was very upset and appeared to be in a rather confused state inasmuch as she talked very incoherently. Mrs. WERNICK stated she was very worried and in fear for her 13-year-old son. She stated that her mother had recently passed away, and she is presently in a state of mourning in connection with this death. Mrs. WERNICK stated her husband is Rabbi MOSHE WERNICK, and that he is aware of what is "happening" to her son, but he feels that she, Mrs. WERNICK, is "insane." Mrs. WERNICK stated that she has been in mental institutions in the past and has suffered from mental disorders. She stated, however, she did not consider herself mentally insane, and believes that many people are plotting against her and her son.

Mrs. WERNICK stated that Mr. MELVIN GOODMAN, Administrator at the Jewish University of America, Skokie, Illinois, is trying to poison her son by causing employees at the cafeteria where her son attends school to place poison in her son's

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food. According to Mrs. WERNICK, the Jewish University of America is located at 7135 Carpenter, Skokie, Illinois, and Mr. GOODMAN's home address is 5444 Brummel, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. WERNICK stated that Mr. GOODMAN came to the Chicago area from Texas, place unknown, but she felt it must have been Dallas since she believes most of the Jewish people in Texas reside in Dallas. She stated that since Mr. GOODMAN was from Texas, and since he is involved in efforts to poison her son, she feels that he is possibly connected in some way with the assassination of the President. Mrs. WERNICK, when asked her reasons in connection with this allegation, stated that she could comment no further concerning this.

At this point in the interview, Mrs. WERNICK became very emotional in her conversation and kept commenting that many people were trying to do away with her and her son. These comments were incoherent.

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Re: LEE GUNNELLS

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On July 14, 1964, an individual identifying himself as HORACE BURNETT, 3636 Wendelkin, Dallas, Texas, residence telephone HA 8-1147, business telephone RI 7-7274, telephonically advised SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN that LEE GUNNELLS, an employee at Alford's Refrigerated Warehouses, Inc., 318 Cadiz, Dallas, Texas, owned a rifle like that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and, that on the day President KENNEDY was assassinated, GUNNELLS left the warehouse an hour before the assassination. After the assassination, BURNETT stated he saw GUNNELLS put the rifle in the trunk of the car owned by GUNNELLS, which was parked next to the warehouse where he was employed.

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LEE GUNNELLS, employee of Alford's Refrigerated Warehouses, Incorporated, 318 Cadiz, Dallas, with residence address of 2622 Stevenson Street, Dallas, telephone HA 8-8676, advised he is semi-retired and has been employed by Mr. ALFORD for approximately 40 years. On November 22, 1963, according to GUNNELLS, he reported for work at 6:00 a.m. and around noon, at the request of Mr. ALFORD's secretary, Mrs. A. E. CRAFT, drove in his personally owned 1953 Pontiac automobile to Illinois and Hampton Streets where he picked up a corsage for Mrs. CRAFT's son. He drove back to the warehouse and as he entered Mrs. CRAFT's office, she was crying and commented President KENNEDY had just been shot. GUNNELLS advised he was gone approximately 35 minutes on this trip. He advised he did not own a rifle and had not been in the vicinity of the Texas School Book Depository on November 22, 1963. The following is a description of GUNNELLS:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	June 25, 1895
Height	6'4"
Weight	245 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Heavy
Occupation	Semi-retired; semi-invalid from heart trouble and arthritis.

on 7/21/64 at Dallas, TexasFile # DL 89-43by Special Agent WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN:vmDate dictated 7/21/64

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Mrs. A. E. CRAFT advised she is employed as Personal Secretary to Mr. ALFORD, owner of Alford's Refrigerated Warehouses, Incorporated, 318 Cadiz. She stated that on November 22, 1963, just before noon, she sent a LEE GUNNELLS, who was errand boy for the warehouses and who is semi-retired, to a florist in Oak Cliff at the corner of Illinois and Hampton Streets to pick up a corsage for her son who was to attend a football game on the night of November 22, 1963, with a girl friend. Approximately five minutes after Mrs. CRAFT had received the news over the radio that President KENNEDY had been shot, LEE GUNNELLS walked into her office with the corsage.

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RE: INFORMATION FROM RUSSELL HOWLAND

The following information is the basis for the investigation contained on pages 7-10 of the report of SA W. C. HENDRICKS, Jr., dated June 18, 1964, at New Haven, Connecticut, captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD - INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA.

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On November 30, 1963, SA ERNEST F. KIEFFER, Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, Washington, D.C. advised as follows:

One RUSSELL HOWLAND, 363 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number ST 9-6991, had telephoned the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters at Washington, D.C. on this date and stated that three weeks before the President was assassinated he had learned that the President would be assassinated if he went to Texas. HOWLAND stated he was a taxi cab driver working nights and would be home until 4:00 P.M. on this date.

