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written in ink, is "N. BARONE #7 Ben Franklin Hotel." The other item received by CLEARY from CARTHON was a folder "Memoriam" to President KENNEDY. Across the front of the folder is written "3/19/64 to BOB CLEARY JIMMY HOFFA did this GLENN T. CARTHON." CLEARY did not have the envelope in which this folder had been received.

CLEARY said CARTHON is a white male, about 31 years old, six feet two, 215 pounds, with brown hair, balding, and brown eyes. He reportedly is a graduate of a college in Atlanta, Georgia, and now divorced from his wife, whom he married in England during his military service. He claims to be a sales representative for some company, possibly an Atlanta, Georgia, concern, and sells wooden poles of the type used by utility companies or as pilings. CLEARY did not know a permanent address for CARTHON. In addition to informing him that he resided in the Ben Franklin Hotel at Philadelphia, CARTHON said he did business in Salisbury, Maryland, and could be reached at times in the Esther Hotel, Salisbury, Maryland.

CLEARY feels CARTHON is a violent person rather than one who would discuss a grievance. His feeling is based on fist fights in which he has observed CARTHON engage during military service. He feels CARTHON's greatest emphasis during their meeting was on his hatred of HOFFA although he gave no indication that he had ever been in contact with him or had other reason for this hatred. CLEARY feels, based on the luncheon experience with CARTHON, that CARTHON was possibly in the category of a person like RUBY who would take the law into his own hands to revenge the President's assassination, contending that HOFFA bears the responsibility for it.

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EDWIN W. HANGER, Assistant Chief Clerk, American Security and Trust Company, 19th and M Streets, N.W. Branch, advised he first met GLENN CARTRON in late 1954, while in basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia. HANGER said he thinks CARTRON was in the same unit or company while at Camp Gordon and added he did not recall socializing with CARTRON during that period of time. He said ROBERT CLEARY, now an employee of Weaver Brothers, Incorporated, was, in 1954, also in his company at Camp Gordon.

After completing basic training at Camp Gordon, his unit was transferred overseas to Germany, and remained there from approximately March, 1955, through October, 1956. He said both CLEARY and CARTRON were in Germany during this period of time, although he, HANGER, did not associate with either of them during this period of time. He said he had no knowledge of the activities of CARTRON during his service time and said he lost contact with CARTRON until about four or five months ago.

HANGER said he was employed at the main office of the bank in the latter part of 1963, and CARTRON came into the bank and stopped at his window to ask directions to the Credit Department. HANGER said he recognized CARTRON and they discussed briefly their service in Germany. He recalled CARTRON saying he was working out of Salisbury, Maryland. CARTRON went on to the Credit Department, and subsequently, when leaving the bank, he mentioned to HANGER that they would have to get together at some future date. No arrangements were made, however, to do so.

HANGER said he heard nothing from and did not see CARTRON until March 19, 1964, when CARTRON appeared at the branch office of the bank. HANGER said it was about one o'clock in the afternoon, and CARTRON entered the bank, came up to him and invited him, HANGER, to go to lunch. HANGER was unable to leave the bank at that time and CARTRON requested HANGER to call BOB CLEARY and see if CLEARY could have lunch with CARTRON and HANGER if the latter could make it. HANGER said CARTRON was loud and boisterous, talking very fast, and seemed very nervous.

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He said CARTHON spoke at such a rapid rate, he was unable to understand everything he said. He did recall CARTHON stating he was working out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, now, and had taken a bus to Washington, D. C., on that morning.

HANGER called CLEARY and told him CARTHON desired to take them to lunch and arrangements were made to meet CLEARY at his office building at about 1:45 P.M. HANGER said he took the invitation to be a social invitation and said there was no urgency attached to the request of CARTHON. HANGER emphasized the fact that he was not closely acquainted with CARTHON and had no recollection of the man and was, therefore, unable to compare his behavior on March 19, 1964, with any prior behavior. He said he supposed that the loud boisterous manner of CARTHON was his normal personality.

While waiting for the time to pass prior to leaving for the luncheon appointment, HANGER said CARTHON began to talk loudly about running for the position of United States Senator from the State of Maryland, on the Republican ticket. He spoke of running against and defeating the incumbent J. GLENN BEALL. HANGER said that many of the remarks CARTHON made were incoherent and could not be understood by HANGER. He said, however, that there was no indication that HANGER had been drinking, but rather, his rapid manner of speech made it impossible for HANGER to follow this conversation.

