

Dr. PENABAZ stated that although he could not recall speaking with Reverend FOWLER of Minnesota, he did do a lot of talking while in Shreveport, and much of it in the field of conjecture regarding the assassination. He said that the Reverend FOWLER is undoubtedly confusing what statements may have been made by Dr. PENABAZ with other statements or reading material known to Reverend FOWLER.

Dr. PENABAZ stated he had not heard any statement to the effect that the garage mechanic at Dallas, Texas who had observed OSWALD in the Dallas theater, following the assassination, had been mysteriously killed.

Dr. PENABAZ stated he had made no such statement, either to Reverend FOWLER or anyone else, that his information concerning the alleged agreement between President KENNEDY and Premier KHRUSHCHEV to depose CASTRO, or any of the other speculations on the assassination, had been received by him from a good friend in Cuba. He said that Reverend FOWLER was definitely confused in such a statement, and he believed Reverend FOWLER was possibly confusing the statements he had received from various individuals at Shreveport. He said that possibly Reverend FOWLER had also talked to CARLOS BRINGUIER, a resident of New Orleans, who was present at the meeting in the Captain Shreve Hotel.

Dr. PENABAZ stated he had never heard any statement or information to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY were members of a six-member communist cell active in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. PENABAZ stated all his information concerning OSWALD is hearsay, and he knows no one other than CARLOS BRINGUIER of New Orleans, Louisiana who had any personal contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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MIGUEL DE LEON ROJAS, resident at 17 Majorca, Coral Gables, Florida, advised he had been a Congressman in Cuba and also a Councilman in the city of Santiago de Cuba. He stated he was familiar with the fact that QUINTIN PINO MACHADO, during 1959, had been appointed by FIDEL CASTRO as Cuban Ambassador to Nicaragua, and that PINO was subsequently declared persona non grata for teaching youth groups in Nicaragua methods of sabotage. He stated that in his travels and various contacts among Cuban exiles and Central American acquaintances, he was aware that QUINTIN PINO had served on a Cuban assignment in Mexico to investigate activities directed against the CASTRO regime.

With respect to the alleged plan wherein PINO would assist LEE HARVEY OSWALD in making an escape following the assassination, Mr. DE LEON stated he had learned this while visiting in the home of Cuban engineer SIXTO MESA. He said this visit occurred about a week after the assassination, and he did not recall who in the MESA home had related the episode involving QUINTIN PINO MACHADO.

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SIXTO MESA, 285 Shore Drive, Bay Heights, Miami, Florida, an engineer by profession, stated he recalled the occasion shortly after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY wherein MIGUEL DE LEON and Dr. ADOLFO VILASUSO were present in his home and discussed the assassination. He said that with respect to the information that QUINTIN PINO MACHADO was involved in the plan on behalf of the Cuban Government to effect the escape of LEE HARVEY OSWALD after the assassination, he (MESA) possessed no authentic information. He stated it was Dr. VILASUSO who had related this story.

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ADOLFO VILASUSO, a medical doctor residing in exile at 8620 Southwest 21st Street, Miami, Florida, stated he recalled the visit to the home of SIXTO MESA wherein they discussed the assassination, and he mentioned the matter of QUINTIN PINO MACHADO allegedly being involved in the plan for OSWALD to escape from the United States. He stated it would be impossible for him to determine the origin of this allegation, inasmuch as to his knowledge, there was no particular source for the information, but rather it was a matter of rumor and commentary which passed through the Cuban exile colony at Miami.

Dr. VILASUSO stated he possessed no authentic information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any circumstance surrounding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 1P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD AKA, IS-R-CUBA.

REBUTEL TO DALLAS APRIL TWO INSTANT REQUESTING DATE
INFORMATION FURNISHED CONCERNING TIME OSWALD'S PICTURE
FIRST DISPLAYED ON EACH OF DALLAS TELEVISION STATIONS.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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1 - Mr. Roggach

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. Robert Hickey, attorney, Washington, D. C., and formerly an attorney in the Criminal Division, on March 24, 1964, said he had been contacted by a friend, Mr. Robert Cleary, Assistant to the Vice President in Charge of the Insurance Department, Weaver Brothers, Inc., Washington, D. C., concerning an old Army friend of Cleary's named Glenn T. Carthron, Jr., According to Mr. Hickey, Cleary related a story in which Carthron alleged James Riddle Hoffa was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy.

