



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

202 U. S. Court House
El Paso, Texas 79901
November 9, 1964

WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

Mr. HARDY HOLLERS, Attorney, Perry-Brooks Building,
Austin, Texas, Chairman of Texans For Goldwater in Austin,
Texas, made available to SA H. T. BURK of the San Antonio
Office of the FBI, a letter addressed to him with postmark
at Monahans, Texas, complete postmark date not legible
but which was received by Mr. HOLLERS on October 21, 1964.
This letter was from BILL DOBKINS, 307 South Doris Street,
Monahans, Texas. The letter is undated and appears to be a
copy and reads as follows:

"307 S. Doris
Monahans, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"By questioning the following people you will
learn the why of Lee Oswald's act against what Attorney General
Waggoner Carr so accurately labels the 'political philosophy
of Texas.'

1. Workers at the last two fishing camps before
the Rio San Fernando cuts inland near Laguna
Madre, Tamaulipas, Mexico.
2. A lay preacher who lives in Texas, but often
works in Matamoros. (first name is Ted)
3. A hostess named Virginia who works at a bar
called 'Judy's' - - - red light district - - -
Matamoros, Mexico.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property
of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and
its contents are not to be distributed outside
your agency.

WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

4. A waiter at this same bar, who lives in a small village south of Matamoros.
5. Police station - - - Matamoros - - - local and Federal as they both had knowledge that Lee was going to assassinate the President.
6. A trucking concern located on the east side of Matamoros.
7. Scharbauer Hotel, Midland, Texas - - - a well known Cuban exile who was in Midland on or about the last day of October, 1963.

"What the Soviets did was to 'set' Lee to go off with the release of a certain Deed of Trust from The Federal Land Bank of Houston, Texas to a Moore & Gilmore of Midland, Texas.

"This began in 1959. During October and November of 1963, at which time I learned that it would be Kennedy instead of Johnson that would be shot at, I tried in every way to stop Lee. On Nov. 12, the Pecos Police were warned to straighten out this business or suffer the consequences. That Lee was going to shoot the people most responsible, who were at this stage of the game - - - Kennedy and Gov. Connally.

Regards,
Bill Dobkins"

As enclosures to the above-mentioned letter,
DOBKINS furnished the following items:

1. A confidential memorandum dated at Grand Falls, Texas, August 13, 1959, addressed "To Whom it May Concern" which sets out background information concerning WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS and his parents, NONIE REED DOBKINS and CHARLIE M. DOBKINS.

**WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

2. Letter from U.S. Marine Corps, San Antonio, Texas, February 14, 1957, addressed to "WILLIAM R. DOBKINS, Grand Falls, Texas."

3. Photostat copy of what purports to be an instrument filed in the District Court of Pecos County, Texas, in a case entitled "WAYNE MOORE, ET AL, vs. E.M. REED, JR., ET AL" which apparently was filed some time in about March, 1959.

4. Three sheets of paper on which appear notes that have no particular significance to this case.

5. One slip of paper bearing a penciled notation "Use these two pictures in the Laguna Madre/Matamoros areas and you will learn that Lee was there." Attached to this slip of paper are two photographs which are not identified in any way.

6. A photograph of a group of U.S. Marines on the reverse side of which appears the penciled notation "WILLIAM R. DOBKINS, 1698737-USMC, Camp Pendleton, Calif., July, 1958," and on which a further notation appears "third from right-center row, arm band."

7. Four newspaper clippings dating back to 1941 which apparently refer to a relative of DOBKINS and a law suit concerning land previously owned by members of his family which apparently have no connection with anything pertaining to the assassination case.

