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KATHRYN HITCHCOCK nee Teague, 711 East Colorado Avenue, Apartment 226, Dallas, Texas, telephone WH 2-3877, declined to appear in the Dallas Office for interview but was interviewed at her apartment. She stated she has been married and divorced three times, first to one MORROW, next to one LEIGHTY and last to one FITCHCOCK. She has three minor children. She stated she is "supposed to be a legal secretary" employed by Attorney BILL MC MAHON, who has offices in the Wilson Building and Lawyers Building, Dallas, and that she at one time worked as a legal secretary for TOM HOWARD, now deceased, who was the first attorney retained to defend JACK L. RUBY against the charge of murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated she is on a "leave of absence" from her employment but expected Mr. MC MAHON for lunch at 2:00 PM on the date of interview.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK was informed information had been received that she had possibly been acquainted with JACK L. RUBY and might have information bearing on the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by RUBY. She stated she became acquainted with RUBY some 18 years ago when he operated a night club on South Ervay Street, Dallas, known as the "Silver Spur." She stated she frequented his establishment and got to know him well. She commented that once while she was pregnant with a child now 14 years of age, she was in RUBY's club and a man bumped into her. RUBY "almost killed" this man with a blackjack because of his bumping into her. She said she had RUBY at her home for dinner on a number of occasions during their acquaintance. She said she had last seen RUBY some six months prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK stated that she has "ESP" and knew ahead of time that President Kennedy would be assassinated in Dallas. She said she has dreams frequently and these dreams always come true. She believes LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not shoot President Kennedy because she was at 608A Main Street at the time of the shooting and heard three or four guns being shot at the same time. She stated she believes RUBY in turn was paid to kill OSWALD. She said she had seen television shows following the assassination of the President which showed clearly that a gun such as OSWALD allegedly possessed could not have fired as rapidly as was claimed.

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She said further that she had heard OSWALD, on a television program or at least quoted on such a program, say "If I go down, so will a lot of other people." She said this statement of OSWALD's occurred in an interview following his arrest. She volunteered that she feels the "Warren Commission" was "all wrong" in their conclusions. She said that she is critical of the Secret Service because all of the buildings along the presidential parade route were not checked prior to the parade.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK stated she was very reluctant to discuss a tape recording of which she had knowledge since the exposure of this tape "would be a jolt to history." She said Attorney MC MAHON had told her not to volunteer any information in this interview, to let the Special Agents ask the questions. She stated her information was hearsay concerning the tape recording but that persons known to her and in whom she had confidence heard the recording. She said she would have to consult these persons before furnishing details.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK, notwithstanding, proceeded to state that the assassination of President Kennedy was carefully planned, that unknown persons had made a tape recording of conversations during a meeting in RUBY's Carousel Club some two or three weeks prior to the assassination. The recorder was under the club's premises. She said it is her information that RUBY, Officer J. D. Tippitt of the Dallas Police Department, certain Cubans, names unknown, a Dallas taxicab driver, name unknown, and several prominent Dallas citizens, names unknown, were at the meeting in question. She said OSWALD had not "entered the picture" at that time. She said, notwithstanding that the parade route President Kennedy was to follow in Dallas was not announced until a day or two prior to the actual parade, the route of the parade was outlined in the tape recording in question. She said it was planned the assassination would take place in New Orleans, Dallas, or Kansas City, depending upon circumstances and might involve different persons depending on the place where the assassination occurred.

She stated it was planned and recorded on the tape that Officer Tippitt was to pick OSWALD up near the assassination site, take him to the Oak Cliff section of Dallas where he would catch a waiting taxicab to the Dallas airport and escape. She said OSWALD, according to the information she has heard, had \$8.00

in his pocket when he left home on the morning of November 22, 1963 and had over \$200 on his person when apprehended. She said she has understood that WELVIN BELL, San Francisco attorney who represented RUBY, had "got wind of the tape" and offered first \$50,000 then \$100,000 and finally \$200,000 for the tape.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK stated the tape recording was, according to her information, originally made "for blackmail purposes." She said persons involved in making the tape "got cold feet." She said a "very dear friend" heard the recording and that the recording was heard prior to the assassination although the significance of the recording was not appreciated.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK stated she has understood that it is probable that the bodies of DOROTHY KILGALLAN, newspaper columnist who attended the RUBY trial, TOM HOWARD, who died after having first been retained as attorney for RUBY and other persons who have died under suspicious circumstances, may be exhumed. She commented that a person whose death in New Orleans had been recently reported in newspapers as having been a natural death was obviously suicide or murder induced by some other person.

Mrs. HITCHCOCK closed stating she would attempt to influence her sources who had heard the tape recording in question and knew of the place where it is hidden to consent to be interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI.