

Airtel to SAC, Portland
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

In view of the above, it will be necessary that Crafard be reinterviewed with regard to the above discrepancies in his statement. In order to facilitate the reinterview, the following pertinent background data is being furnished:

Crafard arrived in Dallas in approximately October, 1963, where he worked at the county fair and subsequently was employed by Ruby as a handy man. He is an itinerant by nature and left Ruby's employment on 11-23-63, after a disagreement. Crafard has been interviewed on numerous occasions and the Commission has taken a deposition from him. He is not considered reliable, is prone to exaggerate and there is some indication he is enjoying the notoriety.

Weissman arrived in Dallas on 11-4-63, and departed on 11-27-63. He resides in a New York City suburb and was one of several individuals who placed a controversial ad in a Dallas newspaper on 11-22-63, to correspond with President Kennedy's arrival in Dallas. This ad was initiated by members of the John Birch Society. Portland during reinterview of Crafard should specifically pin him down on the specific points he has furnished. In your reinterview of Crafard, you should insure he is not made aware of the above information, but your interview should be conducted in such a manner to elicit from him the following specific information:

1. Does he believe that the "Tippit" referred to by Ruby was in fact Officer J. D. Tippit who was murdered or is there a possibility Ruby could have been referring to another "Tippit."

2. Approximately how many times does he believe Weissman was at the Carousel Club and specifically what basis does he have for identifying Weissman as being a patron of this club.

3. In what connection did Ruby refer to Weissman.

4. All pertinent details concerning these above statements should be thoroughly gone into. For example, Crafard should be asked to describe Weissman. (For your information Weissman is 26, 5' 11", 154 pounds, slender, dark brown hair, brown eyes and fair complexion.)

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The Bureau cannot stress too strongly the importance of the allegations made by Crafard inasmuch as they have never been received before. You should determine why Crafard did not previously furnish this information.

The above reinterview should be promptly included in an appropriate letterhead memorandum to act as a supplement to your 8-21-64 letterhead memorandum without property stamp for transmittal to the Bureau without need for correction and/or revision. It is absolutely essential that extreme care be taken in the preparation of this document.

This matter must be immediately handled. The Bureau should be promptly advised of any delays encountered as the Commission is endeavoring to wind up its inquiry at an early date. Insure your letterhead memorandum is transmitted by airtel to facilitate its prompt handling at the Bureau.

NOTE: Commission by letter 8-3-64, refers to testimony of Mark Lane before Commission, in which he alleged there was meeting at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club on 11-14-63, between Bernard Weissman, J. D. Tippit and Ruby. Weissman placed controversial full page ad in Dallas newspaper prior to President Kennedy's visit. Tippit, was shot and killed by Oswald. We have investigated this allegation in the past and no proof of such meeting was developed. It appears the Commission is taking every precaution to preclude possible future criticism. Commission request requires displaying photographs of Weissman and Tippit to 6 individuals associated with the Carousel Club to insure neither were seen in the club. Although interviewed on numerous occasions Crafard has never furnished the above information. It is apparent his allegations must be promptly checked out. As the results of this matter are received, the Commission is being advised.