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	BUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO: Dallas) Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 12/2/66.	
	For information of Louisville, EUSTACE THADDEUS CHATHAM, Apartment E, 1932 St. Thomas Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 28, 1966, furnished a signed statement to the effect that some years ago he worked on a shrimp boat in the Gulf of Mexico in the area of Brownsville, Texas, with a man named CLIFFORD JOHNSON and an individual whose nickname was recalled only as "MOODY." CHATHAM related JOHNSON asking if he would kill	
	the President for \$50,000 or \$100,000 or \$150,000 and alleged that LYNDON B. JOHNSON wanted to be President of the United States and that LYNDON B. JOHNSON does not care how he gets it. CHATHAN wiso claimed that CLIFFORD JOHNSON displayed an Army rifle with a telescopic sight and a .45 caliber Luger automatic.	
	CHATHAN claimed further that he observed a boat had been docked that JOHNSON was contacted by a who resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD.	fter the man
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Bureau, in referenced airtel, instructed active investigation to locate and fully identify CLIFFORD JOHNSON followed by interview with JOHNSON relative to CHATHAM allegation.

In addition, Bureau directed that investigation should point toward establishing any valid information which would establish any degree of mental incompetency on the part of complaintant CHATHAM. In addition, Bureau instructed that results of investigation are to be incorporated into a LHM suitable for dissemination by the Bureau and that all leads are to be covered expeditiously.

On December 5, 1966, Medical Records Office, U. S. Public Health Hospital (USPA), New Orleans, advised that EUSTACE THADDEUS CHATHAM had been a patient from April 30, 1959, through May 14, 1959. She stated his USPH Number is 021897. She also stated that the medical records for CHATHAM are currently located at the following address:

Medical Officer in Charge Attention Chief Microphotography Section USPH Hospital Lexington, Kentucky

CHATHAN is described as a white male, date of birth July 25, 1914, at Biloxi, Mississippi. He walks with a limp due to a broken left hip and claims he was confined to USPH for treatment of his eye and stomach.

LEAD:

LOUISVILLE

AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY. Will at the above listed address for USPH review the medical records in the name of EUSTACE THADDEUS CHATHAM, Number 021897, to obtain background data and also determine if there is any indication that CHATHAM possesses any degree of mental incompetency.

Expedite investigation and submit results to Bureau by appropriate LHM with copies for New Orleans and Dallas.