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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY AT DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 9/8/75 and
Bureau airtel dated 9/15/75.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are
two copies each of FD-302's reflecting the interviews of
Dallas PD Patrolmen JAMES M. CHANEY and D.L. JACKSON and
one copy of Anchorage airtel to New Haven dated 9/29/75
with enclosed postcard.

The following investigation has been conducted
at Dallas attempting to identify and locate Mrs. DANIEL
HOWARD, who reportedly observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD and Mrs.
TIPPETT drinking together on several occasions at a bar
in Dallas.

A review of the 1963 Dallas city directory dis-
closed a listing for a DANIEL H. HOWARD, wife DONNA, no
residence address, employment at Atlantic Refrigeration
Co-op, Lewisville, Texas.

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Current city directories and telephone directories for Dallas and Lewisville failed to contain any listing for DANIEL H. or DONNA HOWARD in Lewisville or of the Atlantic Refrigeration Co-op.

The Dallas Credit Bureau has no file on DANIEL H. or DONNA HOWARD.

All individuals in the current Dallas area city directory and telephone directory and Dallas County Voter Registration records listed as DANIEL HOWARD, DAN HOWARD or DONNA HOWARD have been personally contacted in an attempt to identify the above Mrs. DANIEL HOWARD with negative results.

The original source of this information alleging a relationship between OSWALD and Mrs. TIPPETT was an anonymous telephone call by an unknown female to SA [REDACTED] Dallas, on 9/4/75. No further calls have been received from this source and her identity remains unknown.

UACB, no further investigation will be conducted to locate Mrs. DANIEL HOWARD.

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JAMES M. CHANEY, Patrolman, Dallas Police Department, badge #469, advised he resides at 2728 Oates Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone #327-2860. CHANEY stated he has been employed by the Dallas Police Department for the past 29 years.

CHANEY advised that on November 22, 1963, he was one of four Dallas Motorcycle Officers assigned to accompany the automobile of President JOHN F. KENNEDY during a motorcade in downtown Dallas on that date. CHANEY stated that his position was the motorcycle to the President's right. The motorcycle to CHANEY's right was ridden by Motorcycle Officer D. L. JACKSON. On the motorcycle on President KENNEDY's left was Motorcycle Officer BOBBY J. HARGIS.

CHANEY stated the officers assigned to closely accompany the President's automobile in the motorcade received instructions from the United States Secret Service as to how they should position themselves adjacent to the President's automobile during the motorcade. CHANEY said the officers were instructed to ride just off the rear wheels on the presidential vehicle. They were instructed not to block the vision of the President unless a crowd surged toward the presidential car. CHANEY stated during the motorcade, he and his fellow officers worked up and down behind the President's car, depending on the closeness of the crowd.

CHANEY stated the motorcade started at Love Field at approximately 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963. All officers assigned to the motorcade were under the direct command of Captain P. W. LAWRENCE. CHANEY stated Captain LAWRENCE actually made the assignments the different officers were to occupy. There was an automobile with Chief JESS CURRY, Sheriff BILL DECKER and Secret Service Agent in Charge FORREST SORRELS directly in front of President KENNEDY's

Interviewed on 9/8/75 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 89-43

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 9/12/75
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automobile. CHANEY stated there were approximately four Motorcycle Officers located in front of Chief CURRY's car. These officers were approximately 100 feet in front of the said car.

CHANEY stated during the motorcade no problems were experienced at any time with the crowd until the motorcade reached The Texas School Book Depository at the corner of Elm and Houston Streets in downtown Dallas. The motorcade arrived at the School Book Depository at approximately 12:30 p.m. CHANEY said after the President's car started downhill on Elm Street after making a left turn off Houston Street and shortly after the car had passed the School Book Depository, CHANEY heard a noise which sounded like one of the motorcycles close to the President's car had backfired. CHANEY said he glanced to his left at the two motorcycles on the opposite side of the President's car, at which time CHANEY said he thought, "That was a hell of a thing to happen." CHANEY said by this he meant any popping noise such as that would make any of the officers think something worse possibly had happened. Within a few seconds after CHANEY heard the first noise, he heard a noise again and turned to his right to try to determine what the noise was and where it was coming from. CHANEY said again the noise sounded like a backfire from one of the motorcycles, but since the noise was coming from behind him, he was sure it was not one of the other motorcycles making the noise. CHANEY said he immediately reached the conclusion the noise was not coming from the immediate area of the President's car. CHANEY said he then looked straight ahead to avoid colliding with the curb and presidential car and then looked at the President just as he heard a third noise. CHANEY said while he was looking at President KENNEDY, he saw his head "explode."

CHANEY said he was positive that all the noises he heard were coming from behind his motorcycle and none

of these noises came from the side or the front of the position in which CHANEY was located. CHANEY said the noises were fairly evenly spaced. CHANEY said there was no doubt that the third noise he heard was aimed in the direction of President KENNEDY.

CHANEY said the motorcade hesitated momentarily after the President was shot, during which time a Secret Service Agent ran up and climbed onto the back of the presidential car. This Secret Service Agent ran from the Secret Service car directly behind the presidential car.

CHANEY said he immediately rode up to the car occupied by Chief CURRY and someone in the car asked how bad it was in the President's car and CHANEY told them "bad." Someone in the car then gave orders for CHANEY to lead them immediately to Parkland Hospital. CHANEY said he cleared other motorcycles from in front of Chief CURRY's car and he led the way to Parkland Hospital. Upon arrival at Parkland Hospital, CHANEY ran inside the hospital and ordered a stretcher to be brought outside, not knowing that two stretchers would be needed, one for Governor JOHN B. CONNALLY. CHANEY said that he then participated in other activities at Parkland Hospital in carrying out his duties as an officer.

