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GEORGE L. SANDIDGE, Aka.
George Sanders,
5701 Maphet Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

At 11:55 p.m., December 21, 1963, an individual giving his name as "George Sanders," 5701 Maphet Street, Cincinnati, telephone 271-0002, telephonically advised the Cincinnati FBI Office that he had information that Oswald did not kill the late president and that Oswald was a dupe for "them." He stated that President Johnson was "in the same boat;" that he, Sanders, is a Negro and that the late president was killed because of fighting for civil rights. Sanders refused to give any specific information, but insisted he possessed information which would establish that Oswald could not have done the killing. The City Directory shows George Sandidge living at that address.

On December 22, 1963, Mr. George L. Sandidge, 5701 Maphet Street, Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He telephoned the Cincinnati FBI Office last night because he had been talking to several former U. S. Marines who told him that the type of gun that killed the president "can't be shot that fast off target and on target again," according to one of them, the other saying "it was too fast shooting for one man as no bolt-action type of gun could be shot that fast on a moving man off target and on target." When asked the identities of the two former Marines, Sandidge said he does not know their names, but one he met on the 13th floor of the Veterans Administration Hospital while visiting there recently and discussing the

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assassination; the other being a former U. S. Marine who lives across the street, his name not recalled, with whom he had been discussing the matter last night.

Here Mrs. Evelyn Sandidge came into the room and said that her husband, George Sandidge, is still drunk and was very drunk the previous evening when he called the FBI Office after drinking at 5701 Maphet Street with a neighbor. Her comment was that "George doesn't know what he is talking about, and if he hadn't been drunk he wouldn't have called the FBI." She stated "he is just going by other persons' opinions and these other persons didn't know anything about it. Tomorrow when he gets sober he will not know anything about this."

Mr. Sandidge commented, "I got the protection of God." He was obviously angry at his wife, but calmed down after being told that drunk or sober he was entitled to his opinion. Sandidge stated that he did not know either Jack L. Ruby or Lee Harvey Oswald or anything about them prior to the assassination, and has no actual knowledge on the assassination except what he has read in the papers and seen on television; that he has no personal knowledge on anything about the assassination, but that it is his theory that Oswald was a decoy and that Ruby knew something about the matter. He also said that the man who was holding Oswald when Ruby shot him did not move one bit to shove Oswald out of the way of Ruby, as he had watched this on television.

Sandidge was obviously still under the influence of drinking at the time of interview. His wife confirmed that he does not know anything about the assassination, but when drunk as he was last night and is today he thinks and does things he would not do if sober; that he was drinking in the house yesterday evening with the neighbor and both of them were drunk.

Sandidge is male Negro, married, and employed as a porter for the National Cash Register Company.

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