On November 30, 1963, RUSSELL HOWLAND, 363 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents of the New York Office at his apartment. He stated that he was a cab driver employed by Marby Operating Company, 1882 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He advised that approximately ten days prior to the assassination a fellow cab driver named MURDOCK had told him that a relative of his received a letter from a student in Texas to the effect that if the President comes to Texas he may be assassinated. He stated that the day after the assassination MURDOCK mentioned it again but did not elaborate.

On November 30, 1963, PERRY MURDOCK, Apartment 4, 203 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed and advised that he was employed by the Marby Operating Company, 1882 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, as a cab driver. He stated he made no such statements prior to the President's assassination. He also advised that the day after the assassination his nephew, WAIVER MURDOCK, Apartment 6, 203 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had mentioned to him that someone had received a letter from a student in Texas that stated it would be dangerous for the President to come

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to Dallas, Texas. PERRY MURDOCK stated that he repeated this story to various passengers in his cab during a general discussion about the assassination.

WALTER MURDOCK, Apartment 6, 203 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed on November 30, 1963, in his uncle's apartment. He stated that on November 23, 1963, his son pointed out an article in the November 23, 1963 edition of the "New York Journal American" newspaper.

This article revealed that a woman in New Haven, Connecticut, had received a letter from her son who was a student at a college in Dallas, Texas. He stated that this student told his mother that it would be dangerous for the President to come to Dallas, Texas, in view of the treatment that ADLAI STEVENSON had received there recently. He stated that this student went on to say that the President might be assassinated.

Mr. WALTER MURDOCK advised that he had mentioned this article to his uncle, PERRY MURDOCK, who is a cab driver, on November 23, 1963.

The following article appeared in the November 23, 1963 edition of the "New York Journal American":

"DALLAS MANIACS MAY KILL HIM..."

'New Haven, Conn., Nov. 23 (AP)—A student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas noted in a letter to his mother Wednesday that President Kennedy was coming to the city, and wrote prophetically: 'Ten to one he'll be assassinated by some of these Dallas maniacs!' The letter, received by Mrs. R. D. Rose of New Haven Thursday from her son, Robert, added: 'After the Stevenson incident I'm seriously worried about his safety!' Mrs. Rose was referring to a recent incident in Dallas when Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was spat on and hit by a placard carried by a picket.'

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Re: BOYCE LINDY JOHNSON

The following information supplements that appearing in the report of Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, June 19, 1964, Dallas, on pages 66 - 80, under the subcaption, "Information from GEORGE COLTON Regarding Unknown Subject, Also Known As Argoski, Agroski, Yansen, Yannen, at Capitol House Motel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

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MAE COOPER, Cashier, Hunt Room ~~Jack Tarr Capitol~~
House Hotel, was previously interviewed on May 6, 1964 at
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by SAs EARL R. PETERSEN and ALVIN
J. ZILMERMAN regarding an unidentified white male who allegedly
made some comments regarding the assassination of President
KENNEDY. At the time of this interview, Miss COOPER was
requested to contact the Baton Rouge Resident Agency in the
event this individual should return.

On June 25, 1964, Captain MILTON L. MARTIN, Baton
Rouge Police Department, telephonically contacted the Baton
Rouge Resident Agency and advised that he had been contacted
on this date by MAE COOPER of the Jack Tarr Capitol House
Hotel and informed that an unknown white male, who had made
comments regarding the assassination of the President was
at the hotel at that time. On June 25, 1964, SA MICHAEL
BARON and SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD went to the hotel and
contacted BOYCE LINDY JOHNSON, however due to his intoxicated
condition he was not interviewed.

His name and address were obtained and arrangements
were made to interview JOHNSON at a later date.

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BOYCE LINDY JOHNSON, 2630 Tecumseh Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed by MICHAEL BARON and ELMER B. LITCHFIELD, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told by SA BARON that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to have an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to induce him to make this statement.

JOHNSON advised that he did not recall making any statements in the Hunt Room, Capitol House Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY; however, he stated that he may have very well done so while in a "drunken" condition. He advised that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

JOHNSON advised that he could furnish no information regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	BOYCE LINDY JOHNSON
Address	2640 Tecumseh Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	June 13, 1929 Sontag, Mississippi
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Education	6th grade
Occupation	Seaman, Tugboat Skipper (Coastal Marine Transport, Port Allen, Louisiana)

On 6/27/64 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # DL 89-43
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by SA MICHAEL BARON AND
SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD:jw:mh:man Date dictated 6/29/64

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Military Service	U. S. Army, September, 1950 to November, 1954 U. S. Air Force, September, 1947 to September, 1950
Marital status	Separated, ELIZABETH SPAULDING JOHNSON, Townsend, Mississippi
Scars and marks	Air Force tattoos, upper right and left arms
Social Security #	427-38-6370
Coast Guard #	114942-D1
Mother	JULIA JOHNSON, 2640 Tecumseh Street, Baton Rouge, L..

