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On December 13, 1963, an individual who requested her identity not be divulged, and contact with whom has been insufficient to establish her reliability, advised SA CARL E. UNDERHILL that she had been acquainted with the JOINER family over a period of many years.

She stated that ROY JOINER has indicated that his uncle, BOBBIE JOINER, tried to get him (ROY JOINER) to shoot President KENNEDY. She stated ROY also had indicated that his uncle, BOBBIE JOINER, had received a letter from an unknown woman on the day before, or the day of, the assassination, asking BOBBIE JOINER to have nothing to do with any shooting of the President. According to the source, BOBBIE JOINER's wife was believed to still have this letter.

The source advised that the JOINERS run Sonja's Grocery Store in Grand Prairie, Texas. Source advised that BOBBIE JOINER receives his mail at the address of a brother, DELMAN A. JOINER, at 2510 Fish Creek Road, Dallas, Texas.

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Special Agent ROGER C. WARNER, United States Secret Service, Dallas, Texas, appeared at the Dallas Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and furnished the following information concerning the JOINER family residing in Grand Prairie, Texas. He stated his information concerning the identities of the members of the JOINER family had been obtained by him from Mrs. EILENE BRADSHAW, 312 Bill Irwin Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, who appeared to be quite knowledgeable with respect to the JOINER family, and Mrs. BRADSHAW had not exhibited any desire to have her identity concealed with respect to the information she was furnishing:

The members of the family are as follows:

Parents

ED and JANIE JOINER, 2414 Southeast Street, Grand Prairie, Texas

Brothers

BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER, age 34, 1725 Armstead, Grand Prairie, Texas;

RAEFEL D. JOINER, age 48, 2413 Christopher, Grand Prairie, Texas;

WILLIAM J. JOINER, age 28, presently in Huntsville, Texas, State Prison on a forgery conviction;

DELMAN A. JOINER, age 46, 2510 Fish Creek Road, Dallas, Texas;

ED JOINER, JR., age 41, 2502 Waldrum, Grand Prairie, Texas;

DAVID D. JOINER, age 39, 1624 Lakecrest Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas;

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Brothers (cont'd)

TOM C. JOINER, age 37, address unknown;

HOWARD D. JOINER, age 35, 1753 Armstead, Grand
Prairie, Texas.

Sisters

LOIS SUMMERFIELD, age 50, 2700 block Hardy Road,
Grand Prairie, Texas;

GLORIA GOFORTH, age 24, 2505 Southeast 14th Street,
Grand Prairie, Texas.

Children

GARY WAYNE JOINER, age 17, son of ED JOINER, JR.

EDWARD PETTY JOINER, age 18, son of ED JOINER, JR.

SARAH FAYE GOODMAN, age 26, daughter of ED JOINER, JR.

ROY EUGENE JOINER, age 17, son of RAEFEL D. JOINER

R. D. JOINER, age 12, son of RAEFEL D. JOINER

RAYMOND LEE JOINER, age 16, son of RAEFEL D. JOINER

PEGGY JOYCE JOINER, age 14, daughter of RAEFEL D. JOINER

JANIE LOUISE JOINER, age 9, daughter of RAEFEL D. JOINER

LOIS LOUELLA JOINER, age 8, daughter of RAEFEL D. JOINER

ROSIE ANN CRUTCHER, unknown address, Southeast 14th
Street, Grand Prairie, Texas

Children (cont'd)

TOY LOUISE HENSON, age 19, address unknown

Mr. WARNER advised that DAVID D. JOINER's wife is EDITH JOINER. He stated that, according to Mrs. BRADSHAW, ROY JOINER, who has been both described as DAVID JOINER's son and RAEHEL D. JOINER's son, and EDITH JOINER had told Mrs. BRADSHAW that BOBBIE JOINER had tried to get ROY to shoot President KENNEDY. When Mrs. BRADSHAW told ROY about President KENNEDY being assassinated, she thought he had been assassinated from the overpass, rather than from a building, and commented to that effect to ROY JOINER who, she stated, indicated that it was known to him the assassination was going to happen.

According to Mr. WARNER, Mrs. BRADSHAW advised that BOBBIE JOINER gets a check from some source through the mail every month. BOBBIE's wife will not let him receive mail at their residence, and he has his mail delivered to him at the home of DELMAN A. JOINER, 2510 Fish Creek Road, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. WARNER advised that, according to Mrs. BRADSHAW, other members of the JOINER family feel that EDITH JOINER, who is the wife of DAVID, tells lies about the other members of the family to get them in trouble, but that EDITH JOINER will talk to law enforcement officers.