During this period of time CARTHON mentioned the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY and stated that he "really loved this man." The conversation of CARTHON skipped around to many areas and he often returned to his plan to run for Senator. He mentioned five points that he planned to implement upon his election, and asked HANGER to help him in his campaign. CARTHON said he was divorced and had two children; and he made some comment concerning his marriage which was incoherent.

CARTHON was concerned about getting prayers back in public schools, repeated the Lord's Prayer very rapidly, and asked HANGER if he believed in the Lord's Prayer and believed every effort should be made to get prayer back in the public schools.

When he left the bank for the appointment, CARTHON took a newspaper from a stand, which had a headline to the effect that JACK RUBY had fired his attorney. CARTHON wanted

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to know if HANGER thought RUBY knew LEE OSWALD, if he thought RUBY loved President KENNEDY, and if he thought RUBY was insane when he shot OSWALD.

Upon reaching CLEARY's office, they exchanged greetings and then proceeded to the Occidental Restaurant nearby. This restaurant was heavily crowded, and they decided to eat in the coffee shop of the Washington Hotel.

HANGER said that prior to leaving CLEARY's office, CLEARY and CARTRON had visited the men's room for a period of time. He said he mentioned this because on the walk to the restaurant and in the conversation during the lunch, CARTRON talked directly to CLEARY and he, HANGER, got the impression the talk started in the men's room. He said he was unable to understand what they were talking about; but as well as he could piece the conversation together, CARTRON said he had been visited by God in his room in Philadelphia, at which time God had told him the entire story concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. HANGER said the conversation was difficult to follow and recalled CARTRON mentioning there was going to be a Holy Catholic church which would have a Grand Bishop instead of a Pope as its head, and under the Grand Bishop would be the Saints, of which JOHN F. KENNEDY would be one.

HANGER said he felt uneasy during the lunch because he was not brought into the conversation and as a result, he more or less ignored the conversation. He said he waited for the conversation to return to normal things such as jobs, marriage, and that sort of topic, but the conversation never did.

He recalled at one point CARTRON indicated JIMMY HOFFA, the President of the Teamster's Union, was the "head of the Mafia in the United States of America." CARTRON said the Mafia and its underground organization was responsible for the assassination of the President. CARTRON mentioned a well-known night club operator in Philadelphia, but HANGER could not recall that individual's name. He said CARTRON wrote the name of a club on a slip of paper and CLEARY had the slip of paper.

CARTRON indicated someone had been paid \$1,500,000 and CARTRON claimed that he had seen this money. HANGER did not know this individual who was supposed to have been paid this money. The purpose of this payment was for the assassination of the President, and a man was supposed to have been in contact with RUBY, who had paid OSWALD to pull the trigger.

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According to HANGER, the source of all of this information of CARTHRONS was God, who had visited him in his room and told him the complete story.

CARTHROON had a plan for trapping JIMMY HOFFA and getting him to admit making the arrangements for the assassination. The plan was for CARTHROON to confront HOFFA, look him straight in the eye, and tell him he, CARTHROON, had a man who admitted making the arrangements for HOFFA for the assassination of the President. HOFFA, when faced with this, would confess to CARTHROON. CARTHROON had no man, but was planning to bluff HOFFA. CARTHROON wanted CLEARY to get him an appointment to see ROBERT KENNEDY, the Attorney General, so that he, CARTHROON, could tell ROBERT KENNEDY of the information in his possession.

HANGER was unable to furnish any reason why CARTHROON selected CLEARY to arrange the appointment with ROBERT KENNEDY. He said CLEARY indicated to CARTHROON he would see what he could do about CARTHROON's request.

HANGER said they left the coffee shop and he returned to the bank's office, leaving CLEARY and CARTHROON standing together on the street. HANGER said it was his personal opinion that CARTHROON has a mental problem.

