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"I want an itemized list on everything I owe the company except any insufficient funds or cancellations on any of my jobs which you will deduct from taxes anyway as that is the correct way to handle the situation rather than charging back on the manager and still deducting it.

"I figure that I have a total of \$850.00 still due me. Unless we can arrive at an amicable settlement, I will be forced to go to an attorney.

"I am writing this to you, rather than pull an underhanded trick, such as has been handed me.

"Sincerely,

/s/ HAL

"2323 Clinton, Apt. 204
Minneapolis, Minnesota."

The following is MERLE WATSON's answer to the above letter:

"WEDNESDAY

"Dear HAL and CAROLYN

"I knew that you two were allegeric to work and a couple [redacted] but I didn't realize how stupid you were.

"I mentioned in a recent letter to you and HORST that I had lost about \$1500 this year on your operation plus what you owe me. As far as Minneapolis is concerned you were there 4 weeks and averaged \$750 per week.

"Sales		\$750.00
Your 40%	\$300.00	
Station Ann's 25%	187.00	
Program cost	75.00	

Program Production	40.00	
Office rent \$115 month	30.00	
Phones	50.00	
Ads	50.00	
Misc	25.00	
Cash Awards	15.00	
Entry Blanks Shileds etc	15.00	787.00

"We could have had the order blanks printed here for \$30 and you spent \$58.00. I also have to pay Western Union for wiring your payroll, the girl for doing and mailing the Bulletin, plus PAUL plus ME etc. You have been telling me how to run the business. Had you been making me any money I would have been glad to listen to you. The Bankrupt notices and other bills have been coming thru here from Colorado Law so you have proven beyond any question that you can not run your own business or manage campaigns profitable for me.

"I offered you an interest in the business.' Had you had the ability you could have earned \$200 per week as a manager plus a year end bonus of \$3000 or \$4000 UP as it is a matter of record that I have paid somemen as much as \$28,000 in one year BUT-they had brains, ambition, and loyalty.

"You gave me Hell for sending for O'DONNELL. He doesn't owe me anything and has made himself and I money.

"I had an idea when you came around this last time that you would get some of my ideas and material and then try to go in business for yourself. I feel sure that is what you will try to do now and in the past it has cost me time and money to knock some one off that has tried to imitate me but I won't have to bother in your case as you will knock yourself out while I will still be going to the Bank and with more dough now that you aren't around.

"Then whether you collapsed in a couple of weeks as I predicted in the Bulletin or drug along for 8 or 10 weeks and 'CREAMED' the town as those with your mentality always do, I would still be out the \$700 or \$800 it cost me to sign the job plus 6 or 8 more programs at \$135 or another \$800 or \$1,000. MVW "

Mrs. HORST was re-interviewed on November 26, 1963, at which time she furnished the following statement:

"Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 26, 1963

"I, Mrs. JAMES HORST nee KATHERINE SHIRLEY WATKINS state that I know FRANCIS E. GRADY and TRENWITH S. BASFORD to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make this statement and no force, duress or promises have caused me to give this statement. I know that I have the right to the advice of an attorney and that this statement can be used against me in a court of law. I know that I can be prosecuted in a court of law if I furnish false information in relation to a violation of Federal law.

"I am 27 years of age and was born at Bristol, Connecticut on August 24, 1936. I presently reside at 3620 Unity Avenue North, Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

"On or about September 16, 1963, I entertained Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD (CAROLYN) MANDERY at my home at 3125 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri. My husband, who is employed by Merle Watson of Peoria, Illinois, selling radio advertising, was in Minneapolis arranging for a sales campaign.

"Following the dinner we had several drinks. During the course of the evening we talked of numerous persons with whom we were acquainted. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. MANDERY at any time referred to LEE HARVEY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. We had no conversation relating to the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. There was no discussion of anyone being a communist nor of anyone intending to shoot or kill the President. There was no discussion that I should report such a matter or any other matter to the FBI.

"The first time I heard the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY was following the shooting of the President and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

"I have read this 2 page statement and I sincerely believe it to be true.

"/s/ Mrs. JAMES HORST
KATHERINE WATKINS

"Witnessed
TRENWITH S. BASFORD, Special Agent FBI, 11/26/63
FRANCIS R. GRADY, Special Agent, FBI, 11/26/63"

The following is a description of Mrs. HORST as obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	KATHERINE SHIRLEY HORST nee WATKINS aka, KATHLEEN SHIRLEY PASTERNAK
Nationality	American
Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	August 24, 1936, Bristol, Connecticut
Height	5'6"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium

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Social Security
Number
Marital Status

047-23-1230
Married -
Former husband, JOHN PASTERNAK
George Air Force Base,
Victorville, California -
Divorced January 6, 1963

Present husband, JAMES HORST
Married, January 23, 1963

Relatives

Son, JOHN DAVID PASTERNAK,
age 7

Daughter, DIANE PASTERNAK,
age 5

Daughter, STEAN MARIE,
age 3 1/2

Parents:

