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Mrs. JAMES C. JOHNSON, 2538 52nd Street, who stated she is the mother of TOMMY TOWNSON and an aunt of DUTLEY McFADIN, furnished to tour owing information concerning her son:

TOMMY and his wife just recently separated and his wife is seeking a divorce. TCMMY is still very fond of his wife whom he does not want to lose, and he cannot stand the thought of losing the two-year-old son. She mentioned he has been very much emotionally upset in the last few weeks and she knows that he and DUDLEY McFADIN have been staying together recently at two or more locations in Dallas. She knows they were staying at 2503 Kilborn in a cottage owned by a Mrs. M. A. ROGERS and she knows they left the cottage owing rent for at least one week. She mentioned that she went by to see Mrs. ROGERS whom she (Mrs. JOHNSON) paid \$16.00 rent, and removed from the cottage the personal belongings of both men.

She understood Mrs. ROGERS had been very suspicious of her son and of McFADIN because they apparently had hurried away from the cottage leaving a lot of clothing and other personal belongings behind, among which were included three rifle bullets. Since all of this happened on the same weekend that President KENNEDY was shot, Mrs. ROGERS had told Mrs. JOHNSON she thought the story should be made known to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

Mrs. JOHNSON said that her son, TOMMY, has recently been employed by the Loftin-Shepherd Printing Company at 1509 South Ervay in Dallas and she knows that her son went to work on Friday, November 22, 1963. Mrs. JOHNSON added that her son told her that McFADIN spent the night of Thursday, November 21, 1963, at the cottage with his little boy but that he did not return to the cottage after leaving on Friday morning, November 22, 1963. She recalled TOMMY having said he was miserable on Friday night since he was alone.

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Mrs. JOHNSON said she took TOMMY to the Beverly Hills Sanitarium, 1353 North Westmoreland, where he is under the care of Dr. JOSEPH LINDSEY. She said Dr. LINDSEY has stated he expects TOMMY may be hospitalized for some two to three weeks.

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JIM SHEPHERD, Co-Owner of the Loftin-Shepherd Printing Company, 1509 South Ervay Street, furnished the following information:

He checked payroll and attendance records and verified that TOMMY JOHNSON showed up for work on Friday, November 22, 1963 and worked from 6:48 A.M. until 2:44 P.M. SHEPHERD commented that TOMMY had left early after advising him (SHEPHERD). of having a doctor's appointment. SHEPHERD also mentioned that ... he personally knew TOMMY was on the job in the print shop during the period of time that the shooting of President KENNEDY took place, because he saw TOMMY and other office workers listening to the radio account of the assassination.

SHEPHERD mentioned being aware of the fact that. . JOHNSON's domestic affairs had been upsetting him, and he knew JOHNSON was undergoing a period of emotional stress.

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CLAUDE HEATH, Manager, Wagon Whoel Cafe, advised he was witness to a suspicious and derogatory remark by JIH FOED, who is a frequent customer of his. He stated REED, upon hearing the report concerning the assassibation of President KENNEDY, immediately came to his restaurant and proudly remarked, "I respect the many who killed the President more than the President himself."

HEATH advised he threatened REED with a baseball bat

He advised REED has been in the area for approximately six months and supposedly came from Snyder, Texas. He advised REED often (2000) sadistic and vulgar remarks about the President and his administration.

HEATH also advised that Mrs. GENIEVA HODGES, W. L. HUFF, and Mrs. W. L. HUFF were witnesses to the remark made by REED.

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JAMES ROBERT REED, 1220 Austin Street, Colorado City, Texas, upon being advised that he did not have to make a statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and of his right to obtain an attorney, declined to furnish a signed statement but orally furnished the following information:

REED advised he had no connection with anything concerning the President's assassination. He stated he did not know who shot the President and that he is not related to the man. He stated he was in town all through the day of November 22, 1963. He advised he has been to Ft. Worth, Texas only one time and does not recall ever having been in Dallas, Texas.

REED advised he was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army in 1942 until 1945 and received an Honorable Discharge from this service. He advised he is presently drawing a pension for 100 percent disability for an accident that happened after discharge from the service.

REED further advised he was sober on November 22, 1963 and that it has been several years since he has taken a drink. He stated he has never been in any trouble other than the usual traffic tickets.

REED stated his exact words voiced in the Wagon Wheel Cafe were, "I respect the man who killed KENNEDY more than I do KENNEDY." REED advised if the circumstances were to happen today that he would repeat the remark in good faith.

The following description was obtained through the above interview and observation:

Name . Address

> Date of Birth Place of Birth Sex

JAMES ROBERT REED
1220 Austin Street, Colorado
City, Texas
January 11, 1923
Grand Field, Oklahoma
Male

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