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ERNEST STANLEY HIPPS

On March 11, 1967, captioned individual telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised it was important that he talk to a Special Agent right away. He was told to come to the Washington Field Office for an interview.

[REDACTED]

Upon arrival of the Agent at District of Columbia General Hospital, [REDACTED] advised that Phipps had been sent to that hospital by the Metropolitan Police Department (M-D) who had found him passed out at 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. [REDACTED] advised the alcoholic content of a blood sample taken from Phipps was 485 milligrams. He said a person with 150 milligrams of alcohol in his blood is considered to be intoxicated.

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[redacted] advised Phipps claimed he had been shot in the buttocks area with a shotgun. He said Phipps' buttocks and lower back area contained several scars that could possibly have resulted from a shotgun wound. He said an X-ray had been made of this area and no pellets were found imbedded in this area. He advised that if Phipps had been wounded with a shotgun, it would have been within the past two weeks. [redacted] stated these marks also could have been caused from ingrown hairs that were scratched and became infected of by a reaction from lack of cleanliness.

Ernest Stanley Phipps was interviewed in the Emergency Ward. He is described as a white male and said he was born on May 5, 1929, at Buffalo, South Carolina. He said he currently resides at 419 Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. He said he had served ten years in the North Carolina State Penitentiary at Raleigh, North Carolina, for passing worthless checks. He claimed to have been released outright from that penal institution in 1956. He said he has been drunk for five weeks and that he spent the night of March 10, 1967, at a hotel at 9th and New York Avenue, N.W.

Phipps claimed he is a pilot and that at the time of President Kennedy's assassination, he was paid \$7,000.00 to fly a load of guns out of Texas. He also claimed he has flown guns to various places for the "Black Power" group. When pressed for details in these matters, Phipps either could not or would not reveal additional information.

Phipps claimed he has a foot locker full of guns at his residence at 419 Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Included in this group of guns are three grease guns. He could not furnish any information regarding the acquisition of these guns or their intended purpose.

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During the interview, Phipps repeatedly sobbed and kept saying "they are going to kill me." In this connection, he said he had already been shot with a shotgun. He said he was in a telephone booth in Alexandria, Virginia, about a week ago when he was shot. When pressed for the identity of the person who shot him and for the reason anyone would want to shoot him, he said he did not know who shot him, but he was shot because of "what he knew." He was asked what information he possessed that would cause anyone to want to kill him and he said "none."

During the interview of Phipps, he said he had previously talked to an FBI Agent named Gilbert relating to his problems. He said this conversation had taken place at Washington, D. C. When told the FBI had no agent named Gilbert at Washington, D. C., he replied "maybe he's the son of a bitch who shot me."

It was impossible to conduct a thorough interview of Phipps at the time due to his intoxication. At times during the interview, he was incoherent and rambled in conversation that was unintelligible. He was requested to come to the Washington Field Office upon his release from the hospital, but he did not say whether or not he would comply with this request.

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