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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

RE: [REDACTED]

On January 14, Officer Joe Broyles, El Paso, Texas Police Department, furnished the FBI at El Paso, Texas, a letter which he stated he had received from one [REDACTED] who gave the return address of [REDACTED] Mount Pleasant, Iowa. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Joe,

[REDACTED] Hardy, Cal
"As a friend of mine I seek your help in 1960 I was in a Dallas Bar and I heard them talking about they were going to assinate a man named Kennedy. I told My Mother of this and she said I was crazy and put Me in the state Mental hospital. I have been given a thing called Electric shock treatment and this is to make you for get they were also talking Communist talk. I tryed to get to people and tell them about it and they say I'm crazy. Joe you & I went to school together. You were a very clean man and I tryed to be outside of having a little fun. I was on a vacation & intended to go back to El Paso and work on My Masters degree but some reason My Mother came up to Iowa where I ran out of Money. I had received a \$600⁰⁰ settlement for a crushed foot and left her \$400⁰⁰ of it she was to send it to me or a porition of it. If I am given shock treatment again I will forget what I saw in the Dallas Bar get this to FBI in El Paso. Please for gods sake. I know there is a certain Communist element in Dallas and we can all go to work and clean out the place if you do not hear from me again each week you will know they have given me some kind of Electric Shock treatment to tare up My Mind so I can not remember about what I over heard in the Dallas nite clubs & remember the boys on the nite force who are such fine fellows

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"Just remember some element is trying to keep me from remembering the faces of those dirty communist in Dallas I found talking in the Dallas nite club that they were going to assinate the President & I told My Mother & she said I was crazy.

"Sincerely Your friend

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Get in touch with the FBI in El Paso Please Joe."

Officer Joe Broyles stated that he became acquainted with [REDACTED] at Texas Western College, El Paso, Texas, in about 1956, and last had contact with [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] passed through El Paso around 1962.

[REDACTED] Inmate, Mental Health Institute, 1200 East Washington Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, advised on January 20, 1964, that in the latter part of 1959, while he was in the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas, he went on leave to Dallas, Texas. He stated he was interested in the 1960 Presidential campaign and favored John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. He wrote Kennedy's name on a piece of paper and pinned it to his coat for lack of a campaign button. He entered a bar, name and address unrecalled, and drank a few beers. He walked over to a table where four men in their thirties were seated and engaged them in conversation concerning the upcoming election.

[REDACTED] told them he was interested in "that young senator from New England" to become the new President and one or more of the four men answered him by stating "if he's that young bastard I think you mean, we'll kill him and you too." They then told him to get out of the bar.

[REDACTED] continued and said that as soon as he left the bar he heard a shot and thought it might have been the four men trying to kill him. He ran behind a lamp post, but did not see anything out of the ordinary. He said he then walked down the street, encountered a man, and queried him about his knowledge of communists in the area of the bar.

██████████ then acquired a pair of sunglasses and a hat and went back to the same bar an hour later. This time he walked slowly past where the four men were sitting and heard them talking. He said he thought they used the word assassinate or assassination and felt they meant they were going to assassinate Kennedy. ██████████ said he had never seen the four men before or since that time. One of the men was wearing a suit, one a sport coat, one a sport shirt with a jacket over his chair, and the other was wearing a car coat. He never saw them standing up.

██████████ said he is originally from Dallas, Texas, but was born on November 19, 1934, in ██████████ Arkansas. He said he was honorably discharged from the Army in March, 1959. He said he is divorced from his wife, ██████████ who now lives somewhere in El Paso, Texas. His mother, ██████████ Iowa, has committed him to various mental institutions for his "nervousness". ██████████ blames the shock treatments he has received at the Mental Health Institute for his "memory loss" as to the name and place of the bar the above occurred. He said, however, he believes he could recognize the four men if he saw them again.

During the interview of ██████████ it was very difficult to keep him on the subject. He was vague in answering specific questions and continually rambled on to other subjects. Each time he could not answer a question, he blamed the shock treatments for his not remembering.

Dr. Thomas W. Murphy, Staff Psychiatrist, advised on January 20, 1964, ██████████ was admitted to the Institute on January 3, 1954, as a State Case on the recommendation of his mother who is a registered nurse. Dr. Murphy said he is a schizophrenic, paranoid type, which manifests itself in ideas of grandiosity and disconnected thought association. It also is exemplified in the fact he feels persecuted by his mother.

Dr. Murphy stated he has stopped three letters by ██████████ in being mailed. One was addressed to someone in Phoenix, Arizona, and the other two to El Paso. All three, according to Dr. Murphy, dealt with an incident in a Dallas bar where ██████████ got the impression some men were planning to assassinate President Kennedy.