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ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

On December 12, 1963, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Okmulgee, Oklahoma was interviewed
by Special Agent Joseph Y. Cates concerning a letter he
sent to the Secret Service in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
reflecting statements allegedly made by Paul Kepley,
Okmulgee, regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He advised that he and Kepley first became acquainted
on November 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was
assassinated when they worked together unloading beer for
Bryan and Sons, Okmulgee; however, he had heard of
Kepley through his father, Ted Kepley, who runs a locksmith
shop on North Morton Street, Okmulgee.

[REDACTED] said he was with Paul Kepley in Paul's
father's shop along with others on December 3, 1963, and
they were discussing Kennedy's assassination when Paul
Kepley said he heard on a news broadcast on December 2, 1963,
that Oswald was not guilty and they were going to hang
Ruby. [REDACTED] said Kepley said "I knew all along that Oswald
was not guilty. How could he have fired a bolt action rifle
three times in five seconds?" [REDACTED] said another man who
was present said to Kepley "The FBI said Oswald was guilty",
and Kepley said "They don't know everything." [REDACTED]
said Kepley also said during their discussion that he did not
like Kennedy. [REDACTED] advised Kepley said he was in Dallas,
Texas when Oswald was shot but later said he was about eight
miles from Dallas when Oswald was shot. [REDACTED] said Kepley
seemed serious when he was talking.

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██████████ said Kepley is a white male, about 21 or 22, a good worker, but odd acting. He said when Kepley talks to anyone he will look away and will hardly look at the one he is talking to. ██████████ advised Kepley resides on West 6th Street, Okmulgee.

He stated that Kepley's sister, Augusta Kepley, is married to a serviceman but does not know his name. He said Augusta is an American, was in Germany with her husband for about three years, and came back to the United States around the first of November of this year.

He said Kepley said Augusta was going to Dallas, Texas to open a night club, and he, Kepley, was going to work for her.

██████████ said Kepley stated he had been to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on December 2, 1963, to take a physical examination for the Army.

██████████ advised that Paul Kepley goes to Garland, Texas quite often to visit his mother, an Indian, who resides there most of the time and resides in Okmulgee part of the time.

On December 12, 1963, Paul F. Kepley, 1341 West 6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma was interviewed by Special Agent Joseph Y. Cates at his father's, Ted C. Kepley's Door Closer Shop, 204 North Morton Street, Okmulgee, concerning statements reportedly made by him on December 3, 1963, in his father's shop in the presence of others regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. He was interviewed in the presence of his father and mother, and at the onset of the interview he was advised that he did not have to say anything, anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney. No threats, promises, or force were used to get him to make a statement. He furnished the following information:

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He advised he did not recall what he said or did of December 3, 1963; however, he believed he was at home, 1341 West 6th Street, Okmulgee, on that date. He said he has made the statement in the past that he did not like President Kennedy, but his only reason for saying that is because he did not like some of the things Kennedy did and that he (Kepley) is a Republican. He said the only statement that he recalled making recently was, "In my opinion I don't think Oswald was guilty." Kepley said he does not in his own opinion believe Oswald was the type of person from looking at his pictures in the papers and on television who could have killed the President. Kepley stated in spite of what he said about not liking Kennedy, he did not want him killed or anyone for that matter. Kepley said he drank and it is possible he could have made some statements while drunk which he does not recall.

He stated he has no information concerning Kennedy's assassination other than what he had read in the newspapers and saw on television.

Kepley advised he was in Garland, Texas in the vicinity of 2525 Lakeside Drive picking up some friends to go deer hunting in Texarkana, Texas on his sister's, Madeline Ruth Long, farm the day Oswald was killed.

Kepley advised his sister, Augusta Kepley Reed, resides at his mother's home, 1220 Nash Street, Garland, Texas; is married to Sergeant Ivan W. Reed who is in the U. S. Army and stationed in Germany; she has four children and does not plan to open a business any place.

Kepley said he went to Oklahoma City on December 2, 1963, to take a physical examination upon instructions of Local Draft Board No. 58, Okmulgee. He furnished his Selective Service Notice of Classification card which reflects his Selective Service Number to be 34 58 43 42 and that he was classified in 1-A on March 30, 1962.