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THOMAS J. HOLT appeared at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 3801 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, where he was interviewed by Special Agents PETER B. SCHOPPERLE and DON J. DUMFORD, FBI. Prior to the interview, Special Agent (SA) SCHOPPERLE had explained to Mr. HOLT that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was desirous of knowing any information concerning remarks made by one FRANK STURGIS in his presence concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas.

HOLT advised that he is not that well acquainted with FRANK STURGIS, but that he met him approximately one year ago at a party given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He stated that he was introduced to STURGIS by a friend of his, BILLY JOHNSON. HOLT advised that at this party STURGIS had told him that he had been a hit man for FIDEL CASTRO, and that both CASTRO and he (STURGIS) had both worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

At this point in the interview, HOLT stated that ROCKEFELLER, meaning NELSON ROCKEFELLER, had been in charge of the Warren Commission, and that it had been a cover up as far as the assassination of KENNEDY was concerned. HOLT next stated that the "hit" was done in Texas to make it look like JOHNSON (President LYNDON JOHNSON) was at fault.

HOLT stated that he believed BILLY JOHNSON may have told STURGIS to say the above things, just to impress HOLT.

HOLT next stated that while at this party, STURGIS had named many people whom he stated were "big", and that he knew these people. HOLT stated that he thinks STURGIS may have killed KENNEDY because STURGIS had said that he could "shoot a person's brains out at 1,000 yards with a simple rifle and imagine what I could do with a Scope." HOLT next stated that if STURGIS had made these comments to him concerning the assassination of KENNEDY he was sure that he had probably told them to other people. HOLT stated that STURGIS was a man approximately 50 years old. HOLT next stated that he advised BILL JOHNSON had worked as an informant for the FBI, CIA and

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by SAs PETER B. SCHOPPERLE and DON J. DUMFORD ^{PH} PBS/pj Date dictated

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DEA. He stated that he knew BILL JOHNSON on and off for a couple of years, and that JOHNSON was in his late forties. He further described him as a flim flam man who likes to try to swindle money from wealthy women.

HOLT advised that in regards to the remark made by STURGIS, it was during the latter part of the summer that he was on Biscayne Boulevard, at approximately 125th Street near Denny's Restaurant and Steve's Pizza, when BILLY JOHNSON drove up in his car accompanied by FRANK STURGIS. HOLT advised that at this time BILLY JOHNSON told STURGIS that he (HOLT) was a Boston boy. At this time HOLT advised STURGIS said "I killed a boy from Boston named KENNEDY." HOLT advised that he said, "Do you mean the President?" and STURGIS said "Yes." HOLT advised that JOHNSON next laughed and said "Ain't that heavy." HOLT advised that STURGIS then said "I'll tell you, nobody else." HOLT advised that that was the end of the conversation, and STURGIS and JOHNSON left. HOLT next advised that he was facing murder charges in Broward County, but that no trial date had been set. HOLT next stated that he wanted to become an informant for the FBI, but that he would have to have it in writing. HOLT further related that he had been screwed by DEA and his conversation became rambling making no further sense. Interview was terminated at this point.

The following is background information concerning

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