



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

Phoenix, Arizona

February 5, 1964

RE: JAMES CHANEY

Sergeant BEN BRANDON, Blythe Station, Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Blythe, California, advised that one [REDACTED], Arizona, had contacted that office on January 4, 1964, advising one JAMES CHANEY [REDACTED] had expressed great joy over the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. CHANEY had made the statement "there were going to be more".

[REDACTED] who is currently employed on a construction project at Blythe, was interviewed on January 6, 1964. At that time, [REDACTED] advised that on the day of President KENNEDY's assassination [REDACTED] on a construction project in Arizona with JAMES CHANEY and others. CHANEY had to go to town and brought back the word that President KENNEDY had been assassinated. CHANEY appeared to be very joyful and in a high state of emotion over the assassination. Thereafter, [REDACTED] asked CHANEY if the latter was a Communist and CHANEY told him "It was none of his damned business." CHANEY then said he wanted to be on the "winning side" and [REDACTED] asked him if he thought the Communists were "on the winning side". CHANEY replied, "Yes".

CHANEY discussed the assassination all that day and made the statement he thought President KENNEDY "had it coming". [REDACTED] stated CHANEY did not make the statement that there were more assassinations to come. Neither did he make any statement or threat against a President or high government official. [REDACTED] advised he had no personal knowledge of any Communist affiliation by CHANEY or anyone else.

[REDACTED] stated he believed CHANEY resides in a trailer court at Ehrenberg, Arizona where he works as a carpenter. He stated CHANEY allegedly owns a 1962 black Cadillac, has a part interest in an airplane, and is a gun enthusiast who has a large collection.

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On January 24, 1964, JAMES CHANEY was contacted at Warner's Trailer Park, Ehrenberg, Arizona. In addition to residing at this trailer park, CHANEY is also employed as the Manager of this trailer park.

CHANEY denied making any of the statements afore-mentioned. He related upon hearing of the news of President KENNEDY's assassination, he was very upset. He further categorically denied having any sympathy to any other form of government, and that which is presently enjoyed by the United States. He stated he did not belong to any organization advocating the overthrow of the government, and related his remarks on the day of the assassination had not been made in any way which would cause anyone to think that he had any feeling of joy over the event.

CHANEY specifically denied knowing of any proposed assassination in the future against the President of the United States.

The following description of CHANEY was obtained through interview:

Name	JAMES LAWSON (LON) CHANEY
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	27
Date of Birth	February 18, 1936
Place of Birth	Redding, California
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Reddish blond
Eyes	Blue
Mailing Address	Post Office Box 145, Ehrenberg, Arizona