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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On January 21, 1965, RALPH E. EIDSON, Superintendent, Humane Society, 224 Highland Park Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised that he was presently holding in custody as a run-away, [REDACTED] a white male, aged 17. [REDACTED] he stated, had been arrested the previous night at the Ellis Restaurant, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, by officers of the Chattanooga Police Department and, in view of his age, had been placed in the Juvenile Detention Home.

EIDSON advised on the same night he and Detective LARRY GAINES of the Chattanooga Police Department, interviewed [REDACTED] in order to obtain background information and to notify his parents.

[REDACTED] told EIDSON during the interview that he resided at [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, and that he had run away from home because of knowledge of the assassination of President KENNEDY and past association with JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD.

[REDACTED] told EIDSON he was acquainted with JACK RUBY and had frequented RUBY's night club in Dallas where he was given coffee, cokes and cigarettes by RUBY. He further advised that he had talked with LEE OSWALD on several occasions and OSWALD had indicated to him that if President KENNEDY came to Dallas he would be killed. He stated he had talked with OSWALD in the same block that President KENNEDY was shot approximately two to three hours before the assassination occurred.

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[REDACTED] stated the night before the assassination he had talked with RUBY and OSWALD in front of JACK RUBY's night club and had observed both RUBY and OSWALD enter the night club together.

On the following day he observed President KENNEDY's motorcade from near the point where the President was shot. He stated that because of his previous conversations with OSWALD he knew immediately after the assassination that OSWALD was the one who had shot President KENNEDY. He stated, however, that he did not report this information to either his parents or to the police authorities.

EIDSON advised that following his interview with [REDACTED] he telephonically contacted the Dallas, Texas, Police Department in the presence of [REDACTED] and was advised by an officer on duty that they had no missing persons report for [REDACTED]. Immediately following his conversation with the Dallas Police Department EIDSON stated [REDACTED] advised him that he had moved with his family from Dallas and that they were presently residing at Kensington, Georgia. He further advised that he had left his home in Kensington during the week of January 10, 1965, and traveled directly to Chattanooga, Tennessee, arriving on January 14, 1965. He stated shortly thereafter he obtained employment as a dishwasher at the Ellis Restaurant, Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he worked until taken into custody by officers of the Chattanooga Police Department.

[REDACTED] further advised EIDSON that he had quit school at age 16, after spending his last three years of formal education in a special education class for slow students.

EIDSON stated, in his opinion, [REDACTED] is mentally retarded, however, was unable to get [REDACTED] to admit that he was telling anything but the truth concerning his knowledge of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He added that information concerning [REDACTED] had been turned over to Travellers Aid, Chattanooga, and that arrangements for his return to the custody of his parents would be handled by Travellers Aid. In the meantime, however, [REDACTED] remained in custody at the Juvenile Detention Unit, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Unit, 224 Highland Park Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, at which time he was advised as to the identity of the interviewing Agents.

[REDACTED] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to discuss with him the fact that he had previously furnished information to juvenile authorities concerning his association with JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD, and other information relating to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

He was advised that information of this nature was considered to be of great importance to the FBI; however, any information he furnished must be truthful and that any failure on his part to furnish information of any other nature might result in his being prosecuted for furnishing false information to a Federal Agent.

[REDACTED] thereupon advised that the information he had previously furnished to juvenile officers concerning his association with JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD was completely false. He stated that he had told this story in hopes that he would not be returned to his parents.

[REDACTED] advised that he had resided in Dallas, Texas, for nine months with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] however, the family had moved from Dallas to Kennesaw, Georgia, where they presently reside. He continued that he was familiar with the area in Dallas, Texas, where JACK RUBY's night club was located and had observed RUBY on the streets in that area. [REDACTED] stated he did not know RUBY, however, that he had never spoken to RUBY, and that he had never been inside of RUBY's night club. He further added that he did not know and had never seen LEE OSWALD.

On 1/21/65 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # 89-27
 by SA DONALD L. STOUT
SA COLMAN C. KEANE /epm Date dictated 1/22/65

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[redacted] stated that the information he furnished to juvenile authorities was obtained by watching TV and reading newspaper articles following the assassination of President KENNEDY.

[redacted] stated that he had attended O. M. Roberts Elementary School, East Grand Street, Dallas, Texas, where he was in a special education class for slow students, and that upon reaching the age of 16 quit school. He continued that thereafter he obtained numerous jobs as a dishwasher, bus boy and delivery boy for various establishments in the Dallas area but was unable to keep any of these jobs for more than a short period of time. He stated that since moving with his family to Kensington, Georgia, he was unable to obtain any type of gainful employment until his arrival in Chattanooga.

The seriousness of furnishing false information such as he had earlier related was pointed out to [redacted]. He was strongly admonished about furnishing such information to any agency or individual in the future.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	10/18/47
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Scars & Marks:	None
Residence:	[redacted]
Occupation:	Kensington, Georgia Dishwasher, bus boy, delivery boy, farm laborer
Employer:	Ellis Restaurant, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Former Employers:	Brownie's Restaurant, Dallas, Texas

Former Employers: Vicks Flower Shop, Dallas;
Harry Bullard, Dallas;
Tyson Wood Products, Dallas;
R-Bar Ranch Grocery Store, Dallas.

Mother: [redacted], aged 32
Kensington, Georgia
Step-father: [redacted], aged 34
Kensington, Georgia, unemployed
Father: [redacted]; address unknown
Sister: [redacted]; 515 Hilton
Dallas, Texas

Half-brothers: [redacted], aged 5,
Kensington, Georgia;
[redacted], aged 2,
Kensington, Georgia

Half-sisters: [redacted], aged 12,
Kensington, Georgia
[redacted], aged 6,
Kensington, Georgia

Arrest record: Admits to none although states he
has run away from home on at least
three other occasions
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