Father, BERNARD WATKINS,
1088 Farmington Avenue,
Bristol, Connecticut

Mother, ELLA WATKINS,
same address

Brother, RAYMOND WATKINS,
age 35, Terryville, Connecticut

Sister, Mrs. ELEANOR ADAMSKI,
address unknown

Employment

Merle V. Watson Company,
1960-63

Dr. HAROLD WARREN, Caribou,
Maine, 1954-57

Friendly Television Store,
Chicopee, Massachusetts,
1957 (part-time bookkeeper)

Wong Sulton Photo Studios,
Receptionist, 1953

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November 27, 1963

Date

JAMES HORST, 3626 Unity Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed on November 24, 1963, at which time he denied that he has ever known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known as JACK RUBY.

He stated that he owned 50% of the Merle Watson Company which company is involved in the business of selling advertising for various radio and television stations throughout the country. He stated the purpose of this company was to promote a program to stimulate business in the area and generally consisted of prominent people in the area appearing on the program and giving a brief resume of business conditions. During this program various sponsors are mentioned.

Mr. HORST stated that for the most part the only people that he and his wife knew were the people engaged in his line of work and that generally speaking they both knew the same people. He stated that he has never heard his wife mention the names of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and he is positive that they are unknown to her. He stated that he is aware of the fact that there is a Carousel Bar in Dallas, Texas, in view of the fact that he sold advertising in Dallas during the months of November and December of 1962, and this bar was located approximately four blocks from his office. He stated that he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and the pictures he saw in the paper are totally unfamiliar to him as being identical with anyone he has previously seen.

Mr. HORST was reinterviewed on November 25, 1963, and again denied any knowledge of both OSWALD and RUBY.

Mr. HORST described HANDEY as being a salesman who did not have enough "push" to make a decent living at it and was inclined to be lazy. He stated that he considered HAROLD HANDEY to be a friend of his and befriended both HANDEY and his wife when they were out of funds and out of a place to stay. He stated, however, that HANDEY appeared to be very jealous of the fact that he was his supervisor but on the surface everything appeared friendly. HORST stated that HANDEY was doing an extremely poor job of selling in Minneapolis and when he would be contacted by MERLE WATSON

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SA FRANCIS R. GRADY/lcv

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sometime during the middle of the week relative to his potential sales, MANDERY would always inflate the figure and at the end of the week his sales would be no where near the potential indicated. HORST stated that upon instructions from Mr. WATSON he was forced to fire MANDERY because MANDERY was not doing the job. He stated that after MANDERY was fired he met him one evening at the Copper Squirrel Bar in Minneapolis, and MANDERY was violent in his denouncing both HORST and WATSON stating that he would do everything possible, such as contact the Mayor of Minneapolis, the radio stations, and the Internal Revenue Service.

HORST stated that both MANDERY and his wife, CAROLYN, have the reputation of being [REDACTED] and although he would not state that they were [REDACTED] he stated that whenever they were together the MANDERYS would not leave until all the [REDACTED]. He stated that they both consumed [REDACTED] and that MANDERY missed work frequently because of his [REDACTED].

HORST further advised that when MANDERY was in Denver, Colorado, he had a publication known as the Colorado Law. This was a law enforcement bulletin that was to be distributed to the various police officers throughout the Southwest. According to HORST, MANDERY accepted ads and subscriptions to this magazine but the magazine was not published to his knowledge and eventually went into bankruptcy. He stated in conjunction with the Colorado Law, MANDERY sponsored several pistol shoots for law enforcement officers in the area.

HORST stated that to his knowledge MANDERY has never been known by him to tell such stories and he was at a loss to explain why MANDERY would make such statements when they were obviously untrue.

The following is a description of HORST as obtained by observation and interrogation:

NAME	JAMES (NMI) HORST
AGE	36
Date of Birth	October 7, 1927, Columbus, Ohio
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Brown (crew cut)
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue

**Social Security
Number
Navy Serial Number
Education**

289-30-2780
5708724
Elementary School,
Hilliards, Ohio

Hilliards High School

Ohio State University,
2½ years

Employment

Merle V. Watson Company,
1960 to present

Minneapolis Moline at
Columbus, Ohio, 1958

Americana Corporation,
1959

Horst Implement Company,
Columbus, Ohio, 1953-58

Prior to 1953 - farming

Organizations

Junior Chamber of Commerce,
Columbus, Ohio, 1954-58

Columbus, Ohio, Republican
Glee Club, 1957-60

Relatives

Father, MARTIN HORST,
Worthington, Ohio

Mother, RUTH HORST,
Worthington, Ohio

Brother, DAVID HORST,
age 41, Merrysville, Ohio

Brother, WILLIAM HORST,
age 31, Ponca City, Oklahoma

Sister, MARY JO MC CAW,
age 38, 1620 Genesee,
Columbus, Ohio

Sister, MARGARET SHAW,
age 20, Powell, Ohio

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Relatives (continued)

**Former wife, BEVERLY DENNIS,
2363 North Fourth Street,
Columbus, Ohio**

Daughter, JANICE, age 11

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date ~~November 27, 1968~~

WILLIAM O'DONNELL, 620 South Seventh Street, advised that he has known HAROLD MANDERY for approximately two years. He stated he worked for MANDERY when he operated the Colorado Law in Denver, Colorado, and he also sold magazine advertisements for him throughout the State of Texas.