On March 25, 1964, Mr. Robert Cleary was interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau at which time he stated he had become acquainted with Mr. Glenn T. Carthron, Jr., and Mr. Edwin W. Hanger while serving in the Armed Forces. Mr. Cleary explained on March 19, 1964, he had received a call from Mr. Hanger advising that Glenn T. Carthron, Jr. wanted to see him. At a subsequent luncheon Carthron alleged James Riddle Hoffa "triggered" the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by taking \$1,500,000 from the Teamsters Pension Fund and paying it to Jack Ruby to "take care" of the assassination. According to Carthron, Ruby then hired Lee Harvey Oswald to carry out the assassination. Carthron wanted Cleary to make arrangements for him to meet you so that Carthron could obtain permission to charge Hoffa with the murder of President Kennedy. Mr. Cleary said Carthron indicated if he did not obtain such permission he was going to order a submachine gun and "shoot Hoffa's Head off." In addition, Carthron was reported to have said when he left the hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there was a bomb in his car and he took a bus to Washington, D. C.

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- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- ① - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1 - 44-24016 (Jack Leon Ruby)
- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. E. F. Kieffer
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. J. W. Hines
- 1 - Mr. A. J. McGrath

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, KMR:vhm, dated 4-1-64 captioned, "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas."

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Our Agents also interviewed Mr. Edwin W. Hanger, Assistant Chief Clerk, American Security and Trust Company, and Mr. William C. Lord, Assistant Credit Manager, American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C., both of whom were former associates of Carthron. These gentlemen furnished substantially the same story. They commented Carthron had related that while in a hotel room in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a light came through the transom of his hotel room and a "voice" spoke to him saying, "Hoffa triggered the assassination" and the "voice" said, "I am God." Carthron was described as highly excitable and nervous and Mr. Hanger advised it was his personal opinion Carthron had a mental problem..

Mr. Cleary also stated, based on his previous association with Carthron it was his opinion Carthron tended to be a "violent person." Mr. Cleary also stated Carthron was possibly in the same category as a person like Jack Ruby who would take the law into his own hands to revenge the President's assassination, contending that Hoffa bears the responsibility for it.

On March 30, 1964, Mr. Robert Cleary telephonically advised that he had received a telephone call from Glenn T. Carthron, Jr. on the same day. Mr. Cleary stated Carthron said he was calling from a downtown Washington, D. C. department store and that he had just arrived from Salisbury, Maryland. In addition, Carthron made the statement he had been arrested over the week end by the Wicomico, Maryland, Police Department and was given a psychiatric examination. In addition, according to Carthron, the police found a gun in the glove compartment of his automobile but he claimed the Constitution gave him the right to bear arms.

Mr. Cleary said Carthron related that he was fired from his job at Salisbury, Maryland, but had bought a building at 833 West Main Street, Salisbury, Maryland, from which he would compete with his former employer. Carthron wanted to refinance his Savannah, Georgia, home to obtain working capital and wanted Mr. Cleary to recommend a lawyer who would represent him in the event he was arrested. Carthron also inquired of Mr. Cleary whether Mr. Cleary had made any progress in obtaining an appointment with someone in the Justice Department for him.

Mr. Cleary advised that Carthron wanted an appointment with him but he told Carthron that he had other plans. Carthron

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did not indicate where he would stay in Washington, D. C., or where he would go after he concluded his conversation with Mr. Cleary.

This is being furnished to you in the event Carthron attempts to contact you. In addition, this information is being furnished to the President's Commission. Agents of this Bureau are continuing active investigation to locate and interview Carthron and the results of this interview will be furnished when received.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

April 3, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

15
Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 16, 1964, requesting a signed statement be obtained from each person known to have been in the Texas School Book Depository Building on November 22, 1963.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies each of 73 signed statements obtained from those individuals known to have been in the Texas School Book Depository Building on November 22, 1963. Every effort was made to comply with your request that six specific items be incorporated in each statement; however, in many instances the individual furnishing the statement was unaware of the address of persons referred to therein and this information, of necessity, had to be omitted.

