

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12/12/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/9-10/63
TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY		REPORT MADE BY SA FRANK W. HAINES	TYPED BY pjw
		CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER	

REFERENCE

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Albuquerque teletype to Bureau and Dallas, dated
12/10/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On 12/9/63, Mr. [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Farwell, Texas, advised that [redacted] of Farwell, Texas, had told him that a friend of his overheard Old Man PRIEST, who runs the WJ Auction, Clovis, New Mexico, state that his cousin, name unknown, had mentioned that President KENNEDY would be killed if he came to Texas. [redacted] advised that he had no other information concerning this matter and that [redacted] did not want to become involved in this matter.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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On 12/9/63, [REDACTED] Farwell, Texas, advised that a short time back he had been in the WJ Auction, Clovis, New Mexico, and that Old Man PRIEST, who runs the auction, said to him, "How did you all get out?" [REDACTED] stated he felt that PRIEST was referring to how he got out of Texas, after the shooting of the President. [REDACTED] stated that he did not take kindly to that remark and that he was terribly upset over the death of the President. [REDACTED] further stated that a friend of his told him that he overheard PRIEST say that a cousin of PRIEST's had mentioned that the President would be killed if he came to Texas. [REDACTED] stated that his friend overheard this remark about two weeks ago.

[REDACTED] advised that he did not want to become involved in this matter and did not want anyone to know that he had mentioned PRIEST making this remark. He also did not desire to have his friend become involved since his friend was very ill with a heart condition and contact with him may cause another heart attack.

It is noted that with much reluctance [REDACTED] identified his friend who overheard PRIEST make this statement as [REDACTED] who resides east of Bovina, Texas.

[REDACTED] stated that he has been thinking about the statement made by PRIEST for quite some time and finally discussed the matter with [REDACTED] his attorney. [REDACTED] reiterated that he desired his identity and the identity of [REDACTED] to be concealed.

LEADS:

DALLAS DIVISION

AT O'DONNELL, TEXAS

Will interview DALLAS VAUGHN concerning his statement to W. A. PRIEST relative to President KENNEDY being killed if he came to Texas.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA FRANK W. HAINES Office: ALBUQUERQUE
Date: December 12, 1963
File Number: 89-27 Bufile: 62-93404
62-109060
Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Character: ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Synopsis:

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Approximately three to four months prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, W. A. PRIEST, Clovis, New Mexico, was talking with his cousin, DALLAS VAUGHN, O'Donnell, Texas, at a cattle sale barn in Lubbock, Texas. PRIEST was "bulling" VAUGHN concerning the KENNEDY - JOHNSON Administration, and asked VAUGHN how Texas took to KENNEDY. VAUGHN replied something to the effect that "Piddle Paddle, I believe they'd get killed if they came to Texas now". PRIEST advised that this was merely an offhand remark expressing dislike for Administration practices and that VAUGHN meant nothing by this remark. PRIEST stated that since President KENNEDY's assassination he had repeated this statement. PRIEST stated that VAUGHN had no idea President KENNEDY would be assassinated and is sure he feels badly over President KENNEDY's assassination.

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DETAILS:

On December 9, 1963, Mr. W. A. PRIEST, W&J Auction, 108 Pile, Clovis, New Mexico, advised that approximately three to four months before the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, he was on a walkway of a cattle sale barn in Lubbock, Texas, with his cousin, DALLAS VAUGHN, who is a

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big cotton farmer who resides at O'Donnell, Texas. PRIEST stated that they were sitting there just talking and he was "bulling" and "razzing" VAUGHN for being a Democrat and concerning the KENNEDY - JOHNSON Administration. PRIEST stated that he asked VAUGHN how Texas took to the KENNEDY Administration, to which VAUGHN replied something to the effect, "Piddle Paddle, I believe they'd get killed if they came to Texas now". PRIEST advised that this was merely an offhand remark made by VAUGHN and that he did not mean anything by it. He stated that he felt this was VAUGHN's way of expressing the feeling in Texas of dislike for the Administration practices. PRIEST stated that both he and VAUGHN would "have a fit" if they thought that it would have actually happened. PRIEST advised that he had repeated the comment made by VAUGHN several times since the assassination of the President. PRIEST advised that VAUGHN was a very religious man and he is sure that VAUGHN had no idea that the President would be assassinated. He stated that he feels sure that VAUGHN feels very badly over the assassination of the President, as does he. PRIEST advised that this remark was made by VAUGHN and that it was merely to show that he felt the people in Texas were unhappy with the KENNEDY - JOHNSON Administration and that he meant nothing by this remark.