Mr. WARNER advised that DAVID JOINER supposedly runs a gambling operation and a bootlegging operation in connection with his regular occupation of contractor, and that such illegal operations are carried on from a trailer at 1624 Lakecrest Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas.

Mr. WARNER advised that BOBBIE JOINER's second wife, to whom he is presently married, is SONJA, whose maiden name was ECKSTEIN, to whom he was married on October 24, 1954, at

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Bamberg, Germany. Mr. WARNER stated that BOBBIE JOINER is active in what is known as the Indignant White Citizens Council, an anti-integration organization.

Mr. WARNER advised that the following members of the JOINER family have criminal records:

HOWARD D. JOINER - Armed Robbery;

TOM C. JOINER - Auto Theft;

WILLIAM J. JOINER - Forgery, presently in Texas State Prison, Huntsville, Texas;

BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER - Convicted AWOL in 1948; psychiatric treatment April 12, 1949; has been arrested for investigation of vagrancy, loitering, burglary, and disturbing the peace; presently under charges or has been convicted of shooting a sixteen-year-old boy with a pellet gun. According to Mr. WARNER, he believes the charge was assault.

Mr. WARNER stated his investigation concerning the JOINER family has indicated that BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER and other members of the JOINER family use their children in carrying out illegal activities.

Mr. WARNER stated the United States Secret Service is interested in BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER and members of the JOINER family with respect to the possibility that these individuals pose a threat to the safety of the President of the United States.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. EILENE BRADSHAW, 312 Bill Irwin Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, was interviewed at her residence regarding the allegation that BOBBIE JOINER had tried to get his nephew, ROY JOINER, to shoot President KENNEDY.

Mrs. BRADSHAW said she had been previously contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and by ROGER C. WARNER, of the United States Secret Service. When first contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had requested that her identity be concealed. She now states she has no objection to her identity being disclosed. She emphasized that she did not see the letter allegedly received by BOBBIE JOINER from an unknown woman requesting BOBBIE not to have anything to do with the shooting of President KENNEDY. She advised she was only told about this letter by ROY JOINER and did not know that the letter actually existed.

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Mrs. DAVID (EDITH) JOINER, 1624 Lake Crest Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised she was born August 12, 1926, in Shouns, Tennessee, and married her husband, DAVID JOINER, in the same county in Tennessee where she was born. She advised her husband is the owner of Dave's Septic Tank Service, which he operates out of his residence and, in addition, operates Dave's Wrecking Yard, 2142 Southeast 14th Street, Grand Prairie.

Mrs. JOINER advised that her brother-in-law, BOBBIE JOINER, is an active member of the Indignant White Citizens Council in Grand Prairie and is very rabid about his anti-integration views. Mrs. JOINER advised that BOBBIE is not generally liked by the rest of the JOINER family, as well as in the neighborhood in which he lives and operates a grocery store, and she considers him to be of low mentality. She advised BOBBIE has taken on numerous jobs since his discharge from the service, but has been unsuccessful in all of them. Mrs. JOINER stated her husband is the owner of a building at 2749 Southeast 14th Street, Grand Prairie, and that BOBBIE and his wife, SONJA, rented this building about two years ago and have been operating a grocery store in that building under the name Sonja's Grocery.

Mrs. JOINER advised that, in general discussion with other members of the JOINER family subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY, she does not recall anyone ever mentioning the fact that BOBBIE JOINER had made threats against the life of President KENNEDY or anyone else. She advised further she does not feel BOBBIE would be capable of planning a crime of that type, inasmuch as he is "chickenhearted." She advised further she does not recall hearing anything about a letter received by BOBBIE requesting he not participate in the assassination of President KENNEDY at any time either before or after November 22, 1963.

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RAEYEL D. JOINER, 2413 Christopher Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised that his two sons, ROY and RAYMOND JOINER, ages 18 and 16, respectively, have frequently engaged in picketing protests against integration and integration groups. JOINER advised, however, that he has discussed this matter with his two sons on several occasions, and definitely does not recall ROY or RAYMOND discussing the assassination of anyone, including President KENNEDY, either before or after November 22, 1963.

He stated that, as of the last few months, he has restricted his sons' visits to their uncle, BOBBIE JOINER, inasmuch as BOBBIE has caused his sons some police trouble because of his radical views and he, therefore, felt it wise not to allow his sons to accompany BOBBIE JOINER on any of his frequent picketing trips.

