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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

Re: C. W. Causey

On December 30, 1963, Dr. Grady A. Dugas, Marion Clinic Hospital, Marion, Louisiana, advised that he has known Mr. C. W. Causey, Principal of Marion, Louisiana High School, for 8 or 10 years. He considers Mr. Causey a man of very strong feelings, particularly in regards to racial integration, and has made some strong statements voicing his opposition to integration. Dr. Dugas stated he has no knowledge of any group or movement to which Mr. Causey belongs and feels that Mr. Causey was not a spokesman for any such group but was merely expressing his personal convictions. He has never personally heard Mr. Causey make any threatening statements concerning the President or anyone else, although he has heard Mr. Causey voice severe criticisms of the Kennedy Administration, indicating his strong disapproval of policies advocated by President Kennedy.

Dr. Dugas stated he has no personal knowledge of any statements made by Mr. Causey before the school assembly on November 22, 1963, the day the President was shot, nor has he heard Causey comment about the assassination at any other time. Dr. Dugas' 6 year old child was upset by the news of the death of the President and had indicated that Mr. Causey had made some statement to the students when announcing the event to the students but nothing specific. Dr. Dugas has heard from general conversation among other parents at the school that Mr. Causey may have made some statements indicating he was happy about the death of President Kennedy, however, this was in the form of rumor. He and several other parents had talked of contacting Causey in this regard but never did. His main source of information was Glen Post, Jr., a coach at the school. Dr. Dugas stated that he did not believe Mr. Causey was of a

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violent nature and certainly did not believe he had anything to do with the assassination of the President.

Mrs. Mary Lee Phillips, Care of Post Office, Marion, Louisiana, advised that she is a teacher at Marion, Louisiana High School and has known Mr. C. W. Causey, the Principal, for over 30 years. She said that on the day President Kennedy was assassinated the school was having a magician show in the assembly room, which was attended by many of the students of the grade school and the high school. In view of the assassination, she did not attend this show but stayed in her room and listened to the news over the radio. She did not hear Mr. Causey make any remarks about the death of the President, although she has heard that he made an announcement of the event to the assembled students. She did not hear any cheering by the students and Mr. Causey has never discussed the matter with her. In fact he has never discussed his political beliefs with her and she has never heard him make any statement critical of President Kennedy. She has heard him voice his opposition to racial integration.

Mrs. Phillips advised she has heard rumors to the effect that Mr. Causey made some statement indicating his feelings that the death of the President was good for the country and that students cheered his remarks. She has also heard that the students cheered another announcement made at about the same time that there would be a week's holiday the following Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. Phillips related that in all the years she has known Mr. Causey he has never indicated any violent tendencies. She stated he is quick tempered and often speaks and acts before he thinks but usually is mild mannered. She is certain he had nothing to do with the President's assassination and has no knowledge of any group he may be affiliated with which would advocate such violent action.

On December 31, 1963, Mr. Glen F. Post, Jr., Care of Post Office, Marion, Louisiana, advised that he is a coach at Marion, Louisiana High School and has known Mr. C. W. Causey, the Principal, for over 14 years. He was not present at the school assembly on the day President Kennedy was assassinated as he had a class in the school gym. His own elementary age children were in the assembly that day and they told him that some of the children applauded when the shooting of the President was announced. They did not say and no one has told him that Mr. Causey made any inflammatory remarks about the event to cause them to cheer.

Mr. Post stated he has heard rumor of Mr. Causey having made some statements of a derogatory nature concerning President Kennedy and his policies of advocating racial integration. He has known and worked with Mr. Causey for over 14 years and knows that Mr. Causey is against the integration policies of the Government. He noted that there were many other persons in this area who felt the same way as Mr. Causey in this regard. He noted that Mr. Causey is inclined to speak too quickly and says some things that Post is certain he does not really mean. He described him as basically a good man who is interested in the Government of the U. S. but who is definitely not the violent type. He was certain that Mr. Causey had nothing to do with the planning or carrying out of the assassination of the President and certainly would not advocate any such action to improve or change policies of the Government.

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