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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22,
1963, Dallas, Texas

OSWALD - BACKGROUND

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O. THOMPSON, Managers of the Austin Motel, 1220 S. Congress, Austin, Texas, on November 22, 1963, advised that BILL RANDLE, 2439 W. 5th Street, and BERRY J. CASTER, 214 W. Shady Grove, both of Irving, Texas, arrived at that hotel at approximately 7 p.m., on November 22, 1963, driving a 1963 Chevrolet pickup bearing 1963 Texas license 3F8823, claiming to be employees of the Irving Counter Top, no street address given.

RANDLE claimed that he resided two or three doors from LEE H. OSWALD and that his wife worked in the same building as OSWALD.

RANDLE remarked that it was rumored in Dallas that if the President came to Dallas he would be killed on account of the Veterans Administration Offices being moved out of Dallas, Texas.

RANDLE indicated he was personally acquainted with LEE H. OSWALD but the degree of association was not discussed with Mr. and Mrs. THOMPSON.

RANDLE attempted to contact one MARVIN RANDLE by telephone number BL 3-9040, in Irving, Texas, about 7:30 p.m., on November 22, 1963, but was unsuccessful in making contact. RANDLE then left the Austin Motel and later the Dallas, Texas telephone operator number 22 tried to contact RANDLE at the Austin Motel and left a message for him to call telephone

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number BL 3-8965, operator 22, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. THOMPSON advised that when RANDLE returned to the motel about 11 p.m., he placed a long distance call to the operator as indicated above and reported to them that he had learned that his wife had been called in for questioning concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, possibly regarding his knowledge of LEE H. OSWALD.

RANDLE then checked out of the motel and reportedly returned to Dallas, Texas, by plane at 11:05 p.m., on November 22, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. THOMPSON reported that BEKKY J. GASTER checked out of the motel at 7 a.m., on November 23, 1963, indicating that he likewise was returning to Irving, Texas.

A check was made of the records of the Motor Vehicle Division, Texas Highway Department, on November 23, 1963, at which time it was determined that 1963 Texas license #8373 was issued to MARVIN H. RANDLE, 1826 Parkside, Irving, Texas, covering a 1963 Chevrolet pickup, Vehicle Identification Number 3C154S123596, with a title showing a lien in favor of the Southwest Bank and Trust Company, Irving, Texas.

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