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Dear Mr. Blakey:

In re: James Braden  
SSN 510-09-4903

Thank you for your letters of June 19 and 21, 1978, requesting copies of documents pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and asking that a member of your staff be allowed to meet and speak with a Service employee concerning Mr. James Braden.

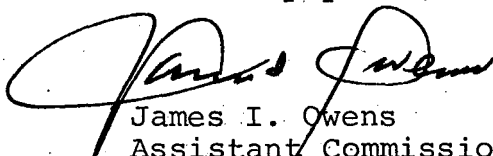
We are enclosing edited copies of documents which may relate to the assassination of President Kennedy and which were provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1977. However, a Los Angeles memorandum report prepared by Special Agent John P. Daley and dated November 17, 1970, was not included. It is our understanding that this document, appropriately deleted, is included in material available in Los Angeles. Information deleted from the documents consists of third party tax information.

I have asked our District Director in Dallas to permit Special Agent Gene Boren to meet with your designated staff member and to discuss with him the enclosed documents. Any discussions relative to the tax affairs of Mr. James Braden will, of course, be limited to that information covered by Mr. Braden's waivers.

Mr. G. Robert Blakey

If you have any further questions regarding these requests please contact Mr. Pierre Fauconnet in the National Office at 566-3359 or Messrs. Curtis Smith or Coy Wilson in Dallas at (FTS) 749-3059.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James I. Owens", written over the typed name.

James I. Owens  
Assistant Commissioner  
(Taxpayer Service and  
Returns Processing)

Enclosure  
Copies of edited documents

Allegations have been made that BUNKER HUNT purchased a ranch in Southern California to be used in training "kill squads" to help rid the world of communists. Also, the squads were to be used in foreign countries to protect the HUNTS' foreign operations. This allegation is based on conversations overheard and there is only a small amount of documentation supporting this statement.

We know that BUNKER owns property in Southern California, and BUNKER, together with LAMAR, has had unknown connections with a man in California named EUGENE BRADING (alias JIM BRADEN, JAMES BRADLEY LEE, and JAMES LEE COLE). According to his "wrap sheet" in the available files, BRADING has a record of burglary, operating a gambling house, bookmaking, mail fraud conspiracy, and embezzlement dating back to 1934. BRADING was allegedly arrested in Dallas, Texas, on the date of JOHN F. KENNEDY's assassination, questioned and released. Also, he reportedly was in the HUNTS' offices on the day before the assassination. He was said to be fifteen minutes away from the point of the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY shortly before his shooting.

BRADING is said to be a member of the LA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB near San Clemente, California, and he spends a great deal of time there.

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

TIME: 8:45 A. M.

DATE: February 25, 1971

PLACE: Offices of Internal Revenue Service  
Intelligence Division  
Dallas, Texas

PRESENT: JOHN WILSON, I  
GENE A. BOREN, Special Agent

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6. Within the Land Department all records of "lease rentals" and "real property" are kept on various cards. These cards show the name of the purchaser; ( ) the description of the property, the dates of purchase, from whom purchased, ownership interest, the costs, and any notes that might be due on the property with the due dates. Copies of these lease rental cards and real property sheets are sent to each account's accountant, one is kept in the Land Department and one goes to the party himself.

8. On April 2, 1970, Mr. WILSON said that JOHN THOMAS, a former employee who still resides in the Dallas area, was talking with GEORGE CUNYUS. CUNYUS told THOMAS that the Internal Revenue Service and Federal Bureau

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of Investigation had taps on the telephones of CURINGTON, PAUL ROTHERMEL and JOHN BROWN. However, CUNYUS did not mention that there was a tap on his own phone. Mr. WILSON stated that this statement was reported to BILL HOLLEMAN, the FBI agent who he understands took a statement from THOMAS, and that he was sure THOMAS was available and would be willing to repeat any statement on the wire tap situation.

9. Mr. WILSON stated there was a folder entitled "LAMAR HUNT" which includes in that folder a three-page police record of a man who owns a BAUMAN DRILLING COMPANY by the name of EUGENE BRADEN. Mr. WILSON stated he did not know the extent of the business relationship between LAMAR and BRADEN;

10. Mr. WILSON stated that there was a police character from California by the name of PETE NOWLEN and that NOWLEN, BRADEN and another individual unknown to WILSON were in the offices of LAMAR and BUNKER the day before the KENNEDY assassination in Dallas. WILSON stated that there are some California people who think that there was a conspiracy involving these parties, including LAMAR and BUNKER, in the assassination. A CBS news commentator by the name of PETER NOYES has a large file on this allegation. WILSON said it would be interesting to know just what the exact tie-in between BUNKER, LAMAR, BRADEN and the California police characters is. *are*

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13. Each day when [ ] receives the bank balances of all of the accounts he files these within his office. Mr. WILSON has never heard him question any withdrawals with [ ]; however, he could have done so in private. This particular sheet shows the name of the account such as [ ] et cetera; it shows the total deposit for the day, withdrawals for the day, with a balance, and with another column showing whether this is an overdraft or a credit balance. It also lists at the bottom of the page any Certificates of Deposit which the companies may have purchased. Mr. HUNT is also furnished daily a schedule of all the companies loans, the due dates of these loans, the amount of payments to be due and the principal balance.