JOINER advised further he has been in constant contact with all other members of the JOINER family residing in the Grand Prairie, Texas, area and does not recall the discussion of the assassination of President KENNEDY having come up in any conversation between them.

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BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER was interviewed on the premises of his place of business, Sonja's Grocery, 2749 Southeast 14th Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. JOINER advised he was born April 25, 1929, in Winston County, Mississippi; that he presently resides at 1755 Armstead, Grand Prairie, and operates Sonja's Grocery in conjunction with his wife, SONJA JOINER, nee ECKSTEIN, a German citizen whom he married in October, 1953, in Bamberg, Germany. JOINER stated he joined the Army Infantry in early 1946, but served only nine months, as they discovered he was underage. He re-entered the Army Infantry in 1950 and served until 1953, receiving an Honorable Discharge.

JOINER advised he is the President of the Indignant White Citizens Council (IWCC) in the Grand Prairie area, and stated he personally organized this group with the ultimate intention of becoming a chapter of the White Citizens Council, whose main office is in Jackson, Mississippi. He advised he took this matter upon himself as he felt very strongly against integration, and desired to protest some of the proposed legislation which is being considered by Congress. He advised that, in furtherance of these beliefs and due to his self-appointed position as President of the IWCC, he has taken it upon himself to conduct protest picketing against individuals of the groups who favor integration and who have been responsible for this proposed legislation.

He stated that the first such protest picketing he personally conducted and led was on August 28, 1963, the day of the Negro march on Washington, and that he organized this march to the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas, to picket the Negro protest march being conducted upon the State Capitol. He stated that on the morning of August 28, 1963, he, ROY and RAYMOND JOINER, and two other members of his group departed for Austin and, following a meeting there with other members of the White Citizens Council, conducted a one-day, sign-carrying protest of a completely nonviolent nature.

JOINER advised the next protest picketing by him and his

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group was undertaken at the Dallas Auditorium on the arrival of ADIAI STEVENSON in Dallas. He said in furtherance of this protest he rented an "Uncle Sam" red and white striped suit and donned a long white beard and attempted to enter the auditorium to effect the protest. He advised, however, neither he nor any other member of his group was allowed to enter the building any further than the lobby; therefore, they conducted their protest in that area of the building. He advised he recalled there were several other groups carrying signs, which he believed to be from a group led by General EDWIN A. WALKER and a group from the John Birch Society. He advised, however, there was no violence conducted by any of his group and the individual responsible for the spitting assault on STEVENSON was not known to him and was not a member of his group.

JOINER stated the next protest picketing which he and his group organized was to be conducted at the Trade Mart on the arrival of President KENNEDY, who was scheduled to speak at that location during a luncheon engagement on November 22, 1963. He stated that he, ROY and RAYMOND JOINER, and two other members of his group made several placard signs to carry depicting the following statements:

"KENNEDY, KING AND CASTRO"

"HAIL CAESAR"

"YANKEE GO HOME"

All of the above signs carried the designation on the back "Indignant White Citizens Council." He advised he and his group arrived at the Trade Mart Building at about 11:30 AM, November 22, 1963, and took up a position on the north side of the Stemmons Expressway service road in front of the Trade Mart. He advised they each carried a sign and each had a large piece of adhesive tape stuck over their mouths to abide by a recent City Ordinance, No. 1003, which had been passed a day or so following the STEVENSON rally. This ordinance made it a misdemeanor to make any statements verbally

and in an open manner against anyone while conducting a protest rally; therefore, the adhesive tape was an effort to abide by the law.

JOINER stated that at about 11:45 AM that morning he and his group crossed to the south side of the Stemmons service road, but were told by a police officer in that area to return to their original position on the north side, which they did. He stated they remained in that position until about 12:35 PM, when the KENNEDY motorcade sped by their position at a high rate of speed. He stated they were not aware what had taken place at that time and it was not until a few moments later when a bystander announced that President KENNEDY had been shot, or shot at, that they learned anything was wrong. He advised that moments later police officers took him and his group into custody and subsequently charged them at the police station with "Investigation of Conspiracy to Murder the President." He stated this charge was later changed to "Trespassing" and, after remaining in the County Jail in Dallas from that time until Monday afternoon, they were released upon paying a \$15.00 fine each for "Trespassing."