O'DONNELL stated that he considered MANDERY to be extremely unreliable as well as untrustful. He stated that when he worked for MANDERY, MANDERY would send him to some far off city with a crew of men stating that he had made arrangements with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander or some other official at a particular time to solicit advertising. He stated that when these individuals were contacted he would learn that these individuals had not been contacted and they wanted no part of professional solicitors in their town.

He stated on one occasion MANDERY instructed him to go to a particular town where he was to contact the Commander of the American Legion to solicit ads for a magazine. The Commander at that time was out of town and O'DONNELL contacted his assistant who advised him that the Commander had given his okay for their professional activities. O'DONNELL stated that when the Commander returned he was very upset about this because his authorization was not given but it was already too late because the program was given.

O'DONNELL stated that although he has never heard MANDERY fabricate stories other than those relating to business, he did not feel that he was a person that could be trusted.

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Mr. EDWARD LANGER, operator of the Lincoln Drugstore, 1502 Nicollet Avenue, advised that he knew HAROLD MANDERY when MANDERY was a bellhop at the Russell Hotel. LANGER stated that prior to the time the hotel was torn down, his drugstore was located in the immediate vicinity and that he resided at the Russell Hotel.

He stated that MANDERY was an individual that could not be trusted, was always out to make a quick buck, and during the time he was a bellhop at the Russell Hotel, MANDERY engaged in [REDACTED]

He also advised that MANDERY was married at the time he worked at the Russell Hotel but this did not discourage him from [REDACTED]. LANGER stated that approximately three days ago MANDERY came into his store and this was the first time he had seen him in approximately ten years.

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Dr. FRANK MANDERY, Dentist, having offices at 1502 Nicollet Avenue, advised that he has a cousin by the name of HAROLD MANDERY, however, he has not seen him in many years and could furnish no information concerning him. He stated that he vaguely recalls that HAROLD MANDERY was in some kind of trouble relative to being picked up with guns but he knew none of the details. He advised that the individual who operates the Lincoln Drugstore located under his office knew HAROLD MANDERY when MANDERY resided in Minneapolis.

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Date ~~December 2, 1963~~

Mrs. JERRY VAUGHN, Caretaker of the apartment house located at 2323 Clinton Avenue South, advised SAs FRANCIS R. GRADY and TRENWITH S. BASFORD that Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD MANDERY vacated their apartment without giving prior notice. She stated their rent was paid to December 1, 1963, however, according to their agreement they were required to pay the December rent which was not done.

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by SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD
SA FRANCIS R. GRADY Date dictated 11/29/63

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Date December 3, 1963

The following letters were received at the
Minneapolis Office from Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD MANDERY:

"Hotel Mississippi

"Davenport, Iowa

"Nov. 26, 1963

"Gentlemen: -

We just arrived here - 9:30 P.M.
We will look for an apartment tomorrow but,
until we have a better address, I will
check with General Delivery each day.

"We just didn't want any more
committees calling on us.

"Regards,
"CAROLYN MANDERY"

* * * * *

"November 28, 1963

"Special Agents Grady & Basford,
"Federal Bureau of Investigation,
"Federal Courts Bldg.,
"Minneapolis, Minn.

"Gentlemen:-

"The note we dropped in the mail the other
night was just so that you would understand
our abrupt departure from Minneapolis. As we
had told you, we had to get back to work and,
after the visit we had had on Monday afternoon,
we thought it best to get away from that kind
of abuse.

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"We spent all of yesterday apartment hunting which isn't easy here and on a limited budget but, about 6:30 last night we found this one and it will do for a while. The job which I will work on isn't expected to last later than January 6th, show date, but they will have other places to work and I may locate something more profitable before that. In any case, we will keep you informed as to our whereabouts.

"I have been trying hard to think back the two months since I heard the statements which I reported to you and I feel that I must have said something to someone. I was at home all day Thursday, the day after the occasion of which I spoke but, on Friday I believe I had a hair cut and I usually talked with the barber. Whether I mentioned the fact that I had heard of someone who would do harm to the President or not, I do not know but his shop is on 6th St., west off Main about halfway up the hill on the right side and located in the basement. I also had lunch that day with Bob Allen. I am not saying that I did say anything pertinent but it only seems reasonable that I would mention such a shocking statement. I also spent considerable time, talking to a Chuck Gesner (whereabouts unknown) who is a phone man and stood on the corner visiting with the collector, first name Leona, while waiting for Mrs Mandery to pick me up. Geo. Taylor also worked in that office and is now working in Minneapolis and living at the Hastings Hotel. I might even have said something to him. These and Bill O'Donnell who was the only other man in that office with whom I was well acquainted are all people I might have said something to.

