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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA./ IS DASH R.

RE ELPASO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND OTHER OFFICES

FIVE ELEVEN PM MST, DEC. FOUR LAST, CONCERNING BERNARD WEISSMAN

AND NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU AND DENVER, DEC. FOUR LAST, TEN FIFTYFOUR

PM EST, RE WEISSMAN.

MILTON BURLEY, III, LOCATED RESIDING WITH ELSA SILBERNAGEL

AT HOME OF ELSA-S AUNT, LILLIAN PRILLING, THREE THREE FIVE THREE

WEST THIRTYTHIRD AVE., DENVER. BURLEY STATES GRADUATED FROM

PATTERSON PARK HIGH SCHOOL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR.

ATTENDED BALTIMORE JUNIOR COLLEGE FOUR MONTHS NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE

AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT MUNICH, GERMANY, THREE MONTHS IN

NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. BURLEY EMPLOYED VARIOUS JOBS BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, TOLEDO, OHIO, AND PINEVILLE,

NORTH CAROLINA, FROM JUNE, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE, TO AUGUST, NINETEEN

SIXTYONE, WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE US ARMY. RECEIVED BASIC

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TRAINING FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MP TRAINING AT FORT GORDON, GEORGIA. THEREAFTER STATIONED MUNICH, GERMANY, FROM JAN., NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, TO JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

WHILE AT MUNICH, BURLEY BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH BERNARD WEISSMAN AND LARRY SCHMIDT. THESE THREE, ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY TWELVE OTHER SERVICE MEN STATIONED MUNICH, HAD NUMEROUS POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AND ALL HELD CONSERVATIVE VIEWS CONCERNING US GOVERNMENT. ALL OPPOSED TO LIBERAL GROUP WHO QUOTES WERE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT QUOTES AND AGREED WHILE IN GERMANY TO REUNITE IN US AFTER DISCHARGE FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

BURLEY STATES SCHMIDT DISCHARGED SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE HE AND WEISSMAN, RETURNED TO US AND LIVED IN STATE OF LOUISIANA, PRIOR TO MOVING TO DALLAS, TEXAS. AFTER ARRIVAL DALLAS, TEXAS, SCHMIDT COMMUNICATED BY LETTER WITH WEISSMAN AND BURLEY AT MUNICH, TELLING BOTH THAT DALLAS WAS CENTER OF LARGE CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO ALSO OPPOSED LIBERAL ELEMENT IN US GOVERNMENT. SCHMIDT URGED WEISSMAN AND BURLEY TO CONTACT HIM AT DALLAS, AFTER DISCHARGE AND ALL THREE WOULD CONTINUE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF CONSERVATIVES.

BURLEY RETURNED TO US JULY, SIXTYTHREE, FROM MUNICH AND WAS
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DISCHARGED HONORABLY FROM ^{Mrs William M. Hank Burley} MILITARY SERVICE, FORT HAMILTON, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AND IMMEDIATELY WENT TO LIVE WITH WIFE, WINIFRED BURLEY, AT SEVEN ZERO THREE NINE CONLEY STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. [REDACTED]

BURLEY STATES WHILE IN MUNICH BECAME FRIENDLY WITH ELSA SILBERNAGEL AND URGED HER TO COME TO UNITED STATES.

SILBERNAGEL ENTERED US AT NEW YORK CITY, OCT. TWENTYFIVE LAST AND WAS MET AT NEW YORK BY BURLEY.

BURLEY STATES LEFT BALTIMORE, OCT. TWENTYTHREE LAST, WENT TO MT. VERNON, NEW YORK, AND LIVED WITH BERNARD WEISSMAN AT FOUR THREE NINE SOUTH COLUMBUS AVENUE, FROM OCT. TWENTYTHREE LAST THROUGH OCT. THIRTY LAST, AT MT. VERNON, NEW YORK.

BURLEY LEFT WEISSMAN AND ELSA AT NEW YORK, OCT. THIRTYONE LAST AND TRAVELLED TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, TO PACK CLOTHES, REMAINING HERE UNTIL NOV. TWO LAST, WHEN WEISSMAN AND SILBERNAGEL CAME TO BALTIMORE IN WEISSMAN-S CAR, PICKED UP BURLEY AND ALL THREE LEFT BALTIMORE NOV. TWO LAST ENROUTE GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE VISITED BURLEY-S FATHER FOR FIVE HOURS. ALL THEN WENT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, SPENDING REMAINDER OF NIGHT, NOV. TWO DASH THREE

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LAST WITH BURLEY-S MOTHER.