Mr. HOLLERS likewise made available a second letter from DOBKINS addressed to the "Texans For Goldwater, 909 Congress Ave., Austin, Texas," postmarked at Monahans, Texas, October 21, 1961, with a return address "307 S. Davis, Monahans, Texas," which reads as follows:

WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

"307 S. Doris
Monahans, Texas
Oct. 21, 1964

"Texans for Goldwater
909 Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"Does not the fact that in 1959 the Soviets were able to tell me that Estes, Johnson, and Commercial Solvents were in my family's business prove that they had a working knowledge of Lydon Johnson and all of his associates. This would certainly include Walter Jenkins and raises the question -- did these people, during a span of some five years, learn anything of military value to the Soviet Union? I know, and you should now know; that they did put some of the information to use in brainwashing Lee Oswald to the point that Lydon Johnson ought really to be shot. Later, after having been reset, Lee's basic urge to kill Lydon Johnson nearly surfaced ahead of time. (April, 1963) All in all, their efforts have been rewarded quite handsomely as Lee did pull this off like clock work; and almost to the minute. This will be very helpful when the Soviets find it advantageous to show that Lee shot the President and Connally as a result of their not doing anything about this business in Pecos and Reeves Counties.

"I'm not playing games. The Dallas Morning News knows the whole bit, but has suppressed it in order that Connally might be elected. Ed Foreman knows of the ranch being stolen. Check with him if you doubt.

"If you want to sit on your hands while a whole slate of crooks are elected, do so. Otherwise, check on the information that I sent your office and you will find that these people (Johnson, Connally, Langdon, and Skelton) did help steal this place, that Lee did shoot some of them over this theft; and that most likely the Soviets (as a result of their intense investigation of Lydon Johnson beginning in 1959) did become aware of the vulnerability of Walter Jenkins.

**WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

**With regards,
Bill Dobkins"**

Mr. HOLLERS pointed out that since these two communications refer to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President KENNEDY, he was furnishing them to the FBI.

On November 6, 1964, WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, 307 South Doris, Monahans, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM B. ANDERS and SA JOHN J. GORMAN as follows:

It is his belief that any politician who knows that one of his subordinates is stealing should be shot if he does not stop stealing.

Governor JOHN CONNALLY of Texas should be shot because he is a thief. The Governor and JIM LANGDON, former District Judge, stole the DOBKINS' family ranch from them. He believed that President JOHNSON should also be shot.

LANGDON, CONNALLY and JOHNSON caused the ranch to be taken from the DOBKINS family so that BILLIE SOL ESTES could raise cotton on the ranch. ESTES then in turn kicked back monies to the Democratic Party.

DOBKINS met LEE HARVEY OSWALD while he was in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. DOBKINS was in the Marine Corps from November, 1958, to August, 1959.

On one occasion while in the Marine Corps, DOBKINS was in a bar, possibly the Pullman Bar in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, at which time he was talking about the theft of the DOBKINS' family ranch. A Mexican in the bar whom he described as name unknown, age 24, 5'7", weight 150 pounds, dark complexion, came up to him and said he knew someone who could help him with his ranch. This Mexican also told him that he was a communist.

**WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

In July, 1959, he met LEE HARVEY OSWALD through the above-mentioned Mexican in the Toker Bar in Los Angeles, California, this bar being located on "skid row." DOBKINS and OSWALD talked together for about one hour. They talked of defecting to Russia together. OSWALD at the time was in the Marine Corps and was stationed at El Toro, California. DOBKINS told OSWALD about his ranch being stolen from him by the politicians. They both then talked about killing LYNDON JOHNSON, JOEY GARRETT, and JIM LAMAR.

OSWALD said that the killing of one of these politicians would focus attention on the theft of the DOBKINS' ranch. OSWALD told DOBKINS that they would go to Russia and get a communistic background, after which they would return to the United States and kill someone.

DOBKINS never again saw or heard from OSWALD. At the time of their meeting, OSWALD was wearing civilian cotton breeches and a short sleeve shirt.

When DOBKINS was discharged from the Marine Corps, he went to Tijuana, Mexico, to arrange for his defection to Russia. The Mexican communist that he had previously contacted told him to go back to Texas, which he did.

After returning to Houston, Texas, DOBKINS was contacted about every six months by a Mexican communist, name not known, who said he was from El Paso, Texas. DOBKINS described this man as a Mexican, 20-30 years old, 135 pounds, and dark complexion. This individual last contacted DOBKINS in January, 1961. This individual told DOBKINS that "they" would help him with the recovery of his ranch. During one meeting, the Mexican told DOBKINS to get a passport in New Orleans, which DOBKINS did. The Mexican never gave DOBKINS any assistance. DOBKINS would like to contact this individual.