Statements were not obtained from the following three Texas School Book Depository Building employees as they were absent from work on November 22, 1963:

Mrs. Joseph A. (Vickie) Davis
Mr. Franklin Kaiser
Mrs. James L. (Dottie) Lovelady

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This complies with your request and no further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- ① - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan
1 - Mr. J. W. Hines

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NOTE:

This complies with the Commission's request. Dallas has advised that all individuals furnishing signed statements had been previously interviewed, the statements contain no pertinent information which has not been previously reported, and no discrepancies were noted in the enclosed statements. The Commission in its letter requested the following six items should be reflected in the statements: 1. His name, address, age and race. 2. Where he was at the time the President was shot? 3. Was he alone or with someone else; if with someone else, the name and address of that person? 4. If he saw Lee Harvey Oswald at that time? 5. If at any time that morning he saw any person in the building who was a stranger to him? (This item should not be included in statements of those who were not employees in the Depository.) 6. The time that he left the Texas School Book Depository Building in the afternoon of November 22, 1963. Every effort was made to comply with the Commission's request.

4/4/64

PLAIN TEXT

1 - Mr. Stokes

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TO SAC SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RESFTELS APRIL THREE LAST. CHECK WITH GREYHOUND AGENT ON DUTY LAREDO TWO TO THREE A.M., OCTOBER THREE LAST, WHO STAMPED EXCHANGE ORDER FOR H. O. LEE AND ISSUED HIM GREYHOUND TICKET. CONDUCT THOROUGH INQUIRY ALL GREYHOUND PERSONNEL HANDLING ALL FACETS OF TRAVEL LAREDO TO DALLAS VIA GREYHOUND BUS LEAVING LAREDO THREE A.M., OCTOBER THREE LAST. INCLUDE CHECK APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL HANDLING PHASE OF TRIP FROM SAN ANTONIO TO DALLAS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY OTHER EXCHANGE ORDERS OR TICKETS ON BUSES IN QUESTION THROUGH WHICH MEANS WE MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHER PASSENGERS ON BUSES IN QUESTION? NOTE COMMENTS AGAPITO DEL RIO CONCERNING YOUNG AMERICAN ON DEL NORTE BUS WHO AFTER CHECK AT U. S. CUSTOMS, LAREDO, RETURNED TO BUS TO RETRIEVE SACK OF BANANAS. ANOTHER PASSENGER ON DEL NORTE BUS RECALLS YOUNG AMERICAN WHO WAS TRYING TO DISPOSE OF BANANA WHILE WAITING AT U. S. CUSTOMS FOR

1 - LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (BY MAIL)

1 - DALLAS (100-10461) (BY MAIL)

1 - SAN FRANCISCO (89-58) (BY MAIL)

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TELETYPE TO SAN ANTONIO
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-82555

CHECKING PROCEDURE. THIS MAN TOLD BY U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICER IT
WAS ALL RIGHT TO BRING BANANAS INTO U. S. THIS MAN PROBABLY
IDENTICAL WITH MALE REFERRED TO BY DEL RIO. IDENTIFY AND
INTERVIEW U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL ON DUTY TWO - THREE A.M. AT
LAREDO. SUTEL RESULTS AND FOLLOW BY REPORT. LEGAT, MEXICO CITY,
DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY MAIL.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060) *105-82555*
 Attention: INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY
 FROM SAC DALLAS (100-10461)
 SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, *See Oswald*
 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bureau telephone call from Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY 3/23/64 requesting Bureau be advised of identities of individuals interviewed who were on the triple overpass on the date of the assassination.

There are enclosed herewith five copies each of the following-described documents bearing on the above request:

- Insert on interview with JAMES L. SIMMONS;
- FD-302 of JAMES L. SIMMONS; -
- FD-302 of WALTER LUKE WINBORN;
- FD-302 of NOLAN H. POTTER;
- FD-302 of CURTIS FREEMAN BISHOP;
- FD-302 of RICHARD CALVIN DODD;
- FD-302 of THOMAS J. MURPHY;
- FD-302 of STERLING MAYFIELD HOLLAND; - *D*
- FD-302 of CLEMON EARL JOHNSON;
- FD-302 of EWELL WILLIAM COWSERT;
- FD-302 of GEORGE A. DAVIS.

The results of the above-described interviews will be reflected in the next report submitted in the OSWALD-captioned case.

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 Special Agent in Charge
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The following is a listing of interviews previously reported with respect to individuals on or near the triple underpass on the date of the assassination:

November 30, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

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NAME

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LEE E. BOWERS, Jr.

