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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-451)(P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD ANDERSON, aka, Dick  
RM  
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 11/5/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum, for Los Angeles two copies of letterhead memorandum, and for Birmingham and Richmond one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting contact with RICHARD ANDERSON at Phenix City, Alabama, at 1:05 PM Central Standard Time, 11/22/63, by SAs DAVID DWIGHT MATTES and CHILTON B. CREASON and Sergeant JAMES FREDERICK, Detective Bureau, Phenix City, Alabama Police Department. It will be noted that this contact occurred approximately 35 minutes after the assassination of President KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas and that it was made to insure the whereabouts of ANDERSON at the time of this shooting.

Previously, information had been developed through Phenix City Chief of Police, THOMAS K. SCROGGINS, and from JAMES D. LUTON, City Clerk, that no gun license had been issued to RICHARD ANDERSON and that no permit had been issued for the operation of a gun shop. Chief SCROGGINS has informed definitely that no license of this type will be issued in the future.

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Likewise, Sheriff M. LAMAR MURPHY and Chief Deputy Sheriff PRENTISS L. GRIFFITH, had been alerted to the presence of RICHARD ANDERSON in Phenix City, Alabama, prior to the assassination of the President, in order that they might be in a position to evaluate any information coming to their attention indicating potential acts of violence.

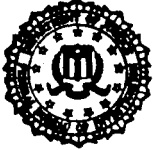
VANCE DUNN, Assistant Postmaster, Phenix City, Alabama, (Protect Identity), on 11/18/63 advised SA DAVID DWIGHT MATTES that RICHARD ANDERSON, formerly residing at 81810 Opelika Road, Phenix City, Alabama, had changed his residence address to 2203 8th Avenue, Phenix City, a home formerly owned by FRED COOK, who now resides in California. No additional information concerning FRED COOK is available at this time.

Law enforcement officers interviewed at Phenix City, Alabama are unable to suggest any controversial issue immediately confronting that community with which ANDERSON might associate himself, nor are they able to account for his taking up residence in Phenix City where he has no known prior associations. Any information they are able to develop concerning his contacts or activities will be promptly reported to the Mobile Office.

When contacted at his residence, 2203 8th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama, at 1:05 PM, Central Standard Time, 11/22/63, ANDERSON made the following statement immediately after agents identified themselves and before any questions were made to him, "I didn't do it, but I'm glad it happened". As agents and Sergeant FREDERICK departed, he made the following statement, "I hope you find the guy who did it, because I want to give him a medal".

It was noted that parked in ANDERSON's driveway was a 1960 Dodge Dart, white over black, displaying California license HSK522.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Is requested to verify the registration of this automobile and to report this information to the Mobile Office.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama  
November 26, 1963

RICHARD ANDERSON, also known as  
Dick Anderson

At 1:05 PM, November 22, 1963, RICHARD ANDERSON was contacted at his residence, 2203 8th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama. Mrs. ANDERSON was also present. ANDERSON made the statement that he had purchased this residence but that he had no employment at that time. He furnished no additional information concerning his activities or plans.

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