"Our address is Apt 103, Vale Apt., 4th & Perry Sts., Davenport, Iowa until further notice.

"Sincerely,
"Hal"

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Mr. R. G. WOODS, Secretary-Treasurer, Colorado Sheriffs and Police Officers Association, Inglewood, Colorado, advised agents of the Denver Office on November 27, 1963, that the "Colorado Law" was a former publication of the above association which has not been published for the past three years. WOODS advised that he had no recollection of HAROLD MANDERY.

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By communication dated November 27, 1963, the Butte Division advised that CHARLES P. GOLDSMITH, salesman, GREAT BOOKS of the Western World, Encyclopedia Britannica, 267 South 425 West, Bountiful, Utah, made available information regarding OSCAR FAUST, a school teacher at Bismarck, North Dakota, that in a conversation with FAUST approximately November 9 to 11, 1963, FAUST bet that the President would be killed when he went to Dallas, Texas, because of the Communist activity around a night club in Dallas, Texas.

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Date December 2, 1963

OTTO H. KAUST, Room 503, Dakotan Hotel, 112 1/2 North Fifth Street, Bismarck, was interviewed on November 30, 1963, at which time he furnished the following information:

He is 63 years old and was born on November 1, 1900, on a farm north of Valley City, North Dakota. He is a graduate of the Valley City Teachers College and has taught school for the past 35 years, with the exception of time he was in the Army and U. S. Custom Service. He was convicted in Federal Court, Fargo, North Dakota, on a charge of smuggling. After his conviction he went back to teaching school and has taught school in various rural schools and high schools in North Dakota. He is an instructor in chemistry and world history.

He met CHARLES P. GOLDSMITH on or about November 1, 1963, when he sought a job with GOLDSMITH selling books. It was agreed that he would go to work for GOLDSMITH and GOLDSMITH was to give him a course in salesmanship, which would last about five days or a week. During the week of November 4 through 9, 1963, he met with GOLDSMITH in GOLDSMITH's room at the Dakotan Hotel. During their conversations, including a wide range of topics, GOLDSMITH informed him that he was a former underground agent and had worked back of the American lines in Germany during World War II. GOLDSMITH described how he used the weapon known as the "Bola", a weapon used by the Gaucho's in Argentina, and one that he devised himself, a piano wire, about three feet long with two wooden handles attached. GOLDSMITH claimed that both were very effective in strangling the enemy.

He denied that he told GOLDSMITH that he was a clairvoyant or a hypnotist, stating that it was GOLDSMITH who wanted to hypnotize him. GOLDSMITH appeared to be mentally disturbed on this subject and consequently he refused to submit to being hypnotized by GOLDSMITH. From his discussion with GOLDSMITH on myriad matters, it appeared that GOLDSMITH was a confused person.

He does not know any avowed Communists or members of the Mafia and does not recall making any statement to the effect that he personally observed Communists or members of the Mafia

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running back and forth across the Canadian border while he was employed as a United States Customs Officer, back in 1938.

During the course of their discussions, GOLDSMITH brought up the name of HARRY DEXTER WHITE, "who supposedly jumped out of a hotel window in New York and committed suicide". There was some discussion as to whether or not WHITE was a Communist, but at no time did he tell GOLDSMITH that he had been behind WHITE when WHITE jumped out of the window in New York.

He has never been in Dallas, Texas, and was never in a night club in that city, and to the best of his recollection, nothing was ever said about Communists being in a night club, and GOLDSMITH is definitely mistaken. He does recall that he told GOLDSMITH about an incident that occurred in a night club, near Ogden, Utah, about six years ago, when he and a drunken Union Pacific Railroad engineer were out on a party. The drunken engineer took him to a night club located several miles out of town. Everybody in the club was pretty well intoxicated. The proprietor of the establishment did not know him and he jumped on the engineer for bringing him out there, because he thought he (FAUST) was a Federal officer. The engineer hit the proprietor and they all got into a brawl before it was over.

He described GOLDSMITH as being an agnostic, with distorted ideas about people and life in general. He stated in his opinion, GOLDSMITH, with his background, could be dangerous if aroused. GOLDSMITH is originally from New York City, and does not have any love for that town.