CHANEY advised that in making the turn off Main Street onto Houston Street prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and while the motorcade proceeded along Houston Street to Elm Street, he noted nothing of a suspicious nature as the motorcade approached the School Book Depository.

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DOUGLAS LAVELLE JACKSON, Patrolman, Badge 1410, Dallas Police Department (PD), home address 1426 Ridgeview Street, Mesquite, 285-7026, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and provided the following information:

JACKSON advised he has been an officer with the Dallas PD for 18 years and is presently assigned as an Accident Investigator with the Traffic Division. In November, 1963, JACKSON was assigned as a motorcycle officer, also with the Traffic Division. On the morning of November 22, 1963, JACKSON was advised that he would be acting as an escort for the motorcade of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. JACKSON advised he was given his specific assignment by the Traffic Division Commander, Captain LAWRENCE, after arriving at Dallas Love Field Airport. He was assigned to ride as a motorcycle escort officer to the right rear of the Presidential car, along with Dallas Police Officer JAMES CHANEY. His specific location was to be adjacent to the rear bumper of the Presidential car, to the immediate right of Officer CHANEY. On the left side of the Presidential car, Officers BOBBY HARGIS and B. J. MARTIN would be in the same relative position. The escort was to consist of Sergeant STEVE ELLIS at the point position, with four motorcycle officers directly behind him, followed approximately one block by an automobile containing Dallas Police Chief CURRY, and other dignitaries. Directly behind this automobile was to be the Presidential limousine, followed by a Secret Service car. Behind the Secret Service car was a motorcycle escort and several press cars. JACKSON advised he did not know the identity of all the officers involved in the escort, but recalled the followings:

H. R. FREEMAN

M. L. BAKER

H. B. MC LAIN

L. E. GRAY

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After the motorcade was formed, they proceeded from Love Field to downtown Dallas, Texas. JACKSON maintained his position 12 to 15 feet from the right rear of the Presidential vehicle during this trip. His specific assignment was to prevent bystanders from coming too close to the Presidential car. As the Presidential motorcade proceeded on Houston Street, and turned onto Elm Street, JACKSON was forced to drop back five or six feet from the Presidential vehicle because of the heavy crowds. As the Presidential vehicle was proceeding down Elm Street, and JACKSON was turning the corner from Houston to Elm Street, he heard a loud report which he first thought to be a motorcycle backfire. He looked at the Presidential car to see what the reaction was and observed Texas Governor JOHN CONNALLY turn to his right in the car. At that same time he heard a second noise and saw CONNALLY jerk to his right. At this point, JACKSON had just rounded the corner from Houston to Elm Street and he recognized the second noise as a definite gunshot. At this point, he was 15 to 20 feet away from the Presidential vehicle and he stopped his motorcycle in the street and looked toward the railroad overpass, directly in front of the Presidential car. He observed a Police Officer standing on the railroad tracks with his hands on his hips, looking toward the Presidential car. As this appeared normal, he then looked to his right and rear in the direction of the Texas School Book Building and the intersection of Houston and Elm Street and observed many bystanders falling to the ground. He looked toward the Presidential vehicle and at the same time heard a third shot fired. He observed President KENNEDY struck in the head above his right ear and the impact of the bullet exploded the top portion of his head, toward the left side of the Presidential vehicle. JACKSON immediately knew that KENNEDY had been hit and that the shot had been fired from his right rear. He turned and looked back at the intersection of Houston and Elm Street, however did not look up at the windows in any of the buildings. When he looked back toward the Presidential car, a Secret Service Agent was climbing onto the trunk of the vehicle and the car was picking up speed. JACKSON then told Officer CHANEY that they should go with the vehicle and CHANEY proceeded forward

to Chief CURRY's car and then cleared the way toward Parkland Hospital. JACKSON stayed in the same relative position with the Presidential car on the trip north on Stemmons Freeway to Parkland Hospital. After arriving at Parkland Hospital, he walked over to the Presidential car with a Secret Service Agent. Mrs. KENNEDY would not let them place President KENNEDY on a stretcher. He helped remove Texas Governor CONNALLY from the vehicle and placed him on a stretcher, and at this time, the Secret Service Agent convinced Mrs. KENNEDY to let them take the President into the hospital. As the President was being removed from the vehicle, the Secret Service Agent observed a massive wound on the President's left forehead and used his coat to cover the President's head as he was being transported into the hospital. President KENNEDY was taken directly to the Emergency Room and a Secret Service Agent assigned JACKSON to guard the Emergency Room door and not let anyone into the room except doctors and nurses. JACKSON remained in that position until President KENNEDY was pronounced dead and was then asked by a Secret Service Agent to assist in escorting the body back to Love Field. JACKSON provided a motorcycle escort for this trip to Love Field at that time.

JACKSON advised he had recognized three distinct noises at the time President KENNEDY was shot and could identify two as definitely being gunfire. He further stated he is positive the shot that struck President KENNEDY in the head was fired from his right rear, the vicinity of the Texas School Book Building.

JACKSON advised immediately following his release from duty on November 22, 1963, he prepared a detailed written account of the above incident and has maintained it in his possession since that time.

He advised he is a white male, 44 years of age, and at the time of this incident did not wear glasses and did not have any hearing impairment.