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R. W. THOMAS, Salesman, Otation Hearing Aid Service, with offices at 8th and Franklin Streets, Waco, Texas, on November 29, 1963, informed that JOHNNY JOHNSON had been employed as a salesman with that company for approximately three months but had terminated his employment on November 25, 1963. During this employment JOHNSON resided at 315 North 12th Street in Waco where he rented a room.

THOMAS advised that JOHNSON did not appear for work on November 21 and 22, 1963, but on the morning of November 23, 1963, he reported for work and stated that he had been in Dallas. He engaged THOMAS in conversation concerning the death of the President. JOHNSON stated, "I'm sure glad he got killed. That SOB would mow us down if he got a chance." THOMAS advised that he argued with JOHNSON and said to JOHNSON "I hope they hang OSWALD." JOHNSON retorted "OSWALD didn't kill the President." THOMAS stated that when the argument became rather heated he dropped the subject to prevent any incident from being created.

PARKER PINHOLSTER, also an employee of Otation Hearing Aid Service, Waco, Texas, informed on November 29, 1963, that during JOHNSON's employment JOHNSON stated that he had been active in the John Birch Society while he lived at Silsbee, Texas, where he operated a television and radio shop.

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The Internal Revenue Service at Waco, Texas, advised that JOHN W. JOHNSON of 315 North 12th Street in Waco had an appointment with an agent concerning delinquent 1962 income taxes on November 22, 1963, but failed to appear. An inquiry was made by the Internal Revenue Service which indicated that JOHNSON had gone to the home of a sister at 1813 Piedmont, Austin, Texas. His former address was listed as P. O. Box 652, Silsbee, Texas.

JOHNSON was not observed by his landlady or an occupant at 315 North 12th Street at Waco on November 21, 1963, and did not occupy his room until late on November 22, 1963. On Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, he was observed by the landlady to leave his room at which time he stated that he was on his way to work at which time he appeared to have been drinking heavily.

On Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, he moved from 315 North 12th Street in Waco and requested his mail be forwarded to JOHN W. JOHNSON, 1813 Piedmont Street, Austin, Texas. JOHNSON's sister, NELL W. HORNER, 1813 Piedmont Street, Austin, Texas, advised on November 29, 1963, she had not seen JOHNSON for about two weeks and it is her opinion he probably went to Silsbee, Texas, where he formerly lived and where his divorced wife, Mrs. CELESTE JOHNSON, presently resides. Mrs. HORNER confirmed the fact that the Internal Revenue Service had had some trouble with her brother.

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