FAUST is described as follows:

Race	White
Nationality	Swedish
Sex	Male
Age	63
DPOB	11/1/1900, at Valley City, North Dakota
Height	6' 2"
Weight	250 pounds
Build	Large
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue - wears glasses

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Complexion	Fair
Occupations	Retired school teacher, book salesman
Marital Status	Divorced
Relatives	None
Residence	Wing, North Dakota, taught school there. Dakotas Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1918 - 1921

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By communications dated November 29 and 30, 1963, the Omaha Division advised that JACK JENSEN, 320 North Seventh Street, Estherville, Iowa, and ROY ADDINGTON, a reputable businessman in Des Moines, Iowa, had been in Rochester, Minnesota, on November 18, 1963, and while at Rochester, became acquainted with a JACK McDONNELL, operator of the Chesterfield Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, who made a statement to the effect that if his doctor told him that he was as sick as he thought he was, he was going out to shoot a KENNEDY, and he did not know which is worse, JACK or BOB.

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Mr. ALBIN BERENS, security officer, Mayo Clinic, advised from the Clinic records that JOHN EDWARD McDONNELL, 2916 Bassler, North, Las Vegas, Nevada, registered at the Clinic on November 18, 1963, receiving Clinic registration #2-491-844. He reflected his occupation as bar manager of the Chesterfield Club, North Las Vegas, Nevada. The record also indicated that he started his first examination on November 22, 1963, at 12:48 p.m., at Section W8.

On the evening of November 26, 1963, McDONNELL was admitted to the Methodist Hospital in Rochester for treatment of an ulcer condition and was placed in room 214, under the care of Dr. RICHARD REITEMEIER.

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Dr. RICHARD REITEMEIER, staff doctor, Mayo Clinic, advised that JOHN EDWARD McDONNELL is under his service at the Methodist Hospital for treatment of an ulcer condition. He said McDONNELL has had no surgery, is in very satisfactory condition, and can be talked to.

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Dr. DAN J. ALLOCCO, Mayo Clinic, advised upon checking the Clinic history on JOHN EDWARD McDONNELL, that he was definitely in the Clinic on November 22, 1963, from approximately 12:30 p.m., to 2:00 p.m., for his very first consultation with his doctor, who was Dr. WARNER. Thereafter he continued on with several tests and examinations.

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Date December 2, 1963JACK McDONNELL

WINN Mr. JOHN EDWARD McDONNELL, 2916 Bassler, North Las Vegas, Nevada, was contacted at his room, #214, Methodist Hospital, and was informed of the fact that the subsequent interview would be entirely optional and that anything he might say could be held against him in court. He was informed of the right to counsel, if he so desired.

Bill 11/7/29 Lewistown, Montana
He advised that he resides at 2916 Bassler, North Las Vegas, Nevada, and is employed as a bartender and dealer at the Chesterfield Club in North Las Vegas. He flew to Rochester on November 18, 1963, and registered at the Kahler Hotel and then at the Mayo Clinic. He said he had no pre-appointment, so was told that he could not get started on his examination until the following Monday, unless he could pick up a cancellation. In order to obtain a cancellation, one has to be present in the section at the time, which means a person spends a great deal of time waiting.

He said he remained at the Clinic in Section W8, until noon on November 18, 1963, and then returned at 1:30 p.m. At about 3:30 p.m., he was told that he need not wait any longer, but to return the following day.

Upon leaving the Clinic he walked about town a short time and then went into the Hemisphere Room at the Kahler Hotel for a drink. At the bar he met two strangers who were drinking, so he introduced himself and they reflected their names as ROY (LNU) of Iowa, and JACK (LNU) of Iowa. After drinking and talking a short time, a fourth person joined them and his name was BILL (LNU) of Ohio.

McDONNELL stated that for the past four to five months he has been in poor health and had lost 25 to 30 pounds, so he was very apprehensive of his physical condition and was certain he had cancer, as his father died sometime over a year ago from cancer. In talking to the above men, he recalled that they discussed politics and also did considerable drinking. He estimated that he drank about ten or more drinks while talking to these men, so he became quite intoxicated, as the other men did. He

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said that he has been off of liquor for about two years, until a few months ago, so it did not take a great deal to get him drunk.

He said he has always been a staunch Republican and enjoys political discussions. However, he could not recall that he and the above three gentlemen had any heated political discussions, as he recalled them all as Republicans, the same as himself.

He said that he could not recall ever saying that he would shoot a KENNEDY, as he had no animosity toward President KENNEDY or his family. However, he claimed to have drunk so much during the afternoon and evening of November 18, 1963, that he is not certain exactly what happened or what he said.

He said he and his friends stayed in the bar until supper time, when he went to his room and had his supper sent up to the room. After supper he took a nap and returned to the Hemisphere Room bar, where he again met ROY and JACK, and they continued drinking until the bar closed.

He said that he spent considerable time at the Mayo Clinic on November 19-20, 1963, waiting for a possible cancellation, and on the afternoon of November 20, 1963, he was able to obtain an appointment for 1:30 p.m., on November 22, 1963. He said he recalled that he went to Section W8 at about 1:00 p.m., on November 22, 1963, and after waiting awhile was taken into a doctor's office, where he was waiting when the nurse came by and advised that the President had been shot. He sat there a short time longer, when Dr. WARNER came in to examine him and advised that the President was dead.

