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this charge ridiculous and that he had never heard anyone associated with the John Birch Society or anyone else discuss any plans for, agreement with, or scheme for financing any assassination or violence against any elected official.

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On November 23, 1963, the Los Angeles Division furnished the following information:

On the evening of November 22, 1963, Mrs. ERNESTINE WHITE, Fullerton, California, telephonically advised that a young German identified as JAOCHIM RUDOLPH ROEHRICHT, an employee of Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park, California, in a conversation with her on November 16, 1963, commented she would be surprised to know how many young men in Texas wore the Swastika. He allegedly said that if the President came to Texas, he would be assassinated. He went on that in San Antonio there are a number of young men who believe the Negroes should be killed. He allegedly said, "We need a GOERING to get rid of the Negro in the United States like they did the Jews in Germany."

BARBARA WICKWARE, an employee of Knotts Berry Farm, telephonically advised on the evening of November 22, 1963, that a German alien, identified as ROEHRICHT, employee at Knotts, went to Texas on vacation and returned approximately November 13, 1963. Upon his return, he told KEN KNOTT that if President KENNEDY insists on continuing his trip to Texas, he will not come out alive. After hearing of the President's assassination, he laughed and stated that he knew all about it.

JAOCHIM RUDOLPH ROEHRICHT, 7641 Filmore Drive, Apartment C, Anaheim, California, was interviewed by SAs HARVEY D. KUTZ and SAM J. SHOEMAKER on November 23, 1963, and furnished the following information:

He stated he met GEORGE E. STRAUCH of 455 North Drive, San Antonio, Texas, while STRAUCH attended University at Heidelberg, Germany, and while STRAUCH residing at ROEHRICHT's parents' home at Siekerlad Strasse Seventeen, Ahrensburg, Germany. STRAUCH, an American citizen, attended University in Germany. STRAUCH now attends law school of San Antonio and resides with his parents at above address.

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ROEHRICHT visited STRAUCH in San Antonio recently and met STRAUCH's law school friends. They talked about many subjects including the political situation in Texas in a "university atmosphere." ROEHRICHT stated the general thought was it was not safe for KENNEDY to come to Texas because the people there hated him. ROEHRICHT stated he thought these discussions were purely academic and had nothing to do with the assassination. ROEHRICHT denied making statements attributed to him. He claims no pertinent knowledge of assassination.

During interview, ROEHRICHT's sister, ANNA MARIE HARVARD, came in and she commented she had told ROEHRICHT not to talk so much. He admitted that he had talked loosely but that it was idle talk without malice. ROEHRICHT spoke very broken English.

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On November 23, 1963, Houston advised of the following concerning HERMAN ESCAR SHEFFIELD:

On November 23, 1963, HERMAN ESCAR SHEFFIELD was interviewed at 510 Louise Street, Houston. He admitted being member of John Birch Society, an ultra-conservative and opposed to practically all of the programs of the present Federal administration. He stated he disliked late President of the United States but certainly would not take part in assassinating him and has no knowledge of anyone who did. SHEFFIELD denied that he recalled having made the statement that the John Birch Society planned to hire anyone to kill the President. He stated he may have made the statement "something along that line as a joke" but certainly had no knowledge that this was true, and stated the John Birch Society did not advocate violence.

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