On the following day, a parcel post package was received by HANGER at the bank, and this contained a pen of HANGERS, which CARTHROON had borrowed, as well as a booklet. The booklet was addressed to BOB CLEARY. Also on March 20, 1964, HANGER received a long-distance phone call from a place unknown, and the operator was attempting to locate BOB CLEARY. HANGER advised the operator where she could get in touch with CLEARY and over the operator's voice, he heard CARTHROON thanking him for his assistance.

HANGER said he had no address for CARTHROON and had no idea as to how CARTHROON might be contacted. He recalled that when CARTHROON first visited the Credit Department of the bank some four or five months ago, he, HANGER, after CARTHROON had left the bank, went to the Credit Department and talked with BILL LORD. He said his purpose was to learn the name of CARTHROON, since during their brief meeting he did not ask CARTHROON for his identity. He determined from LORD that CARTHROON was a personal acquaintance of LORD.

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WILLIAM C. LORD, Assistant Credit Manager, American Security and Trust Company, 15th Street and New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., furnished the following information regarding GLENN T. CARTHRON, whom he has known since about 1944 or 1945 at Savannah, Georgia:

CARTHRON was born and raised in the Savannah area; had military service in the United States Army and has recently been employed by a pressure treating company in Salisbury, Maryland. CARTHRON works as a salesman, selling telephone poles for this company. He was aware that CARTHRON's business often took him to Philadelphia.

He regards CARTHRON as a person who has always been eccentric and never seemed to have any close friends. He was graduated from Armstrong College in Savannah, Georgia, and from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and also taught at Armstrong College.

In the past five years LORD said he saw little of CARTHRON, however, since CARTHRON took the job with the Salisbury, Maryland, company, their contacts had been more frequent.

On Thursday, March 19, 1964, CARTHRON came into LORD's office at American Security and Trust Company and was very excited. He was perspiring and wanted to know if he could close the door. After the door had been closed CARTHRON told of being at his hotel room in Philadelphia when a vision came to him saying "I am God." The vision inquired as to whether he believed this and then made the hotel shake as proof. CARTHRON was very dramatic making such statements as hoping God would strike him dead if he were not telling the truth and insisting that LORD actually believe he had seen this vision. He told of being in a Philadelphia bar and while there told a girl of a number of events in her past life which came to his mind resulting in making her cry and run out of the bar. He told of having a premonition at Philadelphia that there was a bomb under the hood of his car. He went to his car but "something" told him not to get in because of the bomb. A policeman came

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to him and he informed the officer of the bomb, but the officer was afraid and took no action concerning it. (CARTHON) then said he left immediately by bus for Washington and had come directly to LORD's office.

LORD said he asked CARTHON why anyone would want to place a bomb in his car and he related a story that the vision had told him JAMES HOFFA had killed President KENNEDY or paid someone a fantastic sum to have the President killed. CARTHON said after he had this vision he went to a bar in Philadelphia where he stood up and yelled out that HOFFA was responsible for the President's death. He said this was the reason that the bomb was placed in his car and that they were trying to kill him. He did not identify the persons whom he suspected of any attempt on his life. CARTHON told of sending a letter the day before to the Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY telling of a desire to see the Attorney General to explain it all to him. He said he was going to see EDWIN HANGER at American Security and Trust Company since HANGER knew someone who would get him in touch with the Attorney General. He said he wanted to help the Attorney General pin this on HOFFA, through a contention that he, CARTHON, had photographs proving HOFFA's guilt. This hoax could be used in an attempt to catch HOFFA.

CARTHON at one point stated to LORD "you are looking at the next representative from Maryland." He described the vision as circular with the words written inside the circle and at other times illustrating with his hands that the vision was in the form of a cross.

LORD said he was shocked since he had never known CARTHON to go on a "tangent" like this although CARTHON had always been dramatic. LORD then told CARTHON that he had prior plans and took CARTHON to a place where he could get a cup of coffee. He also informed CARTHON that he thought CARTHON should call his father in Savannah and discuss the entire matter with him before doing anything drastic.

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In order to try to get CARTHRON's mind off the vision and the assassination, he asked CARTHRON about a girl he once knew CARTHRON dated. He made some comment concerning religion and indicating that as a basis for her "turning him down."

LORD said he had not seen CARTHRON since March 19, 1964, and had remained away from his own apartment for two days in order that CARTHRON would not be able to contact him should he attempt it.