McDONNELL stated that he continued his medical examination until the evening of November 26, 1963, when he was placed in the Methodist Hospital for treatment of an ulcer condition. He said he received no surgery, only medication and proper diet, and should be released to return home on December 3, 1963.

He stated that he has never been in Dallas, Texas, and had no friends or relatives in the city. He said he is not acquainted with JACK RUBY, and never knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He also denied being a member of the John Birch Society, but admitted to being a life-long Republican.

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The following description of McDONNELL was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	JOHN EDWARD McDONNELL
Race	White
Sex	Male
Residence	2916 Bassler, North Las Vegas, Nevada
Height	5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	155 pounds
DPOB	1/7/29, Lewistown, Montana
Hair	Black, full head
Eyes	Brown, no glasses
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Bartender
Education	1 year college
Military Service	U. S. Army, RA 19315847, served from 1948 to 1952. Honorable discharge.

Date December 2, 1963

~~X~~ SALVADORE VINCENT GIAMBONE, professional name SAL VINCENT, night club comedian who was performing at the Copper Squirrel Night Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and residing at the Imperial Hotel, advised that he had been acquainted with JACK RUBY for approximately 2½ years. He stated that he first met RUBY through a performer by the name of WALLY WESTON, who is supposedly a friend of RUBY's. GIAMBONE stated that WESTON recently completed an engagement at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, but advised that WESTON's present location was unknown.

GIAMBONE stated that he obtained an engagement at the Carousel Club at Dallas, Texas, which ran from October 21, 1963 to November 3, 1963, and this engagement was arranged by "PAPPY" DOLSON, who is a theatrical booking agent in Dallas, Texas.

GIAMBONE described RUBY as an explosive and violent person who is believed to be capable of extreme behavior when angered. GIAMBONE further stated that RUBY was very strict about the types of jokes comedians could tell at his club, and absolutely forbid ridicule of great persons and minority groups. He stated that during his last engagement at the Carousel Club, he was strongly reprimanded by RUBY for telling a joke about the late President KENNEDY.

He stated that RUBY frequently associated with and had the utmost respect for the Dallas Police Officers. He pointed out that he did not know the specific identity of any of these police officers. He advised that he had no information concerning the possibility that RUBY owned a gun or that he ever had a gun in his possession.

He further advised that he does not know LEE OSWALD and knew of no association between OSWALD and RUBY. He advised that he never heard RUBY make any comments of a political nature or give any indication of radical or extremist views or activities. He advised that he knew of no other close friends or close associates of RUBY.

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REUBEN and NANCY NOEL, Buckingham Hotel, advised that they are entertainers engaged at the Copper Squirrel in Minneapolis. They stated that they were employed by JACK RUBY for two weeks at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, in the Fall of 1961. They advised that they knew RUBY only on a strictly business basis and found him to be a person with a violent temper. Because of RUBY's temperament, they made it a point to avoid any personal contact with him.

They further stated that on one occasion RUBY bragged to them about knowing all of the Dallas Police Department officers, but they stated they did not recall RUBY mentioning any specific names of police officers.

Because of their very limited contact with RUBY, they advised that they knew of no close associates and had no additional background information concerning him.

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HOODLUM CONNECTIONS

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On November 26, 1963, CLEVE COLE, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised Agents of the Knoxville Division that he was arrested July 10, 1963 at Knoxville, Tennessee and was placed in the same cell as RALPH EDMUND ERNSTSEN. COLE stated that during the next three days he heard ERNSTSEN talk concerning his alleged connections with gangsters and hoodlums throughout the United States. COLE recalled that ERNSTSEN stated on one occasion he was employed as an accountant for "Investors Diversified" and an official of this concern stated at a board meeting that he wanted President KENNEDY killed. JAMES HOFFA, Teamster Union President and also a board member of Diversified, vetoed the idea.

ERNSTSEN stated that this sort of thing happened frequently upon orders of this individual, who lives in New York City. He said the assassinations were selected from ten or twelve men throughout the United States who had undergone a special type of brain surgery. According to COLE, ERNSTSEN did not identify the individual who mentioned he wanted President KENNEDY killed.

It is to be noted that ERNSTSEN was apprehended at Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 24, 1963 in charges of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle. ERNSTSEN entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle in United States District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 15, 1963 and is presently confined to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, awaiting sentence.

On August 29, 1963, ERNSTSEN was interviewed by Special Agent L. WILLMS JOHNSON and Assistant Special Agent in Charge JAMES L. MC GOVERS upon the request of ERNSTSEN at Knoxville, Tennessee.

