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HUBERT GARDNER

On December 16, 1963, information set forth below was furnished to a Special Agent of the New Orleans, Louisiana, Office, FBI, with the request that the identity of the source furnishing this information not be disclosed. Sufficient contacts have not been had with this individual to establish the extent of his reliability:

One Hubert Gardner, last known to be residing at Houston, Texas, with his wife and two children, was employed as an electrician at the Phillips 66 plant, Baytown, Texas, during October, 1963. Sometime during that month he made a statement, something to the effect, "I'm going to take a crack at the President," or "Someone is going to take a crack at the President."

Gardner was described as a very obnoxious person who repeatedly spoke out against President Kennedy and his brothers. Gardner was said to have also made the statement he carried ammunition in his car. The source indicated, however, he had never seen Gardner with a firearm or ammunition. He said that Gardner likewise had never identified the type of ammunition about which he spoke. Gardner was said to drive an old-model car, the make and model being unrecalled by the source of information.

Gardner was said to be a member of the Galveston-Houston, Texas, Local Electricians' Union; however, Local 861, Electricians' Union of Lake Charles, Louisiana, was instrumental in securing a job for Gardner at Baytown. Mr. E. T. Browning was identified as vice president of Local 861, Lake Charles, and was reported to be the brother-in-law of Gardner.

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The source furnishing this information reported that he knows of no other persons in whose presence the above statements by Gardner were made. .

Gardner is described as a white male, 55 years of age, 167 pounds, and standing six feet tall.

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