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TO: Director, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, Miami (105-8342) (P)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,
11/22/63

R. [unclear]

On 2/23/67, the Miami Office received a call from the Miami Police Department Jail that one [redacted] who had been picked up for drunk driving on the night of 2/22-23/67, claimed to have knowledge concerning the assassination.

S. [unclear]
TW [unclear]

On 2/23/67, at 9:00 a.m., [redacted] was interviewed at the Miami City Jail by SAs RUSSELL P. CURTIS and JAMES J. O'CONNOR. He advised that his permanent address is in care of his father at 1035 Lem Turner Road, Jacksonville, Fla. He displayed a Florida driver's license reflecting his birth as 2/16/20 at Jacksonville, 5' 7" tall, 148 lbs., brown hair and eyes, occupation cook.

[Handwritten initials]

[redacted] admitted that he is an alcoholic and has no permanent place of employment. He stated that in the recent past he has been employed as a cook at Flamingo in the Everglades National Park, also in the Florida Keys, and most recently at Parham's Restaurant on Miami Beach.

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[redacted] stated that a few days prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, while he was in custody at the City Jail in Amarillo, Tex., on a charge

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of drunkenness, he occupied a cell with three or four other individuals, names not known to him. He stated one of these individuals wanted to wager that President KENNEDY would be assassinated within a few days at Dallas, Tex. This individual was vehement in his claim concerning the future assassination, even to the point of wanting to fight about it. [REDACTED] stated that this individual was about 30 years of age, 5' 10", 135 - 150 lbs., dark complexion, with straight black hair.

[REDACTED] stated neither this individual nor the other two who occupied the cell with [REDACTED] were Americans. He said he concluded they were not Americans, although they spoke English almost without accent, because of the hue of their skin which, while not Negroid, did not appear to him to be American. He stated he did not, however, believe they were Mexican or Cuban.

[REDACTED] related that at the time of the assassination, he was in jail at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on a charge of drunkenness. He stated that he subsequently travelled to Dallas, Tex., where he was again jailed for drunkenness; and his brother, [REDACTED] of Jacksonville, Fla., came to Dallas to return him to Florida.

He stated that while in Jacksonville, approximately two or three months after the assassination, he made a long distance collect call to Sheriff BILL DECKER at Dallas, Tex., to tell him of the incident which occurred while he was in jail in Amarillo, Tex., a few days prior to the assassination.

[REDACTED] stated he could not explain why he did not immediately report to the authorities concerning the incident in the Amarillo Jail after President KENNEDY was assassinated, but after thinking about the incident for a period of time he was prompted to call Sheriff DECKER.

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He stated he did not know if any action had been taken concerning this information but that in view of the recent publicity concerning the assassination he was prompted to tell the officer at the Miami City Jail of the incident when he was arrested on the night of 2/22-23/67.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not recall the nature of the charges on which the other occupants of his cell at Amarillo had been jailed although he thought perhaps it was for vagrancy. He seemed to recall that they were released without going to court although they were in the jail about two days. He said they were all in the same age bracket, none under 20 and none over 30.

[REDACTED] stated that he thought the identities of the individuals who occupied the cell with him at Amarillo could be determined through the jail records.

[REDACTED] Indices of the Miami Office are negative on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A copy is furnished to Jacksonville in view of permanent residence there.

The foregoing is furnished to Dallas for whatever action they may deem appropriate.