ERNSTSEN, who was then under order of removal to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in connection with an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge, complained he had been fleeced out of a large sum of money by various individuals while he was confined to the Knox County Jail, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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ERNSTSEN alleged that he had turned over to his attorney FRED MOSES personal effects including an automobile which he authorized MOSES to dispose of. The total value of the personal effects and automobile being about \$4300. ERNSTSEN stated that using a portion of this \$4300, MOSES purchased for ERNSTSEN a cashiers check in the amount of \$800 at the Hamilton National Bank, Knoxville.

Subsequently, MOSES slipped this check to ERNSTSEN at the Knoxville County Jail. ERNSTSEN stated he intended to use this check to pay a bondsman so that he could be released pending his removal to Minneapolis or disposition of his case locally in Federal Court. Therefore, he turned this check over to TED WAYLAND, who represents a bonding company (AAA). ERNSTSEN claims that he did not endorse this check, was not released on bond and had received none of the proceeds from the check. ERNSTSEN alleged that his attorney obtained the proceeds from the above check.

In addition, ERNSTSEN made rambling statements including some to the effect that he knew the top hierarchy in the mafia and implied that he was a "big man". He stated he had traveled extensively throughout the United States just shortly before he was arrested in Knoxville and had in his possession on one occasion when stopped by police in Cleveland, Ohio, \$500,000 in cash and also records relating to gambling and criminal activities throughout the United States. When requested to furnish specific information relating to individuals known in the underworld and specific information in regard to various criminal activities to which he referred, ERNSTSEN refused to make specific comments but did state he would be willing to talk if furnished \$500,000. He was requested to furnish some token information along these lines so that his offer could be evaluated but he refused.

Classification Study, Federal Correction Institution, Sandstone, Minnesota, dated July 12, 1962, reflects the following:

"This individual has been in much difficulty with the law, beginning with juvenile commitments in 1943. He was convicted of forgery in 1945, and served a two year sentence at the Minnesota State Reformatory. In 1947, ERNSTSEN was given

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probation as a result of a grand larceny charge for checks issued without funds, and managed to stay out of serious trouble until 1949 when found guilty of a Dyer Act violation. A Federal probation proved unsuccessful, and subject was committed to El Reno in November, 1950, and served until expiration in December, 1951. At that time he was taken to Hibbing, Minnesota, where there were detainers for bad checks. He was placed on probation, but violated in 1953 and was committed to the Minnesota State Prison on a ten year sentence. In 1955 ERNSTSEN was released on parole, but violated in 1957 by a check offense at Bemidji, Minnesota. He was returned to prison, and upon release in 1958, was placed on probation as a result of the check offense in 1957. This probation was violated in October, 1958, and he was returned to Minnesota State Prison where discharged without supervision in October, 1961. There is no record of institution adjustment available for recent commitments, and while at El Reno, subject made a good over-all adjustment, with close custody due to a detainer."

The report also reflects the following:

ERNSTSEN is a 35 year old, separated, white man serving his second federal commitment. He is no stranger to penal life, and should be able to adjust with a minimum of effort. ERNSTSEN is a glib talker, and possesses the intelligence, IQ 129, and personality to manipulate if given an opportunity. He tends to blame others for his difficulties with the law, has no real insight about his errant behavior and expresses no remorse about the wrongs to society and his family.

PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

10/22/45 PD, Duluth, Minn.	Forgery 2nd Degree	2 yrs SRef., St. Cloud, Expd. 6/14/47	FBI
12/26/47 PD, Hibbing, Minn.	Grand Larceny 2nd Degree Checks w/o Funds	\$1000 bail, not prosecuted.	FBI

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PD, Hibbing, Minn.

Issuing checks
w/o funds

0-1 year SRef., FBI
St. Cloud.
Served 10 mos

7/30/49
PD, Hibbing, Minn.

Burglary 3rd
degree & Dyer Act

TOT U.S. Marshal FBI
held St. Louis
Co. Jail in
default \$1500
bond. Sentence
suspended, Pro-
bation 5 years -
12/6/49.

6/26/50
USM, St. Paul, Minn.

Violate Probation

18 months Fed-
eral Ref., El
Reno, Min. exp
12/14/51

12/17/51
PD, Hibbing, Minn.

Grand Larceny 1st

No prosecution
FBI
Subject

5/7/52
PD, Hibbing, Minn.

Carnal Knowledge

No Prosecution
FBI
Subject

10/15/53
PD, Virginia, Minn.

7 counts, Grand
Larceny 2nd
degree

10/20/53, 0-5
years Minn SP,
Stillwater.
Parole 5/23/55.

5/24/57
PD, Council Bluffs,
Ia.

Parole Violator

5/28/57 TOT
Minnesota
Authorities

12/23/57
SO, Bemidji, Minn.

Forgery 2nd
degree

Indt. 0-10 years FBI
Minn. State
Prison, Still-
water. Disch.,
10/24/61.

