UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Chief Attention: PRS Section DATE: November 29, 1963

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FROM : SAIC Benavides, San Antonio

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. L. L. Rivers, U.S. Army Retired - Information furnished by

Enclosed is a communication from the FBI dated 11-23-63, regarding information furnished by Lt. Col. L. L. Rivers, U. S. Army Retired, of Harlingen, Texas, concerning information obtained from a stranger who in turn had obtained it from an alleged pilot claiming to belong to an organization called the Minutemen, and it was stated that the President would be assassinated the next time he came to Texas. The pilot had told the stranger that he was leaving Harlingen, Texas, and was going to Snow Aeronautics in west Texas, and that this corporation is located at Olney, Texas, in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area.

No action will be taken by this office unless we are directed.

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before retiring. He said that on the evening in question he was in the tavern and struck up a conversation with a man regarding flying and various attitudes regarding politics. Mr. Shand stated that this unknown subject stated that he was a member of a group called "The Minut perv and he made comments about sending money to Communistic nations and stated, "The first time Kennedy sets foot in Texas we are going to kill him." Mr. Shand stated the man also asked, "Are you prepared to get a gun and scope and join us?"

Mr. Shand stated that this conversation took place in about a three or four hour time period and during this time both he and this unknown subject had several drinks. He said this unidentified male also advised he had been a World War II fighter pilot and was now employed as a crop duster. He also advised that in his off prason he worked on guns as a specialty.

Mr. Shand described this unidentified person as a white male American, 5' 3". 150 pounds, in his early forcies, brown hair, no distinctive marks or aspent in speech, reasonably intelligent. Mr. Shand further advised that this unknown subject wrote down a Post Office box number in Norma, Tennessec, where Mr. Shand could write and obtain literature regarding "The Minutemen". Mr. Shand stated that he lost this box number.

It should be noted that Mr. Shand is employed as Chief Quality Control Designated Manufacturers Inspectors Representative for FAA at the Navion Aircraft Company, Harlingen, Texas.

Mr. Shand stated that he would not be able to identify this subject again and the only information he had was that this subject mentioned that he was going to go to Olney, Texas, to Snow Aircraft Company

On 12-10-63 the writer personally interviewed Mr. Clude Elliott. 513 West Alice Street, Harlingen, Texas. Mr. Elliott is in the ousiness of leasing aircraft and crop dusting. Mr. Elliott stated that he knows most of the men employed as crop dusting pilots. It should be noted in the FBZ report that Mr. Elliott when interviewed thought that the physical description furnished . by Mr. Shand appeared to relate to a man named Chuck Rogard; however, when the writer interviewed Mr. Elliott he stated that he belie ed that this Chuck Rogers had died some time ago in Nicaragua.

Mr. Elliott was unable to furnish any pertinent information as to the identity of this unknown subject. He stated that during the dusting season there are usually about sixty firms represented and upwards of two hundred aircraft utilized in this work.

In the FBI report a John K. Medders was interviewed; however, the writer was unable to contact Mr. Medders. I telephoned his home in San Benito and his wife informed the writer that he was away and it was not known when he would return.

On 12-11-63 the writer telephoned the FBI office, Brownsville, Texas, and talked with Senior Resident Agent Clay Zachry, Jr. Special Agent Zachry advised that he had no other information than that contained in his report

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(I) DISPOSITION:

In view of the lack of investigative leads, this case is being closed. No further investigation is contemplated.

(J) CONCLUSION:

Attachments forwarded with Chief's O/M are returned herewith.