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FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,  
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 22, 1964 that, at a meeting of the Tampa, Florida, unit, National States Rights Party (NSRP), held at 4003 North Grady Street, Tampa, on June 19, 1964, DEWEY H. TAFT indicated he was then in the process of getting out an issue of the "American Digest" which would outline the fact that "LOBBY KENNEDY had his brother, JOHN F. KENNEDY, shot; that RUBY and OSWALD were in on the deal, that they tried to kill retired General WALKER before assassinating the President."

The June, 1964 issue of the "American Digest Combined with the Conservative Press", further described as Volume 26, Number 4, showing DEWEY TAFT, Florida State Chairman, NSRP, as editor of said publication, which is shown as having been established in 1939, contains an article on its front page, "LOBBY KENNEDY CAUSED DEATH OF HIS BROTHER." The text of this article is set forth below:

"Who hired Jacob Rubenstein, alias Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald to attempt the assassination of Gen. Edwin Walker seven months before the President was murdered?"

"Both Rubenstein and Oswald were alleged undercover agents for Lobby Kennedy's Central Intelligence Agency. After the attempted murder of Gen. Walker in April it was reported that the Dallas Police Dept. was ready to arrest Rubenstein

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and Oswald in the Walker murder conspiracy ---  
Rubenstein as the paymaster and Oswald as the  
trigger-man! But a letter from a high Dept. of  
Justice official to Dallas Police Chief Curry  
PREVENTED the arrest of Rubenstein and Oswald!

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"The BIG QUESTION going the rounds in Dallas  
since last Nov. 22:

"DID DOBBY KENNEDY HIRE OSWALD TO MURDER  
WALKER, AND WHEN HE FAILED THE TWO CONSPIRATORS  
QUARRELED, WHEREUPON OSWALD TOOK HIS REVENGE BY  
KILLING THE PRESIDENT?"

The "American Digest" has, in the past, indi-  
cated that it was established by TAFT in 1939, "for  
Christ - country, racial purity, State's rights - against  
race-mixing and other forms of communism."

First source, mentioned above, also a second  
source, who has furnished reliable information in the  
past, have advised that DEWEY M. TAFT is a member of  
the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK), Plant City,  
Florida Klavern, and that he regularly attends functions  
of said klan group and the klansmen support NSRP acti-  
vities.

A third source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised in November, 1963, that  
TAFT joined with other klansmen on November 18, 1963  
to conduct a placard-carrying, anti-KENNEDY demon-  
stration at Tampa during the visit of the late President  
JOHN F. KENNEDY at said location.

First two sources mentioned above have advised  
that TAFT, in his talks and writings, continues to be  
principally anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-communist,  
anti-integration, anti-KENNEDY and JOHNSON administra-  
tions, anti-U.N., and anti-Supreme Court.

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Characterizations of the NSRP and the  
UFKKK are attached to this memorandum.  
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APPENDIX

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
(NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt", announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director, of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
(NSRP), STATE OF FLORIDA

In a letter to the Chairman and National Committee, NSRP, dated February 5, 1963, as published in the February, 1963, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the official organ of the NSRP with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, DEWEY M. TAFT announced the merging of the Conservative Party of America, DEWEY TAFT, Chairman, with the NSRP. "The Thunderbolt" also contained another announcement to the effect that TAFT was appointed NSRP Chairman for Florida.

A source has advised during April, May, and June, 1963, that TAFT has located NSRP State Headquarters at Tampa, Florida, and has organized a Hillsborough County Branch of the NSRP at Tampa, Florida.

In April, 1963, TAFT began editing "The Florida Patriot," self-described as a monthly publication of the NSRP of Florida.

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UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) has been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK was operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The Sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated, and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1963, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.