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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
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Boat  
1939  
Dallas

[redacted] advised that  
WARREN HUGHES, age 28, who resides at 6042 Chef Menteur,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, was a former member of his church  
at Cocoa, Florida. JOHNSON said that approximately two years  
ago in March, 1965, HUGHES advised him in confidence as  
his minister that one WESLEY SELLERS, Houston, Texas,  
allegedly called HUGHES while HUGHES was in Houston and  
indicated a desire to talk to him in private. HUGHES  
allegedly walked with SELLERS to the crest of a bridge in  
Houston where they could see in all directions and know  
they were not being followed. SELLERS indicated he was  
disturbed because "they" were going to kill the President  
in Dallas. [redacted] said this conversation allegedly  
took place just a short time before the assassination.

[redacted] said he had no further details concerning this  
meeting. He said he put little faith in the information  
when he first heard it, however, since the District  
Attorney's Office in New Orleans has opened an investigation  
in that city concerning an alleged conspiracy to kill  
President KENNEDY, it has bothered him to the point where  
he wanted to make available the information for whatever  
action is deemed necessary.

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[redacted] described SELLERS as a habitual criminal  
who participated in serious burglaries a number of times  
with HUGHES and one JIMMY BRYAN in the Houston area. He  
said SELLERS has jet black full head of hair, 5'8", round  
face, early or middle thirties and is a well-groomed,  
handsome individual. He said SELLERS was tried in Houston  
court for robbery, in which trial HUGHES testified for the  
prosecution. SELLERS was found guilty.

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ENCLOSURE

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[redacted] continued that HUGHES allegedly has information concerning District Attorney FRANK BRISCO at Houston *Texas* who prosecuted SELLERS relating to BRISCO's ties with *Texas* La Cosa Nostra and his involvement with crime in the Houston area. For this reason HUGHES allegedly was not tried for the crime of robbery with SELLERS, but was instead used as a prosecution witness.

[redacted] said HUGHES had as his attorney (FNU) BAKER at Houston, who was supposed to be involved in a multi-million dollar gold mining swindle in Mexico. He said HUGHES is very knowledgeable concerning organized crime between Houston, New Orleans and Little Rock. He said HUGHES alleged that SAM HOOVER, former Mayor of Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston, controlled the rackets in Houston. He said HOOVER before being sent up for life, was the exchange agent for hot money in this country and ran the hot money to somewhere in Mexico.

He said HUGHES also alleged that the La Cosa Nostra ran the liquor stores in Dallas.

*Texas* HUGHES alleged further that he lived at one time with one GENE SHELTON, also known as BEN F. OLIVER, Room 927 Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, or possibly the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Houston. SHELTON was associated with Inland Pipe and Specialty Company. SHELTON was supposed to be a gambler and card shark and HUGHES was also a gambler. SHELTON was known as an "evil eye man". HUGHES thought SHELTON might be working for the FBI and [redacted] terminology. HUGHES spoke very cautiously of SHELTON and said if SHELTON was not an FBI plant, there were plenty of things he could tell. [redacted] said he was impressed with HUGHES' knowledge of crime in the Houston area, and he felt HUGHES knew of this only through his own participation in crime up to the time he became a true Christian. *Texas*

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