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HAROLD DEE RILEY

On November 18, 1964, Sergeant Webster Clemments, Deputy Sheriff, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Covington, Louisiana, stationed at Slidell, Louisiana, advised that on November 15, 1964, he and Deputy Sheriff Richard Hussey had arrested one Harold Dee Riley on a charge of drunk and disturbing the peace. He stated Riley is a white male, age 34, 5'6", 152 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair and has a permanent address of 119 Listie Street, Irving, Texas. Clemments stated that on November 16, 1964, Riley posted a cash bond of \$37.50 and was not expected to return for trial. He informed that Riley is a cement finisher, working for an unidentified Texas firm at the NASA Test Site, Hancock County, Mississippi, near Picayune. Riley alleged that he temporarily resided at an unidentified motel in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

On November 16, 1964, Riley mentioned to Deputy Clemments, at the time of his release when he was sober and seemingly intelligent, the fact that he was an eye witness to the assassination of President Kennedy. Clemments said that Riley spoke of having worked on a building under construction near the building from which President Kennedy was allegedly shot by Lee Harvey Oswald. Riley told Deputy Clemments that he had been working on this building when the President's motorcade appeared and he stopped working and watched the procession. Riley claimed to the deputies that he heard rifle shots and actually saw an individual standing in a window with a rifle protruding from the window aimed in the direction of the President.

Riley also commented that he was personally good with a rifle and could not understand how it was possible that as many shots were fired as were supposed to have been fired.

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Clemments claimed that at the time this came to his attention he did not think too much of the information provided by Riley, but when he realized that Riley was completely sober, rational and of reasonable intelligence, he felt that it was his duty to report this matter.

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