48 ✓

CHARLES HESTER

49 and 50 ✓

S. M. HOLLAND (Same as STERLING
MAYFIELD HOLLAND listed above)

52 ✓

OSCAR McVEY

53 ✓

FRANCES GAYLE NEWMAN

54 and 55 ✓

WILLIAM EUGENE NEWMAN

56 and 57 ✓

JEAN (MRS. PURSER EDWARD) NEWMAN

65 ✓

JESSE C. PRICE

December 10, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

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NAME

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Mrs. CHARLES HESTER

December 23, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

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ROYCE GLENN SKELTON

27 and 28 ✓

AUSTEN LAWRENCE MILLER

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December 23, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

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FRANK E. REILLY

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JIM TAGUE

32 and 33

JOHN F. DOLAN

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JOHN ARTHUR CHISM

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Patrolman JOSEPH M. SMITH

39 and 40

Patrolman E. V. BROWN (~~on-duty~~
~~on-overpass~~)

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Patrolman JOE MURPHY (~~on-duty~~
~~on-overpass~~)

With respect to the foregoing, all persons interviewed were pressed for the identification of any other individuals who may have observed anything pertinent; however, this specific question or statement may not be reflected in the results set out.

DL 100-10461/eah

On March 14, 1964, JAMES L. SIMMONS, 1325 Rosemont Street, Mesquite, Texas, telephonically advised SA ROBERT P. BUPLER that he is one of ten witnesses who, while standing on the Commerce Street viaduct, observed the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

SIMMONS advised that he furnished his name as did the other people on the viaduct to an unknown man who he thought to be a reporter. He stated that none of the ten persons in the group has been interviewed concerning the assassination to his knowledge. [SIMMONS] stated that he and his friends are all employees of the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, with the exception of a Dallas police officer who was standing with his group on the viaduct.

He stated that he and his friends have not come forward since they were on duty at the time of the assassination and were not authorized to leave their jobs to observe the parade. SIMMONS requested that his name not be mentioned to the other witnesses or to his employer in connection with this call. Following is the list of names as furnished by SIMMONS:

"LUKE" WINBERN - Switchman

(FNU) POTTER - Hostler Helper

(FNU) BISHOP - Hostler

RICHARD DODD - Track Maintenance Foreman

(FNU) MURPHY - Mail foreman at Terminal Annex

(FNU) HOLLAND - Signal Department Foreman

C. E. JOHNSON - Machinist

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EUEL (phonetic) COWSART - Switchman

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(FNU) FOSTER - Patrolman, Dallas Police Department

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Mr. GEORGE A. DAVIS, 1443 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DAVIS stated he was a signalman for the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street viaduct overlooking the route taken by the Presidential motorcade. Shortly after the motorcycle escort and the Presidential car came into view and was at a point just east of the viaduct, Mr. DAVIS heard a sound which he described as similar to firecrackers exploding. He stated they did not sound like rifle fire because they were not loud enough. All shots were very close together and he stated it was impossible for him to determine the number of shots. He stated his first impression was that someone had played a prank, but then he saw gun in the hands of the Secret Service Agents with President KENNEDY, saw President KENNEDY slumped forward, and the police motorcycle escort maneuver swiftly about the area and he realized it was not a prank.

Mr. DAVIS stated his attention was directed to the motorcycle escort and the car in which President KENNEDY was riding, and he saw very little, if any, other activity in the area at that time.

Mr. DAVIS stated he returned to the same spot he had occupied on November 22, 1963, at a later date and from this spot attempted to observe the Texas School Book Depository window from which the rifle shot was reported to have been fired. He stated he was unable to see this window from the position he had occupied on November 22, 1963, because the branch of a tree obscured the vision from this point.

Mr. DAVIS stated he did not know JACK RUBY and had never met or seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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~~EWELL WILLIAM~~ COWSERT, 1217 Arawe Circle, Irving, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas. COWSERT advised that he is a switchman for the Union Terminal Company and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with a group of fellow employees watching the motorcade with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. COWSERT advised that just as President KENNEDY's car passed the Texas School Book Depository Building he heard two or three shots ring out and saw President KENNEDY slump forward in his seat. COWSERT said he has no idea where the shots came from and as the area near the Texas School Book Depository Building was a scene of extreme confusion he could not recall having noticed any one person. He stated he does recall seeing several people and a motorcycle policeman run up the grassy area near the Texas School Book Depository Building.

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(3) ENCLOSURE

Date 3/18/64

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Mr. CLEMON EARL JOHNSON, Box 211 (Belt Line Road), Kleberg, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. JOHNSON stated he was employed as a machinist for Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street viaduct overlooking the route taken by the Presidential motorcade on that date. Mr. JOHNSON stated his attention was attracted to the motorcycle escort and the automobile carrying President KENNEDY as this section of the motorcade came into his view. He stated he first realized something was wrong when the motorcycles began moving from their regular course and at or just before this he heard sounds that could have been shots. Mr. JOHNSON stated at that time he did not know that it was shots and he could not say how many shots he heard. His attention remained on the vehicle carrying President KENNEDY and he observed this car until it sped away. Mr. JOHNSON stated that white smoke was observed near the pavillion, but he felt that this smoke came from a motorcycle abandoned near the spot by a Dallas policeman.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met or seen JACK RUBY.

