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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
DANIEL BRANDIES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, advised Investigative Clerk Ronald W. Auld on December 23, 1963, that on December 17, 1963, his case work staff interviewed Mrs. Natalie Brandies, also known as Natalie Muller, and her son, Daniel Brandies, who reside at 316 Willow Street, first floor front apartment, Chicago. Mrs. Brandies receives aid from the Cook County Public Aid Department for herself and her son.

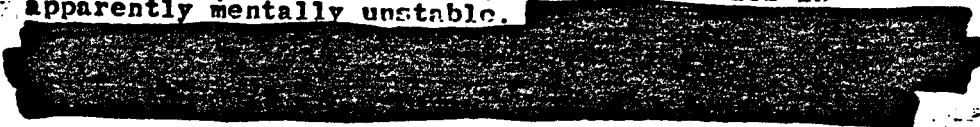
[REDACTED] stated that Mrs. Brandies has received treatment at the Cook County Psychiatric Hospital and that although their office has been unable to find a record of Daniel Brandies having ever received psychiatric care, during contact with Mrs. Brandies and her son on December 17, 1963, Daniel Brandies covered all the windows of their apartment with cardboard and his speech and actions during the course of the contact left no doubt with the case workers that he was in need of mental treatment.

[REDACTED] stated that during the course of the contact, the subject of birth control was commented upon and Daniel Brandies stated, "I want to tell you something. I spoke against birth control in Springfield. President Kennedy was for it. For your information the Chicago Police Department and the FBI are probably looking for me now because of the murder of President Kennedy and the murder of the late Alderman Lewis."

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He felt compelled to furnish this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action deemed necessary, even though Daniel Brandies is apparently mentally unstable.



On December 23, 1963, efforts by Special Agents Robert L. Malone and James D. Dewhirst to contact Mrs. Brandies and her son at above residence were negative. Frank Hotzl, 318 West Willow Street, and owner of the property at 316 West Willow Street, also attempted to gain entry into the Brandies apartment but was also unsuccessful.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotzl stated that Mrs. Brandies and her son, who is about thirty years of age, have resided at that apartment for the past five years. During this time they, the Hotzls, have become somewhat acquainted with them. At one time, Daniel Brandies was employed, but has been out of work for the last few months. Their income comes from welfare and in addition to having inadequate finances, health problems have caused them additional grief. Frequently they are not observed by the Hotzls or neighbors for days and remain in seclusion in their apartment. Mrs. Hotzl takes food to them occasionally but many times they fail to answer the door although apparently being in their apartment. The Brandies admitted being robbed on one occasion and are suspicious of most everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotzl stated that both Mrs. Brandies and her son do not appear to be well mentally and their actions would substantiate this. They have not been a problem at the apartment building, keep to themselves and are recognized by others in the apartment that they both apparently have mental problems.

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