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On November 26, 1963, a review of Library Files of the "Denver Post," Denver, Colorado, evening newspaper by SA WALLACE M. GLOVER failed to reveal any photograph of ROCKWELL similar to that described by OAKS.

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RE: REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO COLORADO RESIDENTS  
BEARING POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO ASSASSINATION  
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Date December 1, 1963

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Mr. ROBERT DANSKY, U. S. Merchandising Corporation, 1301 East Colfax, advised that his office had received a letter from a Mr. J. McCLUSKEY containing the following information:

"Denver 11-22-63

"Mr. Baun &  
Mr. Thomas

"Dear Friends:

"Please don't make it Publicly of my relation of the President for safety reasons. I know I have a few en\_mies over Politics.

"I\_m leaving the city for a week or so & due to circumstances, I\_m unable to work for you.

"Your\_ very Truly

"/s/ J\_ McCluskey."

Mr. DANSKY advised that the envelope containing the letter bears a postmark "Denver, Colorado, 11/23/63" and a second postmark "Denver, Colorado, 11/26/63," return address listed as "J. McCluskey, Care of General Delivery, Denver, Colorado." DANSKY stated that the reason this letter was not received by his office until November 30, 1963, was that it had been initially missent to Universal CIT Corporation.

Mr. DANSKY stated that he recalled that he interviewed McCLUSKEY for a sales job on November 18, 1963. He gave his full name as JOE McCLUSKEY, age fifty-three, and his address as 1719 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado. DANSKY stated that on November 23, 1963, McCLUSKEY telephoned his office and advised that he would not be able to work for the U. S. Merchandising

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Corporation inasmuch as McCLUSKEY was a distant relative of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mr. DANSKY stated that although he interviewed McCLUSKEY he could not recall his description or any other background information concerning him. Mr. DANSKY advised that because of the phone call McCLUSKEY made to his office on November 23, 1963, stating that he was a distant relative of President KENNEDY, this might possibly explain the first sentence in his letter.

Date December 1, 19631

MICHAEL SHAFER, 2874 Orchard Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado, announcer for Radio Station KWSL, Grand Junction, advised that he formerly worked for Radio Station KFUM at Las Vegas, New Mexico. SHAFER stated that on several occasions during July and August, 1963, he heard comments at the Las Vegas radio station through ROBERT DOUGLAS and JAMES BRASHER, fellow employees, that some leading Texas politicians, identity not known, had reported that "Four men were planning to kill the President."

Mr. SHAFER advised that he did not recall the exact story because he did not believe it at the time and paid little attention to the details. He advised that ROBERT DOUGLAS is an announcer and is still employed by Radio Station KFUM at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and that DOUGLAS should have available information on the source of this comment. Mr. SHAFER stated that JAMES BRASHER is now employed by the Public Service Company at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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by Special Agent HAROLD P. MOSS/ ic 15 Date dictated 11/25/63

Date December 1, 19631

Mrs. BARBARA RUCKER, 10712 West 62nd Place, Arvada, Colorado, advised that in July, 1963, a friend of her husband's, LOREN GRAVES, visited their home at which time he got into a heated discussion with them about the slipshod attitude of the American people. Mrs. RUCKER stated that GRAVES made the remark that Americans were "silly and letting the rest of the world go by when others were trying to overthrow the Government." She said that GRAVES strenuously urged that Americans should take more interest in politics and the affairs of the Government and illustrated his remarks by saying that "Do you know that President Kennedy could be killed."

Mrs. RUCKER stated that she was unsure of exactly what GRAVES' remarks were aimed at, but received the impression that he made the statement concerning the President in order to illustrate his point that Americans should take more interest in protecting their rights and preserving our way of life.

Mrs. RUCKER advised that she did not receive the impression that GRAVES held any animosity toward the President of the United States or the present Democratic Administration.

Mrs. RUCKER stated that GRAVES formerly resided on Vine Street in Denver and was last employed by the Centennial Pre-Mix Concrete Company. She said that she does not know GRAVES' present address but believes that he lives near the Cherry Creek Shopping Center.

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by Special Agent RAYMOND J. FOX/ ic **16** Date dictated 12/1/63

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WILLIAM JOHN MARTIN, Apartment 17, 6140 West Colfax, Denver, Colorado, advised that, on November 21, 1963, at about 6:30 P.M., he and his wife were at the Stanley Bar, on West Colfax, Denver, not far from where they live, across from the Pancake House. They were sitting in a booth directly opposite the bar. There were three women sitting at the bar on the first three stools, and there was a man standing near them talking to them. MARTIN did not know whether the man was acquainted with the women, or whether he was trying to strike up an acquaintance with them. He had bought them a drink. He was not drunk, although he had been drinking, and was rather loud-mouthed.

