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[redacted] advised that
WARREN HUGHES, age 28, who resides at 6042 Chef Menteur,
New Orleans, Louisiana, was a former member of his church
at Cocoa, Florida. JOHNSON said that approximately two years
ago in March, 1965, HUGHES advised him in confidence as
his minister that one WESLEY SELLERS, Houston, Texas,
allegedly called HUGHES while HUGHES was in Houston and
indicated a desire to talk to him in private. HUGHES
allegedly walked with SELLERS to the crest of a bridge in
Houston where they could see in all directions and know
they were not being followed. SELLERS indicated he was
disturbed because "they" were going to kill the President
in Dallas. [redacted] said this conversation allegedly
took place just a short time before the assassination.

[redacted] said he had no further details concerning this
meeting. He said he put little faith in the information
when he first heard it, however, since the District
Attorney's Office in New Orleans has opened an investigation
in that city concerning an alleged conspiracy to kill
President KENNEDY, it has bothered him to the point where
he wanted to make available the information for whatever
action is deemed necessary.

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[redacted] described SELLERS as a habitual criminal
who participated in serious burglaries a number of times
with HUGHES and one JIMMY BRYAN in the Houston area. He
said SELLERS has jet black full head of hair, 5'8", round
face, early or middle thirties and is a well-groomed,
handsome individual. He said SELLERS was tried in Houston
court for robbery, in which trial HUGHES testified for the
prosecution. SELLERS was found guilty.

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[redacted] continued that HUGHES allegedly has information concerning District Attorney FRANK BRISCO at Houston, Texas, who prosecuted SELLERS relating to BRISCO's ties with La Cosa Nostra and his involvement with crime in the Houston area. For this reason HUGHES allegedly was not tried for the crime of robbery with SELLERS, but was instead used as a prosecution witness.

[redacted] said HUGHES had as his attorney (FNU) BAKER at Houston, who was supposed to be involved in a multi-million dollar gold mining swindle in Mexico. He said HUGHES is very knowledgeable concerning organized crime between Houston, New Orleans and Little Rock. He said HUGHES alleged that SAM HOOVER, former Mayor of Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston, controlled the rackets in Houston. He said HOOVER before being sent up for life, was the exchange agent for hot money in this country and ran the hot money to somewhere in Mexico.

He said HUGHES also alleged that the La Cosa Nostra ran the liquor stores in Dallas.

Texas HUGHES alleged further that he lived at one time with one GENE SHELTON, also known as BEN F. OLIVER, Room 927 Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, or possibly the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Houston. SHELTON was associated with Inland Pipe and Specialty Company. SHELTON was supposed to be a gambler and card shark and HUGHES was also a gambler. SHELTON was known as an "evil eye man". HUGHES thought SHELTON might be working for the FBI and [redacted] terminology. HUGHES spoke very cautiously of SHELTON and said if SHELTON was not an FBI plant, there were plenty of things he could tell. [redacted] said he was impressed with HUGHES' knowledge of crime in the Houston area, and he felt HUGHES knew of this only through his own participation in crime up to the time he became a true Christian. *Texas*

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