JOINER advised that never at any time in the course of his activities with the IWCC has he ever made any statements or taken any action against the President of a violent nature. JOINER emphatically denied discussing or planning to discuss the matter of the assassination of President KENNEDY with ROY JOINER, his nephew, or anyone else. JOINER explained that, although he definitely disagreed with the integration policies, as voiced by President KENNEDY and others, he held the highest regard and esteem for the office and felt that only his picketing might result in bringing to the attention of individuals in public office who advocated integration his feelings about the matter.

JOINER further stated that never at any time has he received a letter from a woman or anyone else discussing the assassination of President KENNEDY, either prior to or subsequent to the assassination. JOINER explained that prior to the assassination of President

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KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, he had received many hundreds of letters from individuals who were sympathetic to his cause and to his thinking, many of whom sent contributions to aid in his travel expenses in connection with these protest marches. He advised, however, that none of these letters, to the best of his recollection, contained anything relating to KENNEDY, or to violence of any form against KENNEDY or anyone else. JOINER recalled, however, that he did receive one letter about one week following the assassination from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in New York City or Washington, D. C., to the effect that they had read of the arrest of himself and his group on November 22, 1963, and the subsequent detainment for a three-day period and offered the services of an ACLU attorney if they desired to be represented in court. JOINER explained he has since filed a lawsuit against the Police Department and the individual officers involved for false arrest. He stated, however, he did not answer the letter because he had heard of possible communist infiltration of the ACLU, and did not desire to be represented by an organization of that type. JOINER advised that all other letters received by him have been congratulatory letters on their cause against integration.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ROY EUGENE JOINER was interviewed at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. G. W. KEY, 620 Brockfield, Hurst, Texas, where he was visiting TOMMY GEORGE KEY. JOINER stated he resides with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. JOINER, 2413 Christopher Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. JOINER advised he was born January 7, 1946, at Meridian, Mississippi.

JOINER related that on the morning of November 22, 1963, his uncle, BOBBIE SAVELLE JOINER, who resides at 2749 Southeast 14th Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, came by his parents' home and persuaded him and his brother, RAYMOND, age 16, to accompany him to the Trade Mart, Dallas, Texas, for a sign-carrying protest against President KENNEDY. JOINER stated he and RAYMOND really did not want to go but, on their Uncle BOBBIE's insistence, agreed to accompany him. He said his Uncle BOBBIE also picked up two other young men, names unrecalled, and took them along.

JOINER advised they arrived at the Trade Mart Building at about 11:00 or 11:30 AM, November 22, 1963, and took up a position on the north side of the Stemmons Expressway service road in front of the Trade Mart. He advised that each person in their group carried a sign and each person had a large piece of adhesive tape stuck over his mouth. JOINER said, as he recalls, the signs they carried bore such statements as "KENNEDY, KING AND CASTRO" and "YANKEE GO HOME." He said these signs carried the designation on the back "Indignant White Citizens Council." He said his Uncle BOBBIE already had the signs made and passed them out to the group. Regarding the tape over their mouths, JOINER stated his Uncle BOBBIE said they should put it there because he didn't want anyone to "start talking and start making trouble."

JOINER advised that at about 12:35 PM, on November 22, 1963, the KENNEDY motorcade sped by their position at a high rate of speed. He said they were not aware what had taken place at that time and it was not until a few moments later when a bystander announced that President KENNEDY had been shot, or shot at, that

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they learned anything was wrong. Moments later, JOINER stated Dallas police officers took the entire group into custody and charged them with "Conspiracy" and "Trespassing." He said they remained in jail two or three days and were released after each paid a \$15.00 fine.

JOINER advised he thought the assassination of President KENNEDY was "terrible." He said he had no information that the assassination would occur. He stated that his Uncle BOBBIE, prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, had never discussed the matter with him and had never requested that he commit any act of violence against President KENNEDY. JOINER also advised that on occasions he has been "on the outs" with his uncle, BOBBIE JOINER, and has talked about him to others. He stated, however, he does not recall telling anyone his Uncle BOBBIE had tried to get him to shoot President KENNEDY. Further, he stated he does not recall telling anyone that his Uncle BOBBIE had received a letter from anyone asking him to have nothing to do with the shooting of the President. JOINER says he does a lot of talking sometimes and makes accusations concerning his Uncle BOBBIE, but does not think he ever told anyone his Uncle BOBBIE had asked him to shoot the President. He did state he believes he mentioned to Mrs. EILENE BRADSHAW, Grand Prairie, Texas, that his Uncle BOBBIE had received some mail concerning his picketing activities against integration.

JOINER stated he did not know, nor did he ever have any contact with, either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He said he had no information which would assist in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.