ON NOV. THREE LAST ALL LEFT CHARLOTTE IN WEISSMAN-S CAR, DROVE STRAIGHT THROUGH TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING DALLAS THREE PM NOV. FOUR LAST.

ON ARRIVAL DALLAS, BURLEY ARRANGED THROUGH PRESTON TRAVEL AGENCY, PRESTON ROAD, NORTH DALLAS, FOR PLANE TRAVEL FOR ELSA SILBERNAGEL FROM DALLAS, TO DENVER.

HE AND WEISSMAN THEN CONTACTED LARRY SCHMIDT, FIVE SEVEN THREE FIVE EAST GASTON STREET, DALLAS. SPENT NIGHT WITH HIM AND FOLLOWING DAY ON NOV. FIVE LAST, OBTAINED APARTMENT AT FOUR SIX ONE EIGHT REIGER STREET, DALLAS, WHERE WEISSMAN AND BURLEY RESIDED FROM THIS DATE UNTIL NOV. TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

BOTH OBTAINED WORK ON NOV. SIX LAST AT CARPET ENGINEERS COMPANY, TWO THOUSAND BLOCK SOUTH BECKLEY STREET, DALLAS, AND BURLEY EMPLOYED HERE UNTIL NOV. EIGHTEEN LAST. WEISSMAN CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT UNTIL NOV. TWENTYTWO LAST, DAY AD APPEARED IN PAPER.

BURLEY STATES HE KNEW SCHMIDT TO BE MEMBER OF YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM AT DALLAS AND ALSO MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY /JBS/.

HE, WEISSMANN AND SCHMIDT HAD MANY CONFERENCES SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING DALLAS, AND APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL SCHMIDT

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RECRUITED BURLEY AND WEISSMAN AS MEMBERS OF JBS. WEISSMAN AND BURLEY EXECUTED APPLICATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP JBS AND RETURNED APPLICATIONS TO SCHMIDT.

STATES ABOUT NOV. TWELVE LAST, WHILE AT THEIR APARTMENT, WEISSMAN TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SCHMIDT TO SPONSOR AN AD IN THE QUOTES DALLAS MORNING NEWS QUOTES SETTING FORTH A LIST OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRESIDENT KENNEDY-S ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT. WEISSMAN AT THIS TIME STATED SCHMIDT WANTED WEISSMAN TO SIGN HIS NAME TO THE AD. BURLEY NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS AND SO INFORMED WEISSMAN, BUT WEISSMAN STATED THOUGHT HE AND BURLEY WOULD RECEIVE BUSINESS SUPPORT FROM DALLAS BUSINESSMEN IF HE SIGNED AD. STATED QUOTES DALLAS MORNING NEWS QUOTES CHOSEN SINCE IT IS A CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER/ THAT THE AD WAS NOT ARRANGED THROUGH ANY CONTACT, BUT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. BURLEY STATES SUBJECT MATTER FOR AD TAKEN FROM A BROCHURE OF JBS WHICH LISTED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY QUESTIONS AND FROM THESE FIFTY QUESTIONS, TWELVE WERE EVENTUALLY CHOSEN. STATES WEISSMAN AND SCHMIDT REVIEWED FIFTY QUESTIONS AT THEIR APARTMENT AND EVENTUALLY NARROWED DOWN TO TWELVE QUESTIONS WHICH WERE REDUCED TO WRITING THAT EVENING BY WEISSMAN AND SCHMIDT.
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STATES ABOVE V. FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN THE FINAL DRAFT FOR AD WAS SHOWN TO JOE GRINNAN, DALLAS OIL MAN, WHO HAS OFFICE ON SOUTHERN AVENUE, AND ACCORDING TO BURLEY, IS VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR IN THE JBS AT DALLAS. BURLEY STATES GRINNAN HAS LARGE NUMBER OF CONTACTS AMONG DALLAS BUSINESSMEN AND IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT GRINNAN WOULD OBTAIN MONEY TO PAY FOR AD.

ON MONDAY, NOV. EIGHTEEN LAST, BURLEY, WEISSMAN AND SCHMIDT MET IN GRINNAN-S OFFICE, AT WHICH TIME THEY DISCUSSED WHETHER NEWSPAPER WOULD ACCEPT AD. ON AFTERNOON OF NOV. EIGHTEEN LAST WEISSMAN TOOK TYPED COPY TO NEWSPAPER AND ASKED THEM IF THEY WOULD RUN AD. NEWSPAPER AUTHORITYES ADVISED SAW NO REASON WHY THEY COULDN-T RUN AD, BUT WOULD LIKE LEGAL ADVISER TO LOOK AT IT FIRST.

