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Supervisor JOSEPH G. DEEGAN of the Internal Security Section at the Bureau called me on the night of 11/5/65. He said that a Washington Field source close to ROBERT SHELTON of the Klan said that SHELTON was angry at VENABLE because he believes VENABLE has talked to the HCUA. SHELTON said that two weeks before the assassination of President KENNEDY, VENABLE called SHELTON to arrange a meeting in Atlanta. They met, and VENABLE told SHELTON that he, VENABLE, had a man who had been active in bombings in Birmingham and that SHELTON might wish to use the services of this person. VENABLE identified this man as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SHELTON said he then arranged a meeting between himself, VENABLE, CALVIN CRAIG and captioned informant, at which time SHELTON had VENABLE repeat his offer regarding the services of OSWALD.

SHELTON also stated that OSWALD was in Atlanta at one time when President KENNEDY was scheduled to appear at a football game. At the same time, there were demonstrations in Hurt Park, and the President's appearance was cancelled. SHELTON said Atlanta papers carried the story about OSWALD having been in Atlanta. SHELTON had that day (11-5-65) called CRAIG in Atlanta and requested that CRAIG obtain copies of the newspapers which would show that OSWALD was in Atlanta. He said OSWALD stayed at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta.

DEEGAN requested contact with the informant to determine whether the meeting alleged by SHELTON with informant and others had actually taken place. I told DEEGAN that this information seemed very far-fetched and pointed out that there was no Marriott Hotel or Motel in

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Atlanta until October, 1965. After talking to SA's CLAIBORNE and BEVERSTEIN, I called DEEGAN back and told him that the informant had advised that no such meeting as that alleged by SHELTON had ever taken place. I also told DEEGAN that there had been publicity in Atlanta papers regarding the possibility that OSWALD had been at an Atlanta motel some-time prior to the KENNEDY assassination. A substantial amount of investigation had been conducted by the Atlanta Office at that time, and nothing was developed to indicate that OSWALD had actually been here. Some of the reports of OSWALD having been in Atlanta were found to have originated with a woman who was a mental case, and these reports were similar to a number of other wild reports circulated after the assassination about the alleged previous activities of OSWALD.

DEEGAN advised that no further inquiry was desired.

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