

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CD 301

Date December 2, 1963

Lt. Colonel L. L. RIVERS, USA, Retired, appeared at the Brownsville Resident Agency of the FBI voluntarily on November 22, 1963, at 2:30 p.m. and advised as follows:

He states that he had heard a man who was unknown to him state just after the assassination of President KENNEDY that about six months ago he was in a bar in Harlingen, Texas, drinking beer. Colonel RIVERS' unknown source said that while drinking beer that he engaged in conversation with another beer drinker who was unknown to him. This second unknown person said some very derogatory things about President KENNEDY and said that he belonged to an organization known as the Minute Men and that they planned to assassinate the President should he come to Texas and that they possessed rifles with scopes and that the person had been chosen to kill the President.

RIVERS' source said that he thought at the time that the man was "nuts or drunk" and disregarded the conversation.

Colonel RIVERS' source was later identified as KENNETH SHAND of Harlingen, Texas, who was also interviewed and could give no additional information either as to the alleged statement or as to the possible identity of the person who made these statements in a bar in Harlingen about six months ago.

SIF  
815

On 11/22/63 at Brownsville, Texas File # SA 89-67

by SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR. / cjm Date dictated 11/27/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1  
DL 89-45  
DDG/gm

The following investigation was conducted on December 3, 1963, by SA's DEL. D. DRAKE, JR., and JOE A. COPELAND at Bonham, Texas:

JOHN SWIN SIMPSON, 220 Evans Street, an employee of General Cable Company, advised that HAROLD E. OLSON is a cousin of his wife, JOY, and they had last seen OLSON about Christmas, 1962, when OLSON was employed at some airport in Dallas or Fort Worth as a mechanic. SIMPSON explained that OLSON at one time worked as a crop dusting pilot and had been employed at many places, including Burkburnett and Wichita Falls, Texas. He said that he himself had worked for OLSON at one time and that both at that time had been acquainted with JOE COLEMAN.

SIMPSON had no idea where OLSON could be located at the present time and explained that OLSON's mother is deceased and his father, exact name unknown, resided somewhere in California; however, SIMPSON explained that OLSON had a brother, LARRY, an electrical engineer for an unknown company out of Houston, Texas, and now resided somewhere in Midlothian, Texas.

SIMPSON stated he had heard of the Snow Aircraft Company and thought this company manufactured agricultural aircraft, and he believed it was located somewhere in "South Texas."

SIMPSON also said he had never heard OLSON make any statement concerning politics or any particular political party.

CD 1107

1Date December 3, 1963

KEN MEDDERS, Manager of the Sun Valley Dusting Company, San Benito, Texas, was interviewed in an effort to identify the unknown duster pilot who is alleged to have told KENNETH SHAND of Harlingen, Texas, in May, 1963, that President KENNEDY would be shot should he visit Texas. This unknown subject is further alleged to have told SHAND that he was a member of an organization known as the Minute Men.

MEDDERS could not identify the unknown source of SHAND's allegation but said that the description of the person offered by SHAND seemed to fit a duster pilot named CHUCK ROGERS. MEDDERS said that ROGERS had not been in the Harlingen area since 1957 and he had no idea where ROGERS could be found. ROGERS worked for MEDDERS in 1954 and part of 1955 dusting crops in the Republic of Nicaragua. MEDDERS described ROGERS as being unstable, untrustworthy, nervous to the point of having seizures, that he was an alcoholic and was too rough on the Company's equipment. MEDDERS said that in Nicaragua pilots were allowed to carry side arms and that ROGERS went armed with a pistol. ROGERS was deported from Nicaragua for taking some shots with his pistol at personnel around a local airport.

MEDDERS stated that he had formerly known a duster pilot named B. OLSEN who fit the general physical description of SHAND's source. MEDDERS said that OLSEN was even more unstable than ROGERS and had not worked in the Harlingen area for several years. MEDDERS stated that OLSEN was in an advanced state of alcoholism, that he lived around Wichita Falls, Texas, and that about six months ago he heard that OLSEN was working in Oklahoma.

1055

On 11/26/63 at San Benito, Texas File # SA 89-67 Sub 2  
 by SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR./jmb/dnb Date dictated 11/26/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Date December 3, 1963

CLYDE ELLIOTT, Elliott Aviation Company, Harlingen, Texas, was interviewed in an effort to identify the alleged source of information given to KENNETH SHAND of Harlingen to the effect that he was a duster pilot and that President KENNEDY would be shot if he paid a visit to Texas.

ELLIOTT who knows most of the crop duster pilots operating in Texas could not think of anyone who had been in Harlingen, Texas, in about May, 1963, who could have been SHAND's source. He added that from the physical description of the source given by SHAND that the source could have been CHUCK ROGERS or HAROLD B. OLSEN. ELLIOTT added that ROGERS was last in the Harlingen area in 1957 looking for a job and that he had not been back since. ELLIOTT remarked that OLSEN had not been in the Harlingen area for several years and that OLSEN was in an advanced state of alcoholism and lived in the Wichita Falls area of Texas. ELLIOTT said that he had heard that OLSEN had been in Oklahoma trying to work during the summer of 1963.

1056

On 11/26/63 at San Benito, Texas File # SA 89-67 Sub 2  
by SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR./jmb/dnb Date dictated 11/26/63