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[REDACTED]  
ASSASSINATION OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
AND ALLEGED PLANS TO KILL  
GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA

PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] appeared at the Atlanta Division of the FBI at 4:30 p.m.,  
on July 3, 1971, and furnished the following information:

On June 27, 1971, the subject and his common-law wife of six months, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] appeared at [REDACTED] for the purposes of obtaining financial assistance. Financial assistance was provided for food and separate places of lodging were located by [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and his wife.

On June 28, 1971, subject returned to [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] advised that he had been implicated in the assassination of the former President John F. Kennedy. [REDACTED] further advised that he was a hired killer in the employ of the underworld and used such terms as "contract" when referring to past killings he alleged to be involved with. [REDACTED] advised that his purpose for being in Atlanta was to carry out the killing of an unidentified political figure, which like the Kennedy killing, was to be directed by the underworld. [REDACTED] had a great deal of knowledge regarding the Kennedy killing and spoke very fluently using the names of many persons involved in the killing and the subsequent investigations. However,

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at no time did [REDACTED] furnish any information [REDACTED] that was of the nature that would indicate that it was anything that may not have been published as a result of the investigation of the killing by various news media in either factual or speculative form.

[REDACTED] remained in contact with [REDACTED] until July 3, 1971, at which time [REDACTED] agreed to allow [REDACTED] to furnish this information to the FBI. [REDACTED] advised that during this one week period, he has learned the following regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested on July 2, 1971, by the Atlanta Police Department on charges of armed robbery and kidnapping and is presently incarcerated in the Atlanta City Jail. [REDACTED] is from the New Orleans, Louisiana, area and has been a recent inmate of the New Orleans Parish Jail in the custody of Warden Falkenberg (phonetic). [REDACTED] advised he has been in telephonic contact with Warden Falkenberg and has been advised that Falkenberg used [REDACTED] as an informant on numerous occasions and had always found [REDACTED] to be a truthful individual.

[REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] has admitted that he is a narcotics addict on the hard stuff and has a very expensive habit requiring a daily fix. [REDACTED] is also from time to time the user of various narcotics. [REDACTED] further advised that he has been in contact with Dr. Ponce de Leon of the Grady Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Service. Dr. Ponce de Leon has described [REDACTED] as a narcotic addict with a psychotic problem who is a potentially very dangerous person to himself and to others.

At 6:00 p.m., on July 3, 1971, a Special Agent of the FBI went to the Atlanta City Jail for the purposes of interviewing [REDACTED] and was advised that he was in Police Detention Unit at Grady Memorial Hospital. At the latter location, the Special Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who appeared to be suffering from withdrawal of narcotics.

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During the course of this interview, which consisted of only the Special Agent and [REDACTED] it was considered necessary by Atlanta Police Department Officers to keep [REDACTED] physically restrained with handcuffs. After advising [REDACTED] of the official identity of the Special Agent and reminding him that this interview was being conducted at his request which he had made through [REDACTED] [REDACTED] made the statement that he fired shots to kill President Kennedy. He advised that he was in collusion with Lee Harvey Oswald and that he fired at the same time that Oswald did and that he was a part of a conspiracy involving Oswald, Jack Ruby, James Ferry (phonetic), Clay Shaw and Miguel Torex (phonetic) in the killing of Kennedy. [REDACTED] claimed to have fired a 30-30 Remington rifle at Kennedy.

[REDACTED] readily acknowledged that he was a user of all types of narcotics including heroin and at the present he was suffering as a result of a "bad trip" with LSD. During the course of this interview which lasted approximately twelve minutes, [REDACTED] described the intense pain that he was suffering and advised that the police and hospital staff were doing nothing to assist him. He stated as a result that his mind was very cloudy and that he had trouble organizing and expressing his thoughts.

[REDACTED] advised that his purpose for being in Atlanta was to carry out the underworld directed killing of a prominent political figure in Atlanta sometime prior to Christmas of 1971. When pressed for the name of his intended victim, [REDACTED] identified the intended victim as "the Governor". When asked if he meant the Governor of Georgia, [REDACTED] replied that he did. He was, however, unable to identify the Governor of Georgia by name. Subject advised that he was instructed to go to Atlanta and get set up for the killing by Rocco, whom he identified only as a white male of Italian extraction, age 38 to 40, who frequents the Topaz Lounge (phonetic), Canal Street area of New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Subject advised he was being held "on a bum rap" by the Atlanta Police Department on charges of kidnapping and armed robbery. He is alleged to have held a knife against a person and forced that person to go to a bank and withdraw fifty dollars. [REDACTED] stated that this was untrue because at the time he did not have a "shaft".

When asked why he desired to furnish this information to the FBI, subject stated that if he was released by the Atlanta Police Department he could be put on the street where he could "circulate" and thereby help the FBI in stopping the plot to kill the Governor.

B. APPROX. [REDACTED]

The subject was unsure of his birth date but states that he was born at Washington, D. C., and that he attended Woodrow Wilson High School at Washington, D. C. The subject is further described as a white male, age 32, five foot eight inches, 180 pounds, muscular build, black hair and numerous tattoos on both arms. Subject claims to be formerly incarcerated at New Orleans Parish Jail by Warden Falkenberg (phonetic).

The Atlanta Police Department was aware of the subject's statements regarding the alleged plot to assassinate a political figure and other claims made by the subject.

Inquiry at the Station Captain's Office of the Atlanta Police Department disclosed that the subject was arrested on July 2, 1971, on armed robbery and kidnapping charges in Atlanta and will not be admitted to bail.

At 7:00 p.m., on July 6, 1971, the above information was furnished to Special Agent John Cook of the U. S. Secret Service in Atlanta and to Georgia State Patrolman McDermid, assigned to the Governor's Mansion in Atlanta, Georgia.