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Mr. STERLING MAYFIELD HOLLAND, who resides at 1119 Lucille Street, Irving, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and advised that he did not recall any information not furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation previously.

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THOMAS J. MURPHY, 8615 San Benito Way, Dallas, Texas, advised he is employed as a mail foreman, Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas. MURPHY said he was so employed on the morning of November 22, 1963 when he and some of his co-workers stood on the Elm Street overpass to watch President JOHN F. KENNEDY's Motorcade drive by. MURPHY said that they watched President KENNEDY's limousine turn down Elm Street past the Texas School Book Depository building and start towards them. He stated he then heard what sounded like two shots and he saw President KENNEDY and Governor CONNALLY slump in their seats. MURPHY said in his opinion these shots came from a spot just west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. He said there was very much confusion in the area after the shots were fired and he saw many people running towards the parking lot west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. MURPHY said he could not recall seeing any unusual activity near the Texas School Book Depository Building itself. MURPHY stated he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and to the best of his knowledge he has never seen him before. He had no further information of value.

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Mr. RICHARD CALVIN DODD, 1216 South Tyler, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at Lamar and Henning Street in Dallas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DODD stated he is employed as a track supervisor for the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street railroad viaduct overlooking the route used by the Presidential motorcade on this date. Mr. DODD stated that when the motorcycle escort and the automobile carrying President KENNEDY approached the area where he was standing his attention was directed on President KENNEDY. He stated he first realized something was wrong when he saw President KENNEDY slump forward and simultaneously heard shots ring out. He stated he did not know how many shots were fired, but that the sounds were very close together. Mr. DODD advised that his attention remained on President KENNEDY; he did not look up and did not know where the shots came from.

Mr. DODD stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met or seen JACK RUBY.

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CURTIS FREEMAN BISHOP, 8623 Danville Drive, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas.

BISHOP advised that he is employed as a hostler with the Union Terminal Company, and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees awaiting President JOHN F. KENNEDY's motorcade. BISHOP stated that when President KENNEDY's car came into view he started down Elm Street past the Texas School Book Depository Building. He heard three shots ring out. He then saw President KENNEDY slump over as if he had been hit. BISHOP recalls seeing a motorcycle policeman drive up the grassy slope near the Texas School Book Depository Building and noticed that people were running in every direction. BISHOP stated that President KENNEDY's car then picked up speed and drove down Elm Street.

BISHOP could not offer any other information of value.

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NOLAN H. POTTER, 7114 Red Bud Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone number EV 1-4334, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas.

POTTER advised that he is a hostler helper for the Union Terminal Company, and, on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees awaiting the motorcade with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. POTTER stated that when the President's car had turned west on Elm Street and had driven past the Texas School Book Depository Building, he heard three loud reports which sounded like firecrackers. He then saw President KENNEDY slump over in his car and the Presidential car drive through the underpass. POTTER said he recalls seeing smoke in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building rising above the trees. POTTER said there were people running in every direction and he noticed a policeman drive his motorcycle up the slope towards the Texas School Book Depository Building. POTTER said he could not determine from which direction the shots were fired.

He had no further information of any value.

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Mr. ~~WALTER LUKE~~ WINBORN, 2823 Maple Springs, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. WINBORN stated he was presently employed as a switchman for Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, Mr. WINBORN took a position on the Elm Street railroad viaduct so that he could observe the Presidential motorcade and President KENNEDY. As the motorcycle escort and the vehicle carrying the President approached the viaduct, Mr. WINBORN heard three distinct shots ring out. Mr. WINBORN stated he was not able to ascertain exactly where the shots were fired from and his attention remained on President KENNEDY and the motorcycle escort. He stated, however, that the shots sounded as if they all came from the same area.

Mr. WINBORN stated that very shortly thereafter the motorcycle escort dispersed and one motorcycle was abandoned by the police officer riding it on the grassy slope on the north side of Elm Street and this officer rushed up the steps leading to the pavillion and was lost from sight. The vehicle carrying the President immediately left the area at a high rate of speed. Mr. WINBORN then moved away from the east edge of the viaduct, where he could get a clear view of the area to the west of the Texas School Book Depository Building (TSBD). He remained at this spot and observed the approach to the railroad tracks for a few minutes, but failed to see anyone moving toward the railroad tracks.

