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ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS,
TEXAS; AFT

RE BALTIMORE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 22,
1977.

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOWSON,
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] CONTACTED SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE BALTIMORE DIVISION IN PERSON AND FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SI-126 REC-46

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS SINCE
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, HE HAS BEEN
GATHERING BITS AND PIECES OF INFORMATION MORE OR LESS AS A

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HOBBY IN AN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ASSASSINATION.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT, HE WAS CONTACTED BY A FRIEND ASSOCIATED WITH WHITE LABORATORIES, GREENBELT, MARYLAND, WHO ASKED [REDACTED] TO COME TO WHITE LABORATORIES AND CONDUCT VARIOUS TESTS FOR THE LABORATORY TO INCLUDE THE FIRING OF A WEAPON SIMILAR TO THE ASSASSINATION WEAPON USED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

[REDACTED] AGREED TO DO THE VARIOUS EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AND DURING THE COURSE OF HIS WORK WITH WHITE LABORATORIES HAD OCCASION TO TALK TO NUMEROUS FBI AND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS INCLUDED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED] SUCCESSFULLY FIRED THE OSWALD RIFLE PROTOTYPE IN THE ALLOTTED TIME PERIOD AND PROVED THAT THE ASSASSINATION WEAPON COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED BY A SKILLED MARKSMAN AT THE DISTANCE AND TIME FRAME INVOLVED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS WHITE LABORATORIES EXPERIENCE, HE CONTINUED HIS EFFORTS TO UNCOVER THE TRUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ASSASSINATION AND DURING THE COURSE OF TIME ARRIVED AT THE THEORY THAT WHILE LEE HARVEY

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OSWALD DID, IN FACT, FIRE THE 6.5 MM CARCANO CARBINE, THE SHOT THAT BLEW OFF HALF OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD WAS FIRED BY A HIGH VELOCITY SMALL CALIBER WEAPON SUCH AS 223 CALIBER M-16 TYPICAL OF THE WEAPONS THEN BEING USED BY THE SECRET SERVICE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT A SECRET SERVICE AGENT NAMED KENNETH O'DONNELL WHO WAS SITUATED IN A CAR DIRECTLY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S CAR, IN THE REAR SEAT, STOOD UP IN THE REAR SEAT OF THE CAR WITH A M-16 OR THE SHORTENED KAR 15 VERSION OF THE M-16, AND FIRED ONE OR MORE SHOTS DIRECTLY AHEAD OF HIS CAR IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE "GRASSY KNOLL" WHICH WAS AHEAD OF THE KENNEDY CAR. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT O'DONNELL IS THE SECRET SERVICE AGENT MOST LIKELY TO HAVE FIRED THE SHOTS BUT THAT SECRET SERVICE AGENT GEORGE HICKEY WAS ALSO IN THE BACK SEAT WITH O'DONNELL AND MAY HAVE FIRED THE SHOTS ALSO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE DRIVER OF THE SECRET SERVICE CAR WAS AGENT EMERY ROBERTS, A FORMER BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE OFFICER FROM TOWSON, MARYLAND. ROBERTS HEARD AND FELT THE SHOT GO OVER HIS HEAD AND WAS HEARD BY WITNESSES TO EXCLAIM, "FOR CHRIST SAKE, IF WE HAVEN'T KILLED HIM ALREADY DON'T START NOW."

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS ACT WAS PURELY ACCIDENTAL DONE IN PANIC BY THE SECRET SERVICE AGENT INVOLVED AND THAT THE KENNEDY FAMILY WAS APPRAISED OF THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER AND THAT IT WAS DECIDED BY THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME THAT THE TRUTH SHOULD BE COVERED UP TO SPARE THE SECRET SERVICE THE EMBARRASSMENT AND TO SPARE THE AGENT INVOLVED FURTHER PAIN AND ANGUISH AS THIS INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY HAD A MENTAL BREAKDOWN FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AND LEFT THE SECRET SERVICE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ROBERT KENNEDY, WAS AWARE OF ALL THE FACTS RELATING TO THIS INCIDENT AND ORDERED THE FBI AND THE SECRET SERVICE TO COVER THE MATTER UP AS THE TENURE OF THE TIMES WOULD HAVE MADE THE STORY UNBELIEVABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SA [REDACTED] OF THE BALTIMORE DIVISION DID NOT GO INTO A DETAILED INTERVIEW OF DONOHUE AT THIS TIME BUT NOTED THAT [REDACTED] HAS AN EXTENSIVE PILE OF REFERENCE MATERIAL AND RECORDS WHICH HE HAS ACCUMULATED OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT SHOULD ALSO

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BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE APPROXIMATELY 55, SELF-EMPLOYED, IS GENERALLY REGARDED IN THE BALTIMORE AREA AS AN EXPERT IN WEAPONS AND BALLISTICS AND HAS APPEARED IN FEDERAL AND LOCAL COURT MANY TIMES AS AN EXPERT WITNESS FOR ATF, DEA, THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, AND VARIOUS CITY AND COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS. [REDACTED] HAS ALSO APPEARED ON TELEVISION IN THE BALTIMORE AREA A NUMBER OF TIMES TO DEBATE THE GUN CONTROL ISSUE WITH VARIOUS BALTIMORE POLITICIANS AND NOTABLES. [REDACTED] IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN HIS FIELD AND IS NOT GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE ECCENTRIC.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS BRINGING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF SA [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS HE HAS KNOWN SA [REDACTED] AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FBI AGENTS IN THE BALTIMORE DIVISION FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND DOES NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT INJURE THE REPUTATION OF THE FBI, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RALPH REPERT, FEATURE WRITER FOR THE BALTIMORE SUN PAPERS, OFFICE 332-6612, HOME 321-6132, AND IS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF GARY BLACK, EDITOR OF THE SUN PAPERS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT A FEATURE STORY ON HIS

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THEORY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING WRITTEN BY THE SUN PAPERS
AND WILL BE RELEASED SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS.

[REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE FRONT PAGE NEWS ON EVERY
MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN THE COUNTRY.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE
WITH THE FBI IN THIS MATTER IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE
MAKING AVAILABLE ALL OF HIS RESEARCH MATERIAL AND DATA,
AND HAS IN HIS POSSESSION AT THIS TIME THE ROUGH DRAFT
STORY WHICH HE WILL ALSO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI
SHOULD THE FBI DESIRE TO SEE IT.

AS PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1977, NO
FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER IS BEING TAKEN BY THE
BALTIMORE DIVISION UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY
THE BUREAU.

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