



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

January 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 23, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

On January 5, 1968, [redacted] appeared at the Cleveland, Ohio, office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he stated he had recently returned from Chicago, Illinois, and is now working at General Electric, 1734 Ivanhoe Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and residing at 1396 Addison Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] stated the reason for his visit to the Cleveland FBI office was to report that he now remembers the names of two males who were in a Chicago room in March, 1966, when he had a job of delivering packages from Chicago, Illinois, to Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] stated that the names of the two males were Clay Shaw and Adolph or Abel Strikeman (phonetic). He stated that he had reported this information to the FBI office in Selma, Alabama, in March, 1966, after he had ascertained that the packages which he had delivered were diagrams of a nuclear explosive.

[redacted] also stated that on January 1, 1968, January 3, 1968, and again on January 4, 1968; he had received telephone calls from the office of James Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, regarding information which he, [redacted] had furnished to Garrison's office regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. [redacted] said the caller on January 4, 1968, was Garrison himself, who informed [redacted] that a representative of his office by the name of Martinez (phonetic) will be in Cleveland in the next several days to interview [redacted]. [redacted] declined to discuss the information which he indicated he had furnished the District Attorney in New Orleans.

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The files of the Cleveland Office reflect that [redacted] first came to the attention of this office in March, 1966, when he furnished information to a representative of the FBI in Selma, Alabama, indicating that he had overheard conversation relating to an alleged plan to bomb the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D. C., on March 3, 1966. Investigation at that time revealed that [redacted] was a "liar" and had a record at Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Cleveland, Ohio, since 1953 for incorrigibility and numerous thefts. [redacted] was committed to the Boys Industrial School, Lancaster, Ohio, in 1958 and examined by State Juvenile Diagnosis Clinic, Columbus, Ohio, which found [redacted] to be severely emotionally disturbed. In 1959 [redacted] was further described as "psychoneurotic offender with a severe, obsessive-compulsive with pre-psychotic personality pattern."

On November 18, 1966, information was received indicating [redacted] had a small explosive device which he planned to use to kill the President. Following that report, [redacted] was picked up by Secret Service in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently committed to the Cleveland Psychiatric Hospital. [redacted] escaped from the hospital on January 13, 1967, but surrendered on the same date to Secret Service in Cleveland and was returned to the psychiatric hospital.

The above information was furnished Fred Backstrom, Special Agent, Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, at 11:00 AM on January 5, 1968. Agent Backstrom stated that [redacted] had visited the Secret Service office the previous day with similar information. He said [redacted] was not wanted by Secret Service at this time. He further stated that Douglas, following his release from the Cleveland Psychiatric Hospital, went to the Chicago area and was committed to the Elgin, Illinois, State Hospital on October 21, 1967. He was released on November 2, 1967.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Birth Data:	May 11, 1943, at Cleveland, Ohio

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Height:  
Weight:  
Tattoos:

5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
138 pounds  
Heart on back of left hand;  
and blotched cross on back  
of right hand

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