Date December 2, 1963

Mr. GEORGE E. MAC KINNON, Legal Counsel, Investors Diversified Services, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, former United States Attorney and Representative from Minnesota to the U.S. Congress, advised SA FRANCIS R. GRADY that the records of Investors Diversified failed to indicate that RALPH EDMUND ERNSTSEN was connected with his corporation in any way either as an employee or an investor.

Mr. MAC KINNON further advised that he contacted auditing firms that do the auditing for Investors Diversified and they were unable to identify the name of RALPH EDMUND ERNSTSEN as being identical with anyone who has ever been employed by them.

Mr. MAC KINNON stated that he contacted THOMAS L. KENALY, Secretary of Investors Diversified Services and was advised that Mr. KENALY attends all board meetings and is acquainted with all individuals attending these meetings. Mr. MAC KINNON stated that KENALY advised him that the name RALPH EDMUND ERNSTSEN was not familiar to him and that he is positive that no one by this name ever attended any board meetings. He also stated that there was never a threat made against President KENNEDY's life or any other president at any of the board meetings held by Investors Diversified Services, Inc..

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1Date December 3, 1963

Mr. LEIGH J. GARD, Assistant United States Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that he is handling the prosecution of RALPH EDMUND KENSTEN, JR. and he considers him to be an unmitigated liar who exaggerates and distorts facts completely out of proportion and is completely unreliable.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Date November 26, 1963

MARY DONER, 5713 Birch Road, White Bear, Minnesota, advised that a source, whom she refused to disclose, advised that one CHARLES E. POWERS, JR., was very upset upon hearing of the assassination of President KENNEDY. After hearing of the assassination, POWERS remarked that he had been in Dallas, Texas in April, 1963, visiting some of his friends. POWERS allegedly remarked that his friends had told him that if President KENNEDY ever comes to Dallas, he will never leave alive.

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CHARLES E. POWERS, JR , 5326 East Bald Eagle Boulevard, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, advised that he recalled making a remark about the temperament of the people in Dallas, Texas, upon hearing the news that President KENNEDY had been assassinated. He went on to state, however, that he had merely stated that when visiting in Dallas, Texas, his friends were alarmed at the attitude of the people in Dallas and felt that if President KENNEDY came to Dallas on a visit, that it was a likelihood that an incident would occur. He stated that his friends were merely remarking on the general anti-KENNEDY feeling in Dallas, Texas, and had no specific information bearing on the President's assassination. With reference to the allegation that he stated that the President would not leave Dallas, Texas, alive, POWERS stated that he was definitely misquoted and that he did not intend to leave such an impression.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1963

Mrs. ALMA BELLIKKA, 1809 LaSalle Avenue South, advised that in about April, 1963, during the evening she was in the Flame Cafe, a tavern located on Nicollet Avenue near 14th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was drinking and during the course of the evening she got into a conversation with a stranger regarding the civil rights legislative program. She claimed that another stranger made threats against the President. She said she did not hear his name, she cannot describe him and would not be able to identify him if she saw him again. She stated she could recall none of the other patrons of the tavern.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 2, 1963

EDWIN J. CATES, sergeant, Matron Squadron, 343rd Fighter Squadron, United States Air Base, Duluth, Minnesota, furnished the following information:

A person resembling OSWALD was observed by him in Mister Pete's Restaurant at Duluth, Minnesota, on July 22, 1963. This person, wearing a tan jacket, was a white male, approximately 27 years of age, 5' 6" in height, 150 pounds, and had a small thin mustache on his upper lip. His facial appearance resembled the pictures of OSWALD appearing in the newspapers and on television cameras.

In a discussion held with this individual, the individual stated that he had been in Chicago and New York in the recent past. This individual also stated that he was a sociologist and had been in Birmingham, Alabama, during the riots, teaching the demonstrators passive resistance and judo, since he was an expert in both judo and karate. This individual indicated that during his stay at Birmingham, he lived at a motel or residence owned by (FNU) GASTON, a well known Birmingham individual. This individual also mentioned in passing, that he had been in the United States Marine Corps, that he was pro-KENNEDY and approved of KENNEDY's civil rights actions in the South.

CATES was unable to give any other information relative to this individual, and did not know how long he had been in Duluth, Minnesota or when he left the area.

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On November 29, 1963, MICHAEL HARRY, 2615 Jackson Street Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephonically advised that in perusing a scrap book of his brother, age 11, now residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN HARRY, Box 253, Boyceville, Wisconsin, he came across a newspaper clipping from the "Minneapolis Tribune," date unknown, which had a clipping of the President and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY. HARRY advised that in this picture there were also five other persons, four of them of Cuban nationality. The fifth individual, according to HARRY, was a picture of a person closely resembling LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Several sources of information in the Minneapolis Division acquainted with both criminal and Communist Party activities in the area, were contacted during the course of this investigation. These sources advised that they had no information bearing on the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or any knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.