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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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On February 6, 1968, Mr. Russell Cherry, owner, and Mr. Carlton E. Wertz, Jr., office manager, Tide Products, Inc., 253 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, furnished the following information:

Shortly before Christmas 1967 Mr. Wertz and his family visited in the home of Mr. Howard Herd, Raymondville, a real estate operator. Mr. Wertz was advised by Mr. Herd in casual conversation that he (Herd) had recently been deer hunting on the [redacted] ranch near San Diego or Alice Texas, having received the hunting invitation through [redacted] former Raymondville resident. Mr. Herd, during the conversation, indicated that he had been informed at the time of the deer hunt, either by [redacted] himself or by [redacted] that shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald had visited the ranch of [redacted] pursuant to [redacted] request. Mr. Herd implied to Mr. Wertz that during the alleged visit of Oswald to the [redacted] the plans for the assassination of President Kennedy were formulated with the approval of local political boss [redacted]

Mr. Wertz described [redacted] as the "crooked political manipulator" of Duval, Webb and Jim Wells Counties in Texas and a close associate of President Lyndon B. Johnson. He described [redacted] as an influential political figure in Duval and Jim Wells Counties under [redacted]. He described [redacted] as a "crooked deadbeat", former real estate and farm land operator in Raymondville who now resides at San Antonio, Texas.

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