LORD said CARTHRON, during their visit on March 19, 1964, made no remark to the effect that he would physically harm anyone, and his purpose for being in Washington seemed to be in furtherance of his attempt to see the Attorney General.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
March 16, 1964, enclosing two booklets entitled, "Paine and
Randle Homes, Irving, Texas," and "Texas School Book Depository,
Dallas, Texas."

Your continued cooperation in the work of this
Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 3/25/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

As a matter of information, SA Cortlandt Cunningham delivered to the President's Commission on 3/17/64, the C14 assassination rifle.* At the time of delivery, the scope which is mounted on the rifle was in the same condition as when it was received originally from the Dallas Police Department.

On 3/24/64, SA Robert A. Frazier, while in a pretestimony conference at the President's Commission, observed that the field of view in the scope had been greatly reduced due to the possible loosening of one of the lens in the scope. Mr. Frazier immediately brought this to the attention of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, a member of the staff, and Mr. Eisenberg was advised that this condition occurred subsequent to the rifle's delivery to the Commission. Eisenberg acknowledged this possibility.

ACTION: None, for information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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*The delivery of the rifle has been previously confirmed by letter to The Commission.

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P. O. Box 764
Venice, Calif.
March 11, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

For quite some time I have been wanting to write to you - not knowing how or for what general purpose. What I am about to say may seem cruel and unjustified - and certainly without fact - but I have no alternative. Ever since I learned of the assassin of President Kennedy I have been haunted with the unpleasant feeling that the actual killing motive & planning leads to the now president Johnson. I know this sounds ridiculous -- and that I have no just cause to make such an accusation, and believe me I don't want to. But this is the feeling - I didn't ask for it - I have nothing to gain in writing this to you - or in accepting this unwritten theory.

Maybe if I explained some thing about my past to you - it might help matters - or at least show cause for this letter. When I was just a kid - an pretty close to my Father I had a couple of unusual experiences like this when Joe Louis was fighting Max Schmeling - I can remember my Fathers enthusiasm - for this fight I didn't know then what it was all about - the match-the odds-etc. but I know that Joe Louis - was the winner days before time - this I knew - then again when President Roosevelt was running for a third term--when there was so much political rally about it - I knew - months in advance - he was going to make it.// Now I don't know where these messages came from - or how? but I knew - I knew too that in Roosevelts fourth term he'd die as president - In April of 1953 I wrote and told my sister that my father was going to die - I was in California - my father and sister in Massachusetts -- he was never sick a day in his life - but closeness of his death came to me - out of nowhere - I wanted her to help prevent it - On May 4, 1953 my father

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passed away - suddenly - and unexpectedly -- I don't have many answers like this Mr. Hoover - just a few once in great while - and I don't know from where they come - but reassuringly they do - I knew well in advance of President Trumans second victory - I knew of President Kennedy victory - I was in Holyoke Massachusetts working at the Yankee Peddler Inn - discussing with waitresses & cooks there that I knew Kennedy would win - and I knew that he'd die in office - I didn't know how or why - and I wanted to be wrong - I want to be wrong now - believe me I do. I want to erase this evil thought from my mind - but I don't know how - everytime I pick up the paper or hear President Johnsons name - I see and hear the word murderer in side me. A couple of weeks ago when he came to Los Angeles - and met the Mexican President - all that flashed before me was image of a murderer. I have said nothing about this to anyone - I don't want to - I don't ever want to think about it - but like I said I'm haunted with this feeling and I'm helpless to do anything about it - If I went to anyone they'd cast me as some kind of nut - and that would be it.

I'm not a nut, Mr. Hoover, and I have nothing to gain by writing this letter to you - I just don't know what else to do - I certainly don't intend to yell out from the roof tops - that Johnson our president is also a murderer - especially when I don't know why or how. I just hope that by writing this letter to you - I might be able to erase this ugly feeling from within me -- and never think about it again - I hope you have have some answers -- I hope you can convince me that I'm wrong-

Thank you for being who and what you are and God Bless
You.

Respectfully

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reassuringly they do - I knew well in advance
of President Truman's second Victory - I know
of President Kennedy victory - I was in Holyoke
Massachusetts working at the Yankee Doodle
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Thank you for doing who and what you are in God's blessing you.

Respectfully

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