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RE: WILLIAM BELL KRAFT

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By letter dated June 2, 1964, Mr. LARRY TEMPLE, Administrative Assistant, Executive Department, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, forwarded to the San Antonio FBI Office a letter from one WILLIAM BELL KRAFT, 3855 Rutherford Street, Cakleigh, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is to be noted that the letter is a registered letter addressed to "His Excellency, Mr. JOHN B. CONNALLY, Governor, State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas." The letter was received in the Governor's Office, Executive Department, on May 29, 1964. This letter reads as follows:

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. JOHN B. CONNALLY,
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

"I AM HEREBY INFORMING YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE CONSPIRACY, PLOT OR WHATEVER YOU WISH TO CALL IT, TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, YOURSELF, AND OTHERS HAD ITS ORIGIN RIGHT HERE IN HARRISBURG, PA. THAT THE SIGNALS FOR CARRING OUT SAID ACTION WERE SENT FROM HARRISBURG, PA., THAT THE CONSPIRACY IS STILL NOTICEABLY ACTIVE, AND UNLESS FEDERAL ACTION IS EVENT IN THIS STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, SAY SUCH AS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CORPORATE AND POLITICAL OFFICIALS, MORE OF SAME CAN ALMOST BE EXPECTED TO HAPPEN.

"FOR FIFTY YEARS I HAVE BEEN PUZZLED BY CERTAIN TURNS OF EVENTS, AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE SEEMINGLY MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS. THIS UNTIL MY SISTER WAS TERRORIZED INTO A FORCED MARRIAGE RAPE CONDITION, KIDNAPED, AND BY A REPUBLICAN SOFT SOAP PROCESS, ALMOST PAID WITH HER LIFE AS DID HER MOTHER.

"FOR YOUR STUDY I ENCLOSE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A DEATH CERTIFICATE, ONE OF MY MOTHER AND ONE OF MY SISTER. INNOCENT

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BOTH, BUT THE SOURCE OF CONFUSION THAT
MAKES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ABLE TO HIDE
ITS ENORMITY OF CRIME AND OUTLAWRY
ARE RIGHT HERE, AND I AM NOW AWARE
THAT IT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER
FIFTY YEARS.

"THREE OF US LEFT IN THIS
FAMILY, AND I SPEAK FOR ALL THREE,
MY SISTER, MY BROTHER, AND MYSELF.

"SINCERELY YOURS, /s/ WILLIAM BELL KRAFT
"WILLIAM BELL KRAFT,
"3855 RUTHERFORD ST.,
"OAKLEIGH HARRISBURG, PA.

"OVER"

The reverse side of the letter bears the following
information:

"FROM WILLIAM BELL KRAFT,
"3855 RUTHERFORD ST.,
"OAKLEIGH, HARRISBURG, PA.

"/s/ WILLIAM BELL KRAFT,
"3855 Rutherford St.,
"Oakleigh, Harrisburg, Pa."

Date 7/1/64

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WILLIAM BELL KRAFT, 3855 Rutherford Street, Oakleigh, advised he wrote a letter to Governor JOHN B. CONNALLY, of the State of Texas, recently, in which he enclosed the Pennsylvania death certificate of his mother and the birth certificate of his sister.

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KRAFT alleged that the Republican Party in Harrisburg, Pa., is responsible for crimes of great enormity. The Republican Party is a timing device which is able at will to sink ships, blow up airplanes, commit mass murders, and every other heinous crime imaginable.

The Republican Party was responsible for the marriage rape of KRAFT's sister and her butchered operation performed on her some years ago.

KRAFT was unable to state specific instances of Republican Party crimes and atrocities, and was vague and irrational in his rambling conversation.

KRAFT advised he is 57 years of age and retired from his former employment with Binghamton Warehouse and Terminal, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1926 to 1930 under Serial Number 243 2108, and in the Army Air Corps from 1938 to 1940. He subsequently was a patient at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C., for several years and was a mental patient at the Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa., for 6 1/2 years.

KRAFT is of the opinion the Republican Party in Harrisburg, Pa., is responsible for most of the major crises and disasters which have occurred throughout the United States in the past 50 years.

KRAFT concluded that if the Republican Party in Harrisburg was capable of all the other horrible crimes of the past 50 years, then it was surely capable of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

On 6/23/64 at Harrisburg, Pa. File # Philadelphia 157-916

by SAS JOHN C. MURPHY & WILBUR S. METCALF: Date dictated 6/26/64

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KRAFT spoke calmly, matter-of-factly, and without visible evidence of personal animosity.

KRAFT is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex: --	Male
Age:	57
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	195 pounds
Hair:	Brown-gray, receding across forehead
Eyes:	Blue; wears glasses
Feculiarities:	No upper teeth

KRAFT requested the return of the death certificate of his mother and his sister's birth certificate. Both were returned.