He made some remark to the women, exact context unrecalled, but such as "OK now, what's this game again, assassination - like John F. Kennedy?" or "OK let's play this game again, assassination, John F. Kennedy." MARTIN recalls that the man specifically mentioned the words "game," "assassination," and "JOHN F. KENNEDY." After the remark one of the women stood up from her stool and said something to him rather firmly, possibly telling him to shut up.

MARTIN and his wife left shortly thereafter. The man and three women were still there. MARTIN stated he is a carpenter working on a job at Aspen, Colorado; that he left Denver that evening for Aspen and thought nothing more about the remark until after the President's assassination. MARTIN stated he had just returned to Denver, and decided to report the incident.

MARTIN described the unknown man as 35 - 36 years of age, 5'11" tall, large frame, light wavy hair, wearing white trousers, white coat jacket or sweater, white sport shirt, appearance casual but neat. He stated the women appeared to be between 25 - 35, neatly dressed, with one of them wearing a red dress. He could furnish no other descriptive data.

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by Special Agent EUGENE J. COBLE/ ic 17 Date dictated 11/28/63

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Mr. CHARLES LEHMAN, owner of Stanley's Bar, 8807 West Colfax Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado, on November 28, 1963, advised that he recalls an incident that happened one or two days before KENNEDY's assassination. Mr. LEHMAN related that he was not sure whether the incident took place on Wednesday or Thursday, November 20 or 21, 1963, but that there had been three ladies in his bar on either one of those days, one of the ladies being Mrs. DOROTHY KOZAN, the wife of Mr. NORMAN KOZAN, a friend of his. Mr. LEHMAN stated that there were two lady friends with Mrs. KOZAN in his bar. He advised that he believes they were called DOROTHY and "MIM."

Mr. LEHMAN related that one MEL, last name unknown, who he stated was a manufacturer's representative or salesman for a steel hardware company, which he believed was the Cruitt's Company, located in Sacramento, California, lives up in the mountains toward Evergreen, Colorado. He advised that he did not know MEL's local business address.

Mr. LEHMAN advised that on the day that Mrs. KOZAN and her friends were at this bar, MEL had been standing at the end of the bar near them talking to them and anyone else in the vicinity who was listening. Mr. LEHMAN related that it was general barroom conversation and he does not recall MEL being drunk or making any offensive remarks to the ladies. Mr. LEHMAN advised that he believes MEL had made some political remarks about the KENNEDY Administration. He stated that to the best of his recollection MEL might have stated "We should get rid of the KENNEDY Administration" or "Get them out of the White House." Mr. LEHMAN advised that he was not sure of MEL's remarks about the KENNEDY Administration as he, LEHMAN, was busy behind the bar at the time MEL was talking.

Mr. LEHMAN advised that since the time MEL made the remarks MEL has been in LEHMAN's bar several times and since KENNEDY's assassination he knew MEL felt very bad about KENNEDY's death and was sorry about the remarks he had made about the

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KENNEDY Administration. Mr. LEHMAN stated that he felt positive that MEL knew nothing concerning the individuals responsible for KENNEDY's assassination and he understood from MEL that he, MEL, did not know OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

Mr. LEHMAN stated that he would try and determine MEL's full name and his address or phone number or have MEL contact Special Agent GREEN at the FBI Office.

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Mrs. MARIAN BRADY, 860 Garrison Street, Lakewood, Colorado, on November 29, 1963, advised that she recalls being at Stanley's Bar located on West Colfax Avenue in Lakewood between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 21, 1963. Mrs. BRADY advised that she had been there with Mrs. KOZAN and Mrs. McLANE. She related that she recalls there was a fellow standing near them at the end of the bar and that it was possible his name was "MEL" SPELLMAN or something like that. Mrs. BRADY related that MEL looked like he would be in his mid to late 30's and that he was about 5'10" tall, stocky build, and that he was dressed in sports clothes. Mrs. BRADY stated that she believes MEL had stated he was from California and that it was her understanding he was a salesman for some type of hardware goods. Mrs. BRADY advised that she recalls that MEL gave each of them a ballpoint pen. Mrs. BRADY related that she had the ballpoint pen and that the name Cruitt's Replacement Parts, Sacramento, California, appeared on the ballpoint.

Mrs. BRADY advised that there had been general conversation between her and her two friends and MEL. She advised that she did not recall anything specific that MEL had stated and did not recall that MEL had mentioned KENNEDY's name. Mrs. BRADY advised that she felt certain that MEL had not mentioned anything about killing the President or that KENNEDY was going to be assassinated.

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