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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 8, 1964 *7621*

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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PURPOSE

To advise the United Press International (UPI) release on 6-5-64, relating to a Dallas auto salesman who reported being hit on the cheek by a ricocheted bullet or piece of curbing is probably identical with Jim Tague, who was interviewed by our Dallas Office on 12-14-63, the results of which have been furnished to the President's Commission.

DETAILS

UPI release dated 6-5-64, relates the "Dallas Times Herald" on 6-5-64, reported an unnamed auto salesman had advised one of the three bullets fired during the assassination apparently hit a curb and he was either hit on the cheek by a ricochet or piece of concrete curb.

The UPI release indicates the salesman asked that his identity be concealed and reports the salesman was by a concrete abutment near the triple overpass adjacent to the Presidential Motorcade at the time of the assassination. The auto salesman indicated he heard three reports which he believed to be shots and on the second shot he felt a sting on his cheek. He maintained in the following confusion he forgot about it until a policeman told him his face was "bloody". The salesman states he went back to where he had been standing and saw a fresh crease mark on the curb. This incident according to the salesman was reported to a Dallas detective and later to the FBI, who were more concerned "about whether I knew Jack Ruby." The release concludes that the salesman has not been contacted by the Commission.

BACKGROUND

This individual is probably identical with Mr. Jim Tague salesman for the Chuck Hutton Company, Dallas, who was interviewed by our Dallas Office on 12-14-63. The results of this interview

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appear on page 31 in the report of SA Robert P. Gemberling dated 12-23-63, captioned as above. This report has been furnished to the Commission.

Tague during interview furnished substantially the same information as reported in the UPI release except it appears he has become more dramatic and has exaggerated the incident in an effort to obtain personal publicity or for other unknown reasons. For example, his interview indicates Tague reported about "two drops of blood" resulted from this incident; however, the UPI release now indicates his face was "bloody." Tague denied knowing Oswald but stated he had been in Ruby's club on a few occasions and knew Ruby by sight; however, denied knowing anything about Ruby's associations.

^{possible} Based on information developed recently, it ~~would~~ appear that one of the shots fired by Oswald did go wild; however, efforts to locate the portion of curb where a possible shot might have hit have been negative.

ACTION

Since this interview has been reported to the Commission and the UPI release contains substantially the same information developed by our investigation, no further action is recommended.

Seeks "personal publicity" by withhold my identification?

Date 12/16/63

Mr. JIM TAGUE, 2424 Inwood, Apartment 253, employed as a salesman, Chuck Hutton Company, 5431 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that he was driving a car on November 22, 1963, and was stopped in traffic at the Triple Underpass located below the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building. While stopped, he saw that the Presidential Motorcade was going to pass nearby, and he got out of his car and stood near the Triple Underpass between Commerce and Main Streets. He stood near the curb of Main Street waiting for the motorcade to come to where he was standing. When the motorcade was approximately 100 feet from him he heard a loud noise, and at that time he looked around as he thought someone had shot a firecracker. He then heard two more loud noises in quick succession. Other persons in the area then started scrambling around, and he realized that the noises must have been gun shots, so he got behind one of the pillars of the underpass. During the time of the shooting, he felt something hit him on his right cheek. Whatever it was that hit him broke the skin and caused about two drops of blood to flow. He thought possibly that one of the bullets had hit the curb near his feet and possibly a piece of the curbing had hit him in the cheek. He did look around the curb and near where he was standing there was a chip missing, which he stated looked fresh. He stated he did not see anyone with a rifle and did not look at the TSBD Building. He did not see the shots take effect and stated he could not furnish any information as to where the shots actually came from. He stated he is not acquainted with OSWALD and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of President KENNEDY.

He has been in JACK RUEY's club on a few occasions, but he actually knows nothing about RUEY, his associations, or his background. He does know RUEY, however, by sight, since he has seen him in his club on a few occasions. TAGUE stated he did not know of any connection or associations between OSWALD and RUEY.

on 12/14/63 at Dallas, Texas

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