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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

On December 21, 1963, a source whose reliability is not known and who requested that her identity be kept confidential advised as follows:

A few days previous to December 21, 1963, the source was in Sanger's Department Store in Downtown Dallas and became engaged in a conversation with a clerk whose name she did not know. During the conversation the clerk advised her something to the effect that the day the President was on his Motorcade she asked one of her fellow employees or company officials if he planned to watch the parade that day. The reply from this employee to the sales clerk was something to the effect, "If I went out there, I would take a pot shot at him." The sales clerk advised the source that she was under the impression that this particular individual was referring to President KENNEDY on that particular day.

Source stated she did not obtain all the facts surrounding the information that was given her by this sales clerk, and she could not recall her name; however, the sales clerk's number was [redacted] in Department [redacted], Store X, at Sanger's Downtown Department Store. She also stated she realized this information was quite nebulous and felt it was her obligation to notify the FBI.

On December 24, 1963, [redacted] Sanger's Department Store, Main and Lamar, Dallas, Texas, advised that Clerk [redacted] was determined to be [redacted], who is a part-time employee at the Main and Lamar Branch of Sanger's Annex. He said that she resided at [redacted] in Dallas, Texas, and her

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telephone number was [REDACTED]. He said he regarded her as a loyal, patriotic person and believed that she was employed in a regular full-time job with Hinton & Locke, Inc., at 211 North Ervay in the Fidelity Union Tower Building, Dallas, Texas.

He also advised that he understood she was out of town visiting relatives until after Christmas and believed she would be available about January 8, 1964, for interview at her regular place of employment.

On January 8, 1964, [REDACTED] advised she is employed by Hinton & Locke, Inc., (mortgage loans) on the thirty-first floor of the Fidelity Union Tower in Dallas, Texas. She said that she recalled on the day of the Presidential parade and the day that President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated at Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, when one of the employees asked if they were going to get time off to see the parade, the reply was given her by one of the company officials or a supervisor, whom she could not positively identify, to the effect that if anybody went to see the parade, "They should take a pot shot at him."

[REDACTED] advised that she did not believe this individual was out to get the President but felt he, like other people, might not have agreed entirely with President JOHN F. KENNEDY's political program. She said that she did not have any reason to believe that any individual in the company would have intended to permit any actual violence against the President of the United States or JOHN F. KENNEDY. She said she was unable to positively identify the person who made this remark but thought it might have been made by Mr. MITCHELL, who is a Treasurer of Hinton-Locke, or possibly by Mr. LOCKE, and she did not know the identity of any other person who might have heard the remark.

She said she had mentioned this fact to some people who were her customers at Sanger's Downtown Toy Annex when they were discussing the tragedy of the President's death.

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On January 21, 1964, Mr. CHARLES HINTON, JR., advised that he resides at 1674 Keesler Canyon, Dallas, Texas, where his telephone number is WH 8-9920.

He said that his offices are on the 31st floor of the Fidelity Union Tower Building, Dallas, where he is president of the Hinton & Locke, Inc. (mortgage loans). He said the firm is engaged in mortgage banking and insurance at Dallas, Texas, and has observed its 14th business anniversary.

He said he recalled he first heard of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY while eating lunch in Lufkin, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and recalled he had left Dallas on November 21, 1963. He said he had no recollection of ever making a remark to the effect that "someone ought to take a pot shot at the President." He said he did not vote for President KENNEDY but felt an intense loss and thought it a most horrible tragedy that he had been assassinated. He said he had no reason to have him replaced in the Presidency other than by legal means.

He said that he had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY and had never been a patron of the Carousel Club and Vegas Club in Dallas and had no knowledge of any association between RUBY and OSWALD. He also added he had never heard any member of his firm make a remark to the effect that "someone ought to take a pot shot at the President."

He said that Mr. L. B. MITCHELL was not available for interview, and he did not know when he would return to Dallas, noting that Mr. MITCHELL is the treasurer of the firm and has a very active part in the supervision of the employees of the firm.

Mr. L. B. MITCHELL, Treasurer, Hinton & Locke, Inc., (mortgage bankers) Dallas, advised on February 4, 1964, that he was treasurer of the company and that his full name is LOVICK BYRON MITCHELL and resided at 733 Greenleaf Drive, Richardson, Texas. He said he recalled definitely that he was in Dallas on

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November 21 and 22, 1963, and he had no recollection of ever making a remark to any employee to the effect that they could not witness the Presidential parade or that anyone who went to the parade ought to take a pot shot at the President.

He said that had any such question been asked, he would have allowed the employee to take time out to watch the parade if they desired to see it. He said, in fact, he recalled the parade was held near noon, and most of the employees did actually take their lunch hour during the time the parade was passing near their building. He said his personal business kept him from attending the parade; however, he was observing the Freeway from his office on the thirty-first floor, hoping that he might get a glimpse of the President and his party as they left downtown Dallas to go to the area where the luncheon was to be held honoring the President.

Mr. MITCHELL said that the firm closed their business for two days following the assassination of the President out of respect for the President and in view of the great tragedy America had suffered. He said he was positive that any employee who might have made a remark to the effect that someone should take a pot shot at the President if he went to the parade, was made in jest. He said all of his employees, without exception, were loyal American citizens and he had observed that each and every one of them was deeply affected by the assassination of the President.