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(Intelligence Report)

File No. _____ Date Received _____ Date Written: 8-2-66

SUBJECT: CHARLES JOSEPH WHITMAN (DECEASED) Source: John and Fran Morgan

Character of Intelligence: Informative Office of Origin: IS Austin

ATTENTION TO: O. N. Humphreys, Jr. Agent in Charge Report Written by: Howard W. Smith Status: Complete

Source was very close friends of subject, having known subject about four years. Source lived in the same apartment house with subject and his wife. Source gave the following background information on subject.

Subject had been in the Marine Corp prior to source knowing subject. Subject attended the University of Texas on a Marine Corp scholarship in 1962-63. Subject's grades were not satisfactory and subject was called back on active duty and sent to Virginia. Subject's wife, KATHLEEN, stayed with subject part of the time. Subject was released from the Marine Corp early by taking and passing a test and subject and his wife re-entered the University of Texas.

Subject and his wife were having family trouble during the summer of 1965 while subject was working for NASA near Houston. KATHLEEN returned to Austin and told source that she was going to divorce subject. Subject's wife did not go into detail about their trouble but it was believed by source that subject was a perfectionist and expected too much from KATHLEEN. For instance, subject would wipe his hand behind pictures hanging on the wall looking for dust. Subject also had hit his wife on three occasions and allegedly had a violent temper at times.

KATHLEEN went back to subject at Houston and after they returned to Austin, source presumed subject and his wife had worked out all their marital troubles.

Source stated that source had spent hours with subject talking about philosophy, religion, marriage problems, sex, et cetera. Subject had some way out ideas about the above-mentioned subjects. Subject had turned atheistic in his belief. Subject allegedly was oversexed and talked openly with source about subject's married life in the presence of KATHLEEN.

Subject had talked frequently about his father and how subject hated him. Subject's father was very strict and domineering and ran the household with an iron hand. In March of 1966, subject's mother called him from Florida and told subject about family problems with his father and subject drove to Florida that night and brought subject's mother to Austin. A short time later, subject's brother and his wife moved to Austin but did not stay long. Subject's mother stayed about a month then returned to Florida and to her husband. In April, subject went to a psychiatrist about subject's mental problems. Subject told his teachers at the University of Texas that subject was going to drop out of school. Subject left home for one day. Subject's wife did not know where subject went but subject returned to school the following day.

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On Sunday, 7-31-66, about 4:00 P.M., subject and his wife visited source at their home. Source stated that subject acted different and was extremely quiet. Subject and his wife left source's house at 5:50 P.M., supposedly to take his wife to work at the telephone company. (The telephone company reported that subject's wife worked from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., and from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., Sunday, 7-31-66, and was due to return Monday morning at 8:30 A.M.)

Source stated that subject had worked part time at Central Freight in 1965, at NASA near Houston, and for a short time had worked for the Texas Highway Department (traffic survey). The employment at Central Freight has been verified as 4-5-65 to 4-14-65.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTE: The tape of this interview is attached and should become a part of this report.

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