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MRS. MARTHA STANTON CHADWELL

Mrs. Martha Stanton Chadwell, 940 East Havens Street, Kokomo, Indiana, on January 9, 1964, advised as follows:

She was watching television on the date of Oswald's shooting and as she recalls, the commentator was a Bob Walker. She advised she does not know Ruby or Oswald and has no information other than that she heard on television. She stated that it was her impression from the attitude of Walker that he may have had prior knowledge of Ruby's presence at the police department in Dallas prior to the shooting but she could furnish no tangible information to substantiate this impression. She advised it was merely an opinion on her part and nothing more.

It was pointed out to Mrs. Chadwell that in her letter to the Honorable Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., dated December 27, 1963, she had stated she heard Bob Walker ask prior to Oswald being shot, "Is Ruby there yet" and again, "Is Ruby there?" Mrs. Chadwell stated she thought she heard that and so put in her letter. However, at the time she was not positive that those exact words were said and she might have misunderstood them. She then began talking about the two telephones which Bob Walker had on his desk, asking why it was necessary for him to have both a black and a white telephone in front of him.

Mrs. Chadwell has telephonically contacted the Indianapolis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on several previous occasions.

On April 20, 1950, she telephonically contacted the Indianapolis Office complaining of telephone operators in Kokomo, Indiana listening in on her calls without her authorization. She furnished no specific information that anyone was listening in on her calls and she was referred to the local telephone company and advised she should report any such suspected irregularities to the phone company.

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On December 13, 1952, Mrs. Chadwell again telephoned the Indianapolis Office advising that an unknown male voice continued cutting in on her telephone line threatening her because of some dispute she had had at the phone company in Kokomo where she worked until she was forced out. At this time, Mrs. Chadwell seemed very upset and nervous and the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was explained to her and she was advised to contact the local phone company and if she felt her life to be in danger, she should contact the local police department.

She again telephonically contacted the Indianapolis Office on February 5, 1953, stating she had lost a job because of allegations concerning her supposed Communist activity; that several unnamed individuals at Kokomo were making false statements regarding her; and further that persons unknown to her had listened in on her telephone conversations. She indicated she had previously been employed by the telephone company in Kokomo. She became somewhat hysterical on the phone, breaking down and crying and this, plus her incoherent statement, indicated she was possibly undergoing a mental strain.

On January 10, 1964, Raymond Keller, Chief of Police, Kokomo, Indiana, advised that Mrs. Martha Stanton Chadwell had been known to the Kokomo Police Department for a number of years. She has during this time made numerous complaints to the Police Department concerning interference with her telephone, charging that unidentified individuals were listening to her telephone conversations. Chief Keller advised that Mrs. Chadwell was considered to be mentally unbalanced; however, she was perfectly harmless insofar as he knew.

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