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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

On November 25, 1963, Mr. CARL HAGEN, 335 Prescott Street, Hubbard, Ohio, advised that he is employed as purchasing agent for the Sherwin Williams Company, Hubbard. He stated that since the assassination of President KENNEDY a past incident has bothered him very much.

He stated that one RALPH DELANEY HUGHES, residing Applegate Road, Liberty Township, Youngstown, Ohio, was employed by the Sherwin Williams Company as an oiler. On the night of November 15, 1963, HUGHES became sick on the job and left work at 8:31 PM, and has not returned to work since that time. He stated that efforts had been made by company representatives to contact HUGHES, with negative results, and, further, that a representative of the company had contacted HUGHES' mother in Tennessee on November 18, 1963, and she advised she had not seen him since the August, 1963, when he was on vacation, but she recalled he made mention that he was going to Texas sometime in October, 1963, but did not state where or any of the details. HAGEN stated HUGHES was a good worker, and always over-anxious to do a good job, and jobs about the plant that he was not required to do. He also stated up until recently HUGHES lived in a trailer camp, but sold the trailer for \$1,800. He also stated he had heard that on Saturday, November 16, 1963, a 1960 gray Chevrolet, which HUGHES owned, was towed away by an unidentified tow truck.

On November 26, 1963, Mr. RAY CARLISLE, Personnel Manager, Sherwin Williams Company, was contacted and he reviewed his files and stated that RALPH DELANEY HUGHES worked for the company from June 15, 1959 to November 6, 1959, at which time he was laid off, and was re-employed on April 24, 1961, and was so employed until his last day of work, November 15, 1963. He stated HUGHES was a good employee, and the company had no trouble with him in the past as an absentee. He advised HUGHES worked the 3:30 PM to 12:00 midnight shift on November 15, 1963, however, at about 7:30 PM, he complained he was not feeling well, and did not look well, and left for home at about 8:31 PM, stating he thought he was coming down with the flu.

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CARLISLE stated HUGHES did not report for work on November 18, 1963, and he called his home and got no answer. He again did not report on November 19, 1963, and again he called his home and got no answer. He stated that on the afternoon of November 19, 1963, he stopped at HUGHES' home at 2943 Applegate Road, Youngstown, and knocked at both doors, got no response, and saw a couple window shades pulled. He stated he also left a calling card at each door. CARLISLE stated he noticed possibly a 1956 Mercury in the yard, but he is not certain as to whether or not this may belong to HUGHES. From there CARLISLE went to the Liberty Township School and ascertained that HUGHES' son, ROCKY, was not in school on November 18 or 19, 1963.

CARLISLE stated that on November 20, 1963, an employee from the plant stopped at HUGHES' home and checked with the man living upstairs of the home, and he ascertained that this man last saw HUGHES on Friday night, November 15, 1963, and later, date unknown, someone took HUGHES' Chevrolet station wagon away.

On November 20, 1963, FREDRICK HARRISON, a fellow employee of HUGHES at the Sherwin Williams Company, called HUGHES' mother in Roan Mountain, Tennessee, and she told him that as far as she knew, HUGHES was in Youngstown. He also went to Schulte's Junk Yard, Applegate Road, Liberty Township, and inquired as to HUGHES and determined that HUGHES' pickup truck was being repaired at Jimmy DeVito's, Myron Street, Hubbard, Ohio.

CARLISLE stated he contacted the Liberty Township Police Department on November 20, 1963, and received no report on him. On November 22, 1963, he recontacted the Liberty Township Police Department and learned that an officer had talked with the upstairs tenant of the HUGHES' home, and he stated he presumed HUGHES and family had gone to Tennessee. He also talked with one BLOCK (first name unknown), principal, Liberty Township School, on November 22, 1963, and ascertained that HUGHES' son had not returned to school, and in view of this he was being reported as truant. Also, on November 22, 1963, CARLISLE stated he called Mrs. TOM J.

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HUGHES, mother of RALPH DELANEY HUGHES, phone Spruce 2-3377, Roan Mountain, Tennessee, and she stated she was last in touch with HUGHES about October 1, 1963, and he mentioned that he may be moving to unknown city in Texas in the future. She asked if the company had a pay check for HUGHES, and if they would send same to her, and he advised her HUGHES had \$92.34 coming, but the company would not send the check to her, but if he contacted the Sherwin Williams Company and gave his forwarding address, they would mail the check to him.

Mr. CARLISLE furnished the following description of HUGHES:

Name	RALPH DELANEY HUGHES
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birthdate	February 12, 1934
Height	5'9"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Oiler, Sherwin Williams Company, Hubbard, Ohio
Social Security No.	413 50 6304
Marital Status	Married, wife MARY SUE HUGHES, born 5/23/34, married 1956
Children	Son - ROCKY, born July 4, 1957 Son - name unknown, born April 1, 1959
Residence	3943 Applegate Road, Liberty Township, Youngstown, Ohio
Phone	RI 3-0118
Military Service	U. S. Navy, honorable discharge, Aviation mechanic
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. TOM J. HUGHES, RD #1, Roan Mountain, Tennessee
Prior Residence	2949 Youngstown-Hubbard Road (trailer park), Hubbard, Ohio, RD #1, Roan Mountain, Tennessee

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Prior Employment Harvell Manufacturing, Hubbard,  
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North American Rayon Company,  
Elizabethton, Tennessee  
June, 1956 - July, 1957

On November 26, 1963, Captain JAMES PAULEY, Liberty Township Police Department, advised he conducted an investigation as to the whereabouts of RALPH DELANEY HUGHES following an inquiry by the Sherwin Williams Company. PAULEY stated he ascertained HUGHES called his wife from work on November 15, 1963, and advised he would be home between 7:30 and 8:00 PM. A neighbor upstairs heard the HUGHES family leave the home during the night of November 15, 1963. HUGHES' Chevrolet stationwagon was towed away by an unknown red and white tow truck, sometime after November 15, 1963. HUGHES' parents and his wife's parents reside somewhere in Tennessee. He talked with Mrs. JERRY YOUNG, a personal friend, who advised she knew nothing of HUGHES' whereabouts, and stated he had beat up his wife on one occasion. Another friend, JAMES BECK, advised he knew nothing of his whereabouts and stated HUGHES appeared annoyed of late and not as friendly as usual.

Captain PAULEY stated he checked the HUGHES' residence and the house was spotless, and the beds were made. He found a Television Guide magazine with the page open to November 15, 1963; one-half carton of cigarettes; his personally owned shotgun and pistol in the house; a small bank with about \$2.00 in change; milk in the refrigerator; and a "Goya" Encyclopedia, with a small pamphlet partially protruding, entitled, "History and Life of John F. Kennedy."

Captain PAULEY stated he could continue his investigation as to the whereabouts of HUGHES and keep the FBI advised.

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