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[redacted] was interviewed at the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency. At the outset of the interview [redacted] was advised of his rights but declined to sign a waiver of same. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement but voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] denied that he had received or was ever in possession of a great amount of money as a result of his participation in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further denied stating to anyone he was on the payroll of the OSI and CIA.

[redacted] said he definitely did not participate in any manner, nor did he have any knowledge of or information concerning the murders of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

[redacted] admitted that he was glad KING was dead as he felt KING was a troublemaker, but emphasized that he did not have anything to do with killing him.

[redacted] said he could not remember making any statements to anyone regarding any of the above. He admitted that he may have made them when he was in a drunken condition, but could not recall making any such statements. He said he often has black-out periods which occur when he is drinking and he has been known to appear sober even when he is in a drunken state.

[redacted] said [redacted] is the Shop Foreman for his former employer at [redacted] Orlando, Florida. He and [redacted] have been out drinking together on a few occasions, usually after closing shop or on a payday night. [redacted] has been trying to get him into trouble with his wife. [redacted] said [redacted] thinks he is a ladies man and has in the past tried to take his wife out. His wife has told him that [redacted] has called her several times and in addition to trying to make a date would tell her of his [redacted] around with other women. [redacted] believed [redacted] tells his [redacted] wife what he tells [redacted] in confidence. He was sure [redacted] told her about

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his being responsible for another girl's pregnancy at the time he married his wife.

██████████ stated he has never confronted ██████████ with any of the above, but ██████████ has told him that he called him one night when he was drunk and cursed him out. ██████████ said he could not remember this call.

██████████ advised that he has a serious drinking problem, but he did not consider himself an alcoholic. He said he was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for drunkenness shortly after his release from the Air Force in 1953. He further advised he had been a patient at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for about 2 months during the past year. While at this hospital he underwent a number of psychiatric tests. He did not know the results of the tests.

██████████ stated that he has had this serious drinking problem since his marriage in November 1967. He indicated he was forced to marry his wife as a result of her pregnancy prior to their wedding. He said, since his marriage he has been under constant pressure from his wife and in addition has serious financial problems.

██████████ advised that because of his heavy drinking and the resulting "black-outs" he is not able to fix exactly his whereabouts on specific dates during the past year. However, he remembered the night of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death and said he was drunk at the time. He was registered at the Motel South, Orlando, Florida. With him at the time was a girl friend, whom he identified as ██████████

██████████ He said she is about 38 years of age. He recalled hearing of KING's death on the T.V. on the night it happened.

██████████ said he did not remember where he was the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

██████████ could not account for his whereabouts on the night of June 5, 1968 and said he could not recall where he was at all during the month of June as he again was on a drunk.

██████████ remembers flying from Orlando, Florida,

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to Los Angeles twice in recent months. The last was about August 4, 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines. He stayed in Los Angeles four days and left driving a rented car after an unsuccessful effort in finding a job. On his way to Shreveport he stopped briefly at Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Hope, Arkansas. He claimed he pawned his 357 magnum revolver with a police officer in Hope, Arkansas, for \$45 on August 23, 1968. The gun was purchased for his second job as a security guard with [REDACTED] Orlando, Florida. He claims he has never used the gun in commission of a crime.

[REDACTED] believed the previous trip to Los Angeles was made in June 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines from Orlando, Florida. He was looking for a job on the occasion also. He stayed only two days and remembers returning from California via an unrecalled airline and that he stopped at Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Miami. He does not remember if he stayed in any of these cities for any length of time. After reaching Miami he rented a car and drove to Orlando.

[REDACTED] claims he had no employment other than his jobs in Orlando and that he financed his trips with the money earned from working these two jobs, along with using his credit cards.

[REDACTED] recalled after driving from Miami he did not go home, but to a motel with [REDACTED]. The following day he drove back to Miami and then returned to Orlando by bus. He thinks he rented the car at Miami from either Hertz or Avis-Rent-A-Car.

[REDACTED] stated he has not worked any where since August 4, 1968, and that he presently had in his possession \$36.00 which was left over from the sale of his gun.

[REDACTED] claimed he pawned a .38 Colt "Cobra" in Los Angeles on the last trip at an unrecalled pawn shop and that he presently has no weapon.

[REDACTED] could not recall any other details concerning his first trip to Los Angeles, he said he was drinking heavy on these trips and could not remember anything much about them. He could not remember the names of motels where he stayed. He claimed he has no friends in Los Angeles and

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that he made none while there on these trips.

██████████ stated he is not now and never has been a member of any "hate" type organization such as the Ku Klux Klan.

██████████ stated he would be leaving Shreveport, Louisiana, this evening by bus and could be reached through his mother ██████████ North Carolina.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	██████████ alias ██████████
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 26, 1932
Place of Birth	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Height	6'1"
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Marital Status	Married to ██████████ ██████████ Orlando, Florida
Children	██████████ - 11 months
Parents	Father - deceased Mother - ██████████
Brothers	██████████ North Carolina, age 33, Simco, Ontario, Canada ██████████ age 25, High Point, North Carolina
Sister	██████████ age 19, Fayetteville, North Carolina employed Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Residence	██████████ Florida
Military Service	US Air Force 1951-1953, Honorable discharge Serial # ██████████

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Numerous drunk arrests -
no felony arrests

IDENTIFICATION # [REDACTED]
SSN [REDACTED]

T.V. repairman and security
guard

Previous employment

[REDACTED] - Orlando,
Florida;

[REDACTED] Orlando,
Florida;

[REDACTED], Newport News, Virginia;

[REDACTED]
Winston Salem, North Carolina

[REDACTED]
Indianapolis, Indiana

Previous Residences

Raleigh, North Carolina,
Fayetteville, North Carolina,
Ashville, North Carolina,
Newport News, Virginia,
Indianapolis, Indiana,
Orlando, Florida

Friends

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] North Carolina
[REDACTED]
Orlando, Florida