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LEO EDWARD MC CLURE
RACIAL MATTERS

On November 26, 1963, Dr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kentucky,
telephonically advised Special Agent George W. Hutchison
that he wished to report for whatever it was worth the fol-
lowing:

A patient of his, Leo McClure, white, 54, a
painter, residence 4027 Taylor Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky,
on November 5, 1963, Election Day, was "railing against Govern-
mental authority and loss of freedoms". McClure went on to
say "we are organizing all over the country and are going
to pick them off one by one" or "...pick them off a few at a
time". Hart said McClure complained bitterly about President
Roosevelt but about no other specific President. He did not
comment concerning President Kennedy. He urged Doctor [REDACTED]
to vote Republican in the current election. Dr. [REDACTED] said
that prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, he
regarded McClure as merely a harmless crackpot and still had
no specific reason to believe that McClure had anything
to do with the assassination of President Kennedy.

On July 1, 1959, a source furnished a copy of
a letterhead of the Citizens National Law Enforcement
Committee (CNLEC), 1427 South 6th Street, Louisville,
Kentucky. This letterhead lists Millard D. Grubbs as
Chairman of this organization and one Leo McClure of
Kentucky as a member of the National Committee of the CNLEC.

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This source on September 12, 1960, advised that Millard Dee Grubbs, age 75, Louisville, Kentucky, is bitterly opposed to racial integration. Grubbs maintains that he is opposed to violence however, and claims to remain within the law in his efforts to promote segregation. Source advised that Grubbs was making an effort to get the CNLEC on an operating basis. The purpose of the CNLEC as outlined by Grubbs was to defend the Constitution of the United States, which Grubbs believes is being violated in connection with integration matters. Source furnished literature which indicates that the CNLEC shall "arrest and bring to bar...the top traitors of our Republic..." Source indicated that Grubbs planned to have "citizens' arrests" of high ranking Government officials.

Leo Edward McClure, 4024 Taylor Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 27, 1963, after having been advised that he need make no statement, that any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had a right to consult an attorney, advised Special Agents Warren L. Walsh and George W. Hutchison as follows:

McClure denied having ever made any statement to the effect that he belonged to an organization that "was going to pick them off one by one" or "pick them off a few at a time". He explained that he does roofing, guttering, and painting, and general repair work on buildings. On the day of the assassination of President Kennedy, he was repairing a roof for a lady. When the lady heard the President had been shot, she called McClure into the house. He said that his remark on learning of the assassination had been of disbelief and he had exclaimed "No." He said he had thereafter remarked to the lady that he expected something like this because the President rode around without proper protection.

He explained that his wife and son were critical of his attitude regarding politics and had made remarks to him following the assassination of President Kennedy indicating that they expected him to be pleased. He

indicated that although he was a Republican, he was very sorry over the assassination of the President just as everyone else was sorry. McClure indicated that he would give his own life to save that of any President. McClure indicated that he was active in Republican organizations. He indicated that he does not believe that the Negroes in the South are treated as badly as is reported, that he had traveled in the South, and had talked with Negroes who are satisfied with things as they are.

McClure advised that he had visited "old man Grubbs" (Millard Grubbs) several times and had furnished transportation for Grubbs on several occasions. He indicated that Grubbs had been described to him as one of the smartest men in the state. Grubbs on one occasion several years ago made McClure a member of the National Committee of Grubbs' organization, the Citizens National Law Enforcement Committee. McClure was never given any duties to perform and never engaged in any activity. He did not know what his function was supposed to be. Finally, Grubbs removed him from his position with the committee, indicating that he, Grubbs, was displeased with the fact that McClure did nothing.

McClure indicated that Grubbs advocated citizens' arrests and prosecution of public officials who in Grubbs' opinion are guilty of treason in connection with working on behalf of the integration movement. Even though aware of this, McClure said he had made no statements about "picking up leaders", which statement might have been misinterpreted or misunderstood as "picking off". McClure said his conscience "was as clear as the day he was born". He regards Grubbs as a good American.

Concerning himself, McClure said that he had been a machinist prior to World War II, that he had been in the Navy, and was discharged because of a "nervous breakdown". He said that in the Navy he was an "instrument man" and invented parts of the Norden bomb sight. He said he had a fourth grade education. He indicated that he had been postmaster at Valley Station, Kentucky, a small town near Louisville, Kentucky, and boasted of the excellent job he had done.

McClure indicated that he had not been out of town recently and denied any knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald or any organization sympathetic to the Castro regime in Cuba.

The following description was obtained during the course of interview with Mc Clure:

Full Name:	Leo Edward McClure
Address:	4024 Taylor Boulevard Louisville, Kentucky
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Birth Data:	January 14, 1909 Hardin County, Kentucky
Height:	5 feet, 9½ inches
Weight:	185 pounds
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses
Hair:	Gray
Relatives:	
Wife:	Hazel Louise, employed Yellowstone Distillery, Louisville
Son:	Leo, Jr., Louisville
Daughter:	Mrs. Jimmy (Shirley Lee) Warren.