ON TUESDAY, NOV. NINETEEN LAST WEISSMAN AGAIN CONTACTED NEWSPAPER, AT WHICH TIME THEY AGREED TO RUN AD. ON THAT AFTERNOON OR FOLLOWING DAY, NOV. TWENTY LAST, JOE GRINNAN GAVE WEISSMAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH WEISSMAN TOOK TO NEWSPAPER FOR PART PAYMENT OF AD AND AGREED TO PAY REST LATER.

ON NOV. TWENTYONE LAST GRINNAN GAVE WEISSMAN FOUR HUNDRED SIXTYTHREE DOLLARS, REPRESENTING BALANCE TO BE PAID FOR AD, WHICH
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WEISSMAN GAVE TO NEWSPAPER THAT DAY.

BURLEY STATES GRINNAN RAISED MONEY FROM BUSINESS ASSOCIATES OR POSSIBLY OTHER MEMBERS OF JBS/ HOWEVER, STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSONS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO COST OF AD. STATES NEITHER HE NOR WEISSMAN CONTRIBUTED MONEY FOR AD AND DOES NOT THINK SCHMIDT CONTRIBUTED.

DURING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING AD, SCHMIDT STATED HE AND JOE GRINNAN HAD DISCUSSED WHICH NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON AD AND DECIDED TO USE WEISSMAN IN ORDER TO SHOW OTHER CONSERVATIVES THAT JEWISH PEOPLE INTERESTED IN CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT. ALSO JOE GRINNAN STATED STANLEY MARCUS HAD BOASTED HE HELD JEWISH VOTE IN DALLAS, AND GRINNAN WANTED TO SHOW MARCUS HE DIDN-T HOLD ALL OF IT. GRINNAN TOLD SCHMIDT HE FELT TOO MANY CONSERVATIVES WERE ANTI JEWISH AND WEISSMAN-S SIGNATURE WOULD HELP STEM ANTI JEWISH FELLING.

BURLEY STATES NO SUCH GROUP AS AMERICAN FACT FINDING COMMITTEE/ THAT THIS NAME WAS PICKED BY JOE GRINNAN AND LARRY SCHMIDT.

BURLEY STATES MUCH OF INFORMATION HE POSSESSED FURNISHED HIM BY WEISSMAN SINCE HE DID NOT ATTEND ALL DISCUSSIONS WITH GRINNAN AND SCHMIDT.

BURLEY ADVISED HE NEVER KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD OR JACK RUBY,
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AND NEVER HEARD WEISSMAN, SCHMIDT OR GRINNAN MENTION THESE ~~REC 13~~
INDIVIDUALS AT ANY TIME. STATES HE FEELS SURE NONE OF GROUP HE
MET AT DALLAS WERE CONNECTED WITH OSWALD OR RUBY AND NONE HAD
ANY CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

BURLEY STATES ONLY OTHER PERSON HE KNOWS WHO IS MEMBER OF
JBS AT DALLAS, TEXAS, IS ROBERT GRINNAN, BROTHER OF JOE GRINNAN.

STATES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WAS INTRODUCED TO GROUPS OF FIVE
OR SIX DALLAS BUSINESSMEN LATER IDENTIFIED BY SCHMIDT AS MEMBERS
OF JBS/ HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT RECALL NAMES.

BURLEY STATES AFTER ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY,
GRINNAN, WEISSMAN AND SCHMIDT APPEARED SHOCKED AND REGRETTED ACTION
SINCE IT WOULD HURT CONSERVATIVE CAUSE.

BURLEY STATES HE LEFT DALLAS, NOV. TWENTYSEVEN LAST, TRAVELED
BY BUS TO DENVER, AND ON SAME DATE WEISSMAN RETURNED TO FATHER,
HARRY WEISSMAN, ^{OK WEISSMAN} MT. VERNON, NEW YORK.

BALTIMORE INTERVIEW BURLEY-S WIFE, WINIFRED BURLEY, SEVEN
ZERO THREE NINE CONLEY STREET, FOR INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN
BALTIMORE.

DENVER WILL INTERVIEW ELSA SILBERNAGEL THIS DATE.

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ABOVE FOR INFORMATION NEW YORK IN INTERVIEW OF WEISSMAND,
AND DALLAS, IN INTERVIEW OF GRINNAN.

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