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JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,
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Mr. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, Washington, D.C., requested interview of [redacted] and Major JOHN S. WYLLIE to determine if there is any evidence to support the claims made by [redacted] in a letter to the President's Commission dated January 4, 1964.

In the above letter, [redacted] alleged that the Texas gamblers, who were being investigated by General EDWIN A. WALKER and Governor JOHN B. CONNALLY, knew that they could not openly and obviously murder Governor JOHN B. CONNALLY, as this would spell the doom of their enterprises. [redacted] further alleged, first, they tried to kill General WALKER in order to scare Governor CONNALLY and failed. Thereafter, they tried to kill Governor CONNALLY, when he was with President KENNEDY, and make it look like a mistake, but "the mistake happened in reverse". In the above-mentioned letter, [redacted] further alleged JACK RUBY was acquainted with a deceased Cleveland, Tennessee, gambler, "CUE" HOOPER, and they had met in Chicago. According to [redacted] Major JOHN S. WYLLIE "while on leave last month" said "OSWALD was after CONNALLY".

[redacted] *Baptist 1937*
[redacted] a white male, aged
27, was interviewed at the home of his parents, [redacted]
Cleveland, Tennessee, on January 21, 1964. [redacted]
[redacted] advised he was not employed, had had no gainful

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employment and was engaged at the present time in completing his education along "scientific lines". He did not explain what was included in this education.

[redacted] advised he had no information that General EDWIN A. WALKER and Governor JOHN B. CONNALLY of Texas were investigating gamblers in Texas. He said he had reasoned this was so, because both men were shot at by snipers. It was his reasoning alone which told him gamblers had first attempted to kill General WALKER in order to frighten Governor CONNALLY. His reasoning also told him the sniper, who shot and killed President JOHN F. KENNEDY, had actually been trying to kill Governor CONNALLY.

[redacted] said he had heard from his sister-in-law, [redacted] that JAMES PAUL "CUE" HOOPER had been acquainted with JACK RUBY. "CUE" HOOPER was a Cleveland, Tennessee, night club operator and gambler who had been killed by his son about three years ago. *deceased*

[redacted] claimed he had no knowledge of any connection between JACK RUBY and HARVEY LEE OSWALD. He had no information to furnish concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, the shooting of Governor CONNALLY, or the killing of HARVEY LEE OSWALD. He did not give any reason for writing the above-mentioned letter. *Cleveland, Tenn*

[redacted] father of [redacted] said his son was very interested in "politics", but was not interested in anything else. [redacted] stated his son had been engaged for a considerable time in writing letters to Washington, D.C., but he did not know the identities of the addressees of these letters and he did not know the subject matter of any of these letters.

[redacted] Cleveland, Tennessee, sister-in-law of [redacted] advised she worked evenings as a waitress at the bar of the Cleveland, Tennessee, Country Club. On the Sunday

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evening when the shooting of HARVEY LEE OSWALD appeared on television, LARRY HOOPER, whom she described as no relation of "CUE" HOOPER and who was then present at the bar of the Country Club, stated he understood "CUE" HOOPER had met JACK RUBY at Chicago or New York. [redacted] stated she had no other information and further stated she was sure LARRY HOOPER had no information of value in connection with HARVEY LEE OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

[redacted] further advised [redacted] her brother-in-law, was 27 years old, had never worked but "laid around home all the time". According to [redacted] he subscribed to numerous drawing courses and draws pictures at home all day. She also said her brother-in-law was the youngest child in his family and his mother seemed to prefer to have him at home all day with her.

Mr. LARRY HOOPER was interviewed at the residence of his grandfather at Hopewell, Tennessee, on January 23, 1964. He said he had no knowledge of any contact between JACK RUBY and "CUE" HOOPER. He stated he had heard his father, BRACKETT HOOPER, make a remark that "CUE" HOOPER had been in contact with JACK RUBY at Dallas, Texas, several years ago.

Mr. BRACKETT HOOPER, 207 Country Club Drive, Cleveland, Tennessee, was interviewed at the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Stockyards, on January 23, 1964. Mr. HOOPER said he had learned from BEN BURNS, whom he described as a Cleveland, Tennessee, drunk and frequently an inmate at Cleveland City Jail, that "CUE" HOOPER had frequented JACK RUBY'S night club at Dallas, Texas, several years ago. Mr. HOOPER said "CUE" HOOPER was at Dallas, Texas, six or seven years ago and BEN BURNS and HAZEL BRADLEY were there with him. Mr. BRACKETT HOOPER stated his father was a first cousin to "CUE" HOOPER'S father.

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Mr. BEN BURNS, Cleveland, Tennessee, City Jail, said he had been at Dallas, Texas, with "CUE" HOOPER and HAZEL BRADLEY from January, 1956 to March, 1956 and "CUE" HOOPER and Mrs. BRADLEY had stayed at Dallas until April, 1956, at which time they returned to Cleveland. Mr. BURNS stated he and "CUE" HOOPER had frequently visited a small bar two or three blocks from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department. Mr. BURNS advised he had asked someone, whose name he never knew, the name of the bartender at this bar. Mr. BURNS said this person told him the bartender was JACK RUBY and that RUBY owned a large night club in Dallas.

Mr. BURNS further advised he had no other information concerning JACK RUBY. Mr. BURNS also stated he had made a remark at the Cleveland City Jail several days after HARVEY LEE OSWALD was shot by JACK RUBY to the effect that "CUE" HOOPER had known JACK RUBY at Dallas, although he knew this was not true.

Mr. BURNS also voluntarily related he had been arrested on numerous occasions in Cleveland, Tennessee, for drunkenness and he had no permanent home address.

Mrs. HAZEL BRADLEY, Circulation Department, Cleveland Daily Banner, Cleveland, Tennessee, on January 22, 1964, advised she and "CUE" HOOPER had gone to Dallas, Texas, in 1957 and were there for several months. She said while in Texas Mr. HOOPER had not engaged in any night club activities and had not engaged in any gambling activities. She stated they were there for the purpose of trying to introduce coupon books among the laundries at Dallas. Mrs. BRADLEY advised that the only person she specifically recalled having been in touch with in this activity was a Police Lieutenant who had an interest in the Blue Bonnet Cleaners at Dallas.

She further stated she had never met JACK RUBY and had never heard HOOPER mention him by name. She said

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if HOOPER had any contact with RUBY she was unaware of it. The only prior recollection she had of JACK RUBY was that she seemed to recall his name had been mentioned in connection with publicity about a strip-teaser, CANDY BARR. She advised that she had no information or knowledge concerning the shooting of President KENNEDY at Dallas in November, 1963.

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