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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
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DALLAS, TEXAS

JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS, 1204 South Congress, Apartment 2,  
Austin, Texas, on November 25, 1963, advised SA H. T. BURK  
that he was born February 4, 1929, at Houston, Texas.

ADAMS was interviewed at the Austin, Texas, City  
jail at which time he admitted that he was a chronic alcoholic  
and had been addicted since 1958 and at that time had joined  
the Alcoholic Anonymous in Houston, Texas. He further advised  
that he had voluntarily committed himself to the Austin State  
Hospital, Austin, Texas, as an alcoholic in February of 1963  
and remained there until approximately April 20, 1963, and  
then again voluntarily committed himself to the Austin State  
Hospital sometime in August of 1963, where he remained for an  
additional 46 days. He advised that while he was in the  
Austin State Hospital that he was allowed and encouraged to  
attend Alcoholic Anonymous meetings in Austin, Texas, which  
he had continuously since coming to Austin in February of  
1963.

ADAMS readily admitted that he had made a statement  
in the presence of BILLY BAKER of 2102 West 35th Street Austin,  
Texas, in his, ADAMS', apartment on the night of November 24,  
1963, while he and BAKER were in a highly intoxicated condition  
that he, ADAMS, had contributed \$75 to have President KENNEDY  
shot. ADAMS admitted that he had possibly made some mention  
about the White Citizens Council in the presence of BAKER but  
cannot specifically recall doing so at this time.

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ADAMS also admitted that there was a possibility that he may have made some reference to ROBERT KENNEDY, brother of President KENNEDY but he likewise cannot recall having made any reference to ROBERT KENNEDY at the time he was intoxicated and talking with BAKER. Neither can he recall having made any reference to plans to shoot ROBERT KENNEDY but states that due to his extremely intoxicated condition on the night of November 24, 1963, that he cannot state specifically whether or not he made such a reference. He does recall specifically, however, the following remark which he made concerning the contribution of \$75 with respect to having President KENNEDY shot.

ADAMS definitely denied that he had ever made any telephone call to the State of Florida on the night in question and stated that he does not have a telephone in his apartment at the above address.

ADAMS advised that he is very sorry at this time that he engaged in such idle talk but attributed it all to the fact that he was intoxicated at the time and advised that he at no time has ever contributed any money whatsoever to anyone to have President KENNEDY shot nor has he contributed to any other organizations or groups that he thinks could have any bearing upon the assassination of President KENNEDY. He advised that he knows nothing whatsoever concerning the White Citizens Council although he recalls that he saw some sort of literature published by the White Citizens Council at the residence of his wife's sister, Mrs. MABALINE MITCHELL, in Houston, Texas, somewhere between three to five years ago. He denies that he ever had any membership in the White Citizens Council and does not believe that Mrs. MITCHELL was actually a member of this group.

ADAMS further pointed out that on Saturday, November 23, 1963, that he telephonically contacted his ex-wife from whom he is now divorced in Houston, Texas, and invited her to visit him in Austin, Texas, on November 24, 1963, which she did. He advised that his wife was present in the apartment on the night in question when he and BAKER were drinking to excess and he advised that it is possible that his wife may have overheard him make the remarks about the \$75 contribution to have President KENNEDY shot although he cannot be sure that she heard these remarks since she was believed to be in the bedroom at the time he engaged BAKER in the conversation referred to above. He advised that his ex-wife is now known as Mrs.

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MRS. JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS

MARIE ANN ADAMS of Route 6, Box 892D, Houston, Texas. He advised that this is likewise the address of his wife's sister, MABALINE MITCHELL.

ADAMS further advised that he shares an apartment at the above address with KENNETH LEWIS SMITH, SR. but that SMITH, at his request, had not been at the apartment on the night of November 24, 1963, when his, ADAMS', wife visited him and that SMITH had stayed in a downtown hotel during that night.

ADAMS denied ever knowing or ever having heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

At the time of interview of ADAMS the fingerprint record of one JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS, FBI No. 687042B, was exhibited to ADAMS and he readily admitted that the following is a transcript of his fingerprint record and reflects prior arrests by him. This record reads as follows:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Houston Texas	Joseph Noble Adams #39391	5/17/48	invest	8/19/48 crim dist Court Case # 60-038 2 yrs prob on chg of T fel
PD Indianapolis Ind	Joseph Noble Adams #126527	7/31/54	drk	8/4/54 \$1 & c
PD Indianapolis Ind	Joseph Adams #126527	4/1/56	pre-narcs	4/4/56 nolle
SO Houston	Joe Noble Adams #18999	1/3/58	worthless check	

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The following description of JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS was obtained at the time of interview:

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Born: 2/4/29  
Houston, Texas  
Height: 6' 1"  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Blond;  
Crewcut  
Marital status: Divorced  
Complexion: Ruddy and has pock marks on face  
Scars and Marks: Tattoo of a heart and dagger and word MARIE on right upper arm.

ADAMS had been arrested by the Austin, Texas, Police Department on a charge of "suspicious person - threat re life of the President."

On November 25, 1963, KENNETH LEWIS SMITH, SR., 1204 South Congress, Apartment 2, Austin, Texas, advised SA H. T. BURK that he shares an apartment at the above address with JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS and that he had been working with ADAMS as a painter and prior to that time had worked as a professional hair dresser. SMITH advised that he was not at home on the night of November 24, 1963, and did not hear ADAMS make any remarks concerning contributing any money towards the payment to have President KENNEDY assassinated. Neither did he have any knowledge concerning ADAMS having made any remarks concerning ROBERT KENNEDY, brother of the President, nor did he have any knowledge concerning any telephone calls made by ADAMS to the State of Florida.

SMITH further pointed out that he at no time has ever heard ADAMS make any remarks indicating that he had any ill-will or dislike for the President of the United States and has never known ADAMS to have sufficient money to give or donate \$75 to anybody for anything. He advised that he knows ADAMS to be a chronic alcoholic and to be a very braggadocio type of person when he becomes intoxicated and often makes statements which are untrue when he is in an intoxicated condition.

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Dr. C. R. MILLER, Assistant Superintendent of the Austin State Hospital, Austin, Texas, on November 26, 1963, advised JOSEPH NOBLE ADAMS, born February 4, 1929, at Houston, Texas, entered the Austin State Hospital as a chronic alcoholic on a voluntarily commitment from Harris County, Houston, Texas, on February 19, 1963, and remained in the Alcoholic Ward until April 16, 1963. He again voluntarily committed himself to the hospital on May 11, 1963, and remained through May 14, 1963. He again voluntarily committed himself to the hospital on August 22, 1963, and was released on October 6, 1963. Dr. MILLER advised the records of the hospital will reveal that ADAMS has a record and history as a chronic alcoholic and that his commitment at that hospital was entirely on a voluntarily basis and not as a result of any commitment by the courts of the State of Texas.

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