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Previous information concerning BRANNER was furnished the Bureau by letter of 12/28/62 in the case entitled, "EMBASSY OF INDIA Washington, D. C., IS - INDIA Bufile 65-57930, and was furnished to Secret Service, Norfolk, in the matter entitled, "Travel of the President in the United" States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico."

On 1/10/64 BRANNER telephonically contacted the Norfolk Office of the FBI and the Newport News, Va., Resident Agency and stated he wanted to see the FBI. He said he had information that OSWALD could not have killed the President.

On 1/10/64 SAS JOHN S. CASTLES and CHARLES H. SANDERLIN went to BRANNER's residence at 65 Crestwood Dr., Newport News, Va., to receive information available to BRANNER concerning the assassination. When the Agents arrived at BRANNER's residence he exhibited to them an Italian-made rifle which he said was identical with the one used in the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said this rifle or one like it could not have killed the President inasmuch as the weapon he had would not fire straight and most of the time would not fire at all. BRANNER said he purchased this weapon from the Maxam Discount Store in Newport News, Va., along with some ammunition for the gun.

Since it was obvious BRANNER had been drinking when the Agents arrived at his residence, he was directed to put the gun away. Prior to putting it away he removed a clip and cartridge which he had in the gun and closed the bold and

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