On October 16 or 17, 1961, DOBKINS talked with a minister with the first name of [redacted] to Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. This minister is located near Brownsville, Texas. DOBKINS told the minister about

**WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

his and OSWALD's belief that JOHNSON, LAWSON, and CONNALLY should be shot as thieves. He also told the minister about ESTES taking the cotton of the DOBKINS family because of his relationship with JOHNSON and LAWSON. DOBKINS believed that this minister belonged to the Church of Christ. The minister convinced DOBKINS that he and OSWALD were wrong in their idea of shooting someone. DOBKINS then decided that he would try to prevent OSWALD from killing JOHNSON.

DOBKINS then went to the Mexican Federal Police in Matamoros. He told a sergeant and a private that JOHNSON was going to be shot. They did not let him talk to the Mexican captain. DOBKINS was arrested and put in jail by the Matamoros Police on October 17, 1963, for saying that the Vice President of the United States was going to be shot. DOBKINS had been drinking and was shouting at the time. He was held one night and fined \$8.

DOBKINS advised that he talked to the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department about OSWALD but they did not listen to him. He also contacted some Cuban at the Scharbauer Hotel, Midland, Texas, who was there on a lecture tour in October, 1963. This man told DOBKINS that he could not help him but gave him the name of a Dr. MIGUEL A. SERRA FERNANDEZ, 1625 Bayroad, Miami Beach, Florida. DOBKINS did not contact FERNANDEZ to enlist his help to stop OSWALD.

DOBKINS said he was going to keep writing letters to everyone he could think of to get someone to help him recover his family's ranch. If he is unsuccessful in obtaining assistance, DOBKINS said he did not know how far he would go to get attention.

Description of WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American

**WILLIAM RAY DORKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

(Description of WILLIAM RAY DORKINS continued)

Date of Birth	January 16, 1937
Place of Birth	McCamey, Texas
Height	5' 11" 9 in.
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars	1" scar middle of forehead
Education	High school graduate, Grandfalls, Texas, 1955
Military Service	U.S. Marines, Serial Number 1698735
Odessa Police Department	#017460

On November 6, 1964, W. B. MC NERLIN, Ward County Sheriff, Monahans, advised he knows DORKINS and his family. Sheriff MC NERLIN stated that all of the members of the DORKINS family are considered "unbalanced," but none of them has ever been committed to an institution, as far as Sheriff MC NERLIN knows.

Following are the results of an investigation regarding WILLIAM RAY DORKINS of Monahans, Texas, which is conducted on November 30, 1963:

On November 30, 1963, the Odessa, Texas Police Department telephonically advised Special Agent ROY C. DAHL, in Midland, Texas, that WILLIAM RAY DORKINS of Monahans, Texas, had been locked up. The Odessa Police Department further advised that during the night of November 29, 1963, DORKINS had gone to the back door of the Cafe Cafe in Odessa and had attempted to enter the Cafe. DORKINS reportedly told the person at the Cafe that he was investigating LEE HARVEY OSWALD. DORKINS reportedly then entered the Odessa Police Department and told the Desk Sergeant that he had attempted to enter the Cafe to see the person who had shot President KENNEDY. The Odessa Police Department further advised that in view of the fact that DORKINS had attempted to enter the Cafe, he was arrested and placed in jail.

WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, Also Known As
Bill Dobkins
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

On November 30, 1963, WILLIAM RAY DOBKINS, mentioned above, advised Special Agent DAHL that he had been drunk the night before and that he had actually not had anything to do with the shooting of President KENNEDY. DOBKINS indicated that he resided in Monahans, Texas, and worked with his father in a bakery in Monahans.

DOBKINS' employment at the bakery in Monahans was verified by Special Agent ROY C. DAHL on November 30, 1963, at which time it was determined that DOBKINS was in Monahans during the time and subsequent to the shooting of President KENNEDY.