15. He stated that prior to 1960, the first ten minutes of their fifteen minute program of LIFE LINE dealt with conservative political views, with the last five minutes being a sermonet of non-denominational religious outlooks. He stated that in 1960 a change was made, that the full fifteen minutes became a conservative political view with no sermonet for a six days of week period. On Sunday the fifteen minutes was allocated to strictly the non-denominational religious sermonet; however, there was no MLH PRODUCTS or any other type of advertising connected with the Sunday program. He said in some instances they were able to have the stations transmit the Sunday program as a public service message.

16. He stated that Mr. HUNT was able to obtain tax exempt status for YOUTH FREEDOM SPEAKERS, an organization where youths traveled throughout the country speaking on conservative political views. He said that Mr. HUNT initially [ ] for the YOUTH FREEDOM SPEAKERS which began in 1967 and it received a few hundred dollars in contributions from



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18. He said that all of BUNKER'S land would be shown on the real property blue sheets and in addition to those offices where we could locate those, there is another office, the ad valorem, which would have copies.

19. Mr. WILSON stated that in the latter part of March, depositions will be taken from BEEMAN and CUNYUS, and copies of these depositions will be forwarded to us. He stated that on February 26 they plan to take a deposition from FLOYD DANELS and they will question him concerning, for instance, the job of CARLTON YOUNG who was with the YOUTH FREEDOM SPEAKERS. DANELS would know these facts. He stated that if any records are destroyed as a result of their depositions, CUNYUS and BEEMAN would do it.

20. Mr. WILSON stated that HUNT now realizes that his patriotic advertising idea is a bad deal; that it will not go over. He said that Mr. HUNT had to do one of two things: To admit that this is a bad deal and that he had made a mistake, or to throw CURINGTON, ROTHERMEL and

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BROWN to the Wolves and state that he had no ideal that these three people were making money on the side. HUNT denied that his signature was on the letters which were allegedly given to Mr. CURINGTON promising lifetime employment, et cetera.

21. In connection with Mr. HUNT'S mislabeling and misbranding food items, Mr. WILSON mentioned an "amazeaid" which took the place of the "old gastro magic". He stated that the federal government about six months ago had filed suit for the discontinued use of the amazeaid and, therefore, the sales stopped. He said that there were no criminal charges dropped; that Mr. HUNT just agreed not to sell any more of the product. He stated this amazeaid was stemmed from a formula which was furnished to Mr. HUNT by his doctor in New York--Dr. KING. The formula called for the aid to be in liquid form; however, Mr. HUNT made it into a powdered tablet and without making any lab or clinic test or any test on human beings begin selling it in 1963. This suit was filed by the government in 1970; therefore, he had seven years of sales. The product was to cure stomach-aches, diarrhea, overindulgence and hangovers, among other things. LIVINGSTON, CUNYUS and all of the label people had told Mr. HUNT that this product and the method of advertising it was violating the laws; however, Mr. HUNT said he was willing to take the chance.

22. In another instance, the Pure Food and Drug Administration filed suit against HLH FOOD PRODUCTS for selling contaminated pepper which contained rat droppings. The plant manager, JAMES WOODARD, received a two to five-year probated sentence for this violation. Mr. HUNT was not included in this particular allegation. This occurred within the last two years. WOODARD is presently working for MARY KAY COSMETICS. GEORGE CUNYUS told Mr. WILSON that TIM TIMMINS

☐ in order to keep Mr. HUNT out of this particular violation.

23. Another area of mislabeling and violation of Pure Food and Drug Acts was the sale of ALAVERA. Mr. Wilson stated that when this ALAVERA was made into a jell that it tested to have a high bacteria count caused by the process of making it into the form of jell. He said that Mr. HUNT had been advised on several occasions by his laboratory that this jell did contain such a high count; however, it is still on the shelves and still selling. He said files on these particular violations would be in the laboratory records under the care of Dr. CARL RAU. He said that Dr. RAU would testify and tell us anything that HUNT instructed him to do. RAU is a PHD and would be a competent witness to testify in behalf of HLH FOOD PRODUCTS on the testing of the bacteria count.

24. Another area of selling and mislabeling foods would be the bottle water which Mr. WILSON discussed having come from INDIANS HOT SPRINGS. On all of these violations Mr. HUNT gave his personal instructions that

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they be done. The boys knew about these violations; however, they thought it was a joke and laughed about what "their ole man" was doing.

Gene A. Boren  
Special Agent