Mr. WINBORN stated he then returned to his work and had no further personal knowledge concerning the activities in this area.

Mr. WINBORN stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met JACK RUBY.

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JAMES L. SIMMONS, 1325 Rosemont Street, Mesquite, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas. SIMMONS advised that he is a car inspector and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees waiting for President JOHN F. KENNEDY's motorcade to come into view. SIMMONS stated when the President's car started down Elm Street he heard three shots ring out. President KENNEDY slumped forward in his seat and appeared to have been hit by a bullet.

SIMMONS said he recalled that a motorcycle policeman drove up the grassy slope toward the Texas School Book Depository Building, jumped off his motorcycle and then ran up the hill toward the Memorial Arches. SIMMONS said he thought he saw exhaust fumes of smoke near the embankment in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building. SIMMONS then ran toward the Texas School Book Depository Building with a policeman. He stopped at a fence near the Memorial Arches and could not find anyone.

SIMMONS advised that it was his opinion the shots came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building. He stated that immediately after the shots were fired, people were running in every direction through the whole area and there was a scene of mass confusion.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM summarizing a translation from the January - February, 1964 issue of "L'Unita". Two copies are enclosed for Dallas for their information.

[Redacted] made available the January - February, 1964 issue of "L'Unita". The issue was translated at the Bureau.

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The January - February, 1964 issue of "L'unita" contained an article on page two, columns four and five, entitled "Will It Be Possible To Learn The Truth Concerning The Assassination of Kennedy".

This article in part contained the following:

"The Warren Commission continues its investigation of Kennedy's assassination without revealing specific data concerning the investigation itself. However, the decisions of the Commission related to procedure foretell that the forthcoming judgment will unfortunately be based on Lee Oswald's guilt. This means that no other avenues will be explored.

This conclusion is by no means inconsiderate because the investigation has been officially assigned to six various 'Subcommittees.' These 'Subcommittees' have received various assignments pertaining to the past of Oswald, his doings on November 22, 1963, etc.

However, there is no 'Subcommittee' whose specific assignment is to explore the other possible avenues.

According to Mark Lane, the lawyer who has been charged by Oswald's mother to 'defend' him, "the Warren Commission tirelessly continues its pre-established work without investigating the assassination itself."

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Lee Harvey Oswald

"Marina, the wife of the alleged assassin of Kennedy...has been almost imprisoned and has been kept incommunicado by the Secret Service. The Secret Service has skillfully 'brainwashed' her. This is being done in spite of the requests of Oswald's mother to meet Marina. (The meeting has been several times physically forbidden by the Secret Service).

"The Secret Service and the FBI maintain that Marina Oswald is under surveillance in order to avoid being violently attacked like her husband.

"On the other hand, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the mother of the murdered, who was threatened several times, has not yet succeeded in obtaining any protection whatsoever.

"This is but one of the many details which arouse the suspicion about the rottenness of the case Kennedy-Oswald and about the State reasons for which the United States juridical system is being violated in such a manner."

"We will limit ourselves in noting the first point. In this regard, the lawyer Mark Lane obtained subsequent testimony from the employees of the "Dallas Morning News" who were in the crowd on the presidential route. These employees affirm that some of the shots seemed to come from the overpass which was ahead of the cortege and not from the building in which Oswald worked.

"If the Warren Commission could ascertain that the shots came from the overpass, the conspiracy would be proved.

"Furthermore, if the conspiracy is thoroughly investigated, it also could appear that Oswald was used for only one part of the whole operation and accused of the whole operation when the attentat was over."

Lee Harvey Oswald

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APPENDIX

"L'UNITA"

A source on May 19, 1958, advised that "L'Unita" is the successor to the Italian language newspaper "L'Unita del Popolo." It is a pro-Communist Italian-American progressive monthly, published by a group of Italian-American Communists. The administrative Committee of "L'Unita," in March, 1958, approved a resolution and submitted it to the National Committee of the Communist Party approving the policies of that committee.

The April, 1963, issue of "L'Unita" reflects that Post Office Box 45, Cooper Station, New York 3, New York, is the address of this newspaper.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Page 225, describes "L'Unita del Popolo" as among the publications which the committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

It is noted that "L'Unita del Popolo" ceased publication on July 10, 1954.

The above source has furnished reliable information in the past.