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AT WACO, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA G. LEE GOLDEN:

On November 29, 1963, R. W. THOMAS, Salesman, Utarion Housing Aid Service, advised JOHN W. JOHNSON was employed as a salesman at that company for the past three months but terminated this employment on November 25, 1963. JOHNSON did not appear for work on November 21 and 22, 1963, but on the morning of November 23, 1963, reported for work and said he had been in Dallas. He engaged THOMAS in a conversation concerning the death of President KENNEDY, during which JOHNSON commented that OSWALD did not kill the President.

Date December 1, 1963

JOHN WALTER JOHNSON, 1823 Piedmont, Austin, Texas, advised he was employed by Otation Listener Hearing Aids, 801 Franklin, Waco, Texas, for approximately three months prior to November 25, 1963, when he resigned.

On November 21, 1963, he went to Fort Worth, Texas, to look for another job. On November 22, 1963, he contacted H. R. HIGGINS, owner, Higgins Beltone Agency, Fort Worth, Texas, and secured job as hearing aid consultant and then returned to Waco, Texas, and resigned prior job.

JOHNSON admits he was opposed to President JOHN F. KENNEDY's views as President and may have in moment of excitement made statement he was glad KENNEDY had been killed and that KENNEDY had taken every opportunity to mow down or crush the people of Mississippi. JOHNSON claims that he grew up in the State of Mississippi. He denied any intention of discrediting the name of the President or any desire to do him bodily harm personally. JOHNSON is not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and had never heard of them prior to November 22, 1963. He denies any knowledge of plans to assassinate President KENNEDY and claims he had no knowledge KENNEDY was to be in Fort Worth, Texas, until he, JOHNSON, arrived there November 21, 1963. JOHNSON denies ever being in Dallas, Texas, in his life. He admitted he may have made remarks that he did not believe OSWALD could have fired three rifle shots rapidly enough and accurate enough to assassinate President KENNEDY and wound Governor CONNALLY but he denied having any factual information that OSWALD did or did not commit the act. JOHNSON admits membership in the John Birch Society at Silsbee, Texas, Chapter 320 from about January 9, 1960, to July 1963. He operated T.V. Repair Shop there until he went broke in July 1963. He denied that the John Birch Society at any time ever advocated or encouraged the assassination of President Kennedy.

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by SA H. T. BURK/als:obl Date dictated 11/30/63