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**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

On February 5, 1968, Mr. Earnest J. Owens, 3005 Peach Tree Road, Mesquite, Texas, telephonically advised a representative of the Dallas FBI Office that he is employed with the Henry C. Beck Construction Company and is currently working on the construction of One Main Place, Dallas, Texas.

Owens alleged that he had information concerning captioned matter. He stated he saw a man and a woman walking down the street the day before the assassination carrying a .6-5 rifle. He stated he saw a man near Industrial Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, on the morning of the assassination at about 7:30 AM. He stated he has since determined that the man he saw near Industrial Boulevard at 7:30 AM, looks like Jack Ruby.

At the time of the above call, Owens advised he believed his civil rights had been violated in that an unknown District Attorney for Dallas County had failed to call him before the Dallas County Grand Jury in connection with a case against one Elsie Canady Stampher (phonetic). Owens continued that Stampher ran over his (Owens') son, Benny Sherill Owens on December 16, 1965, and killed him. He stated the Dallas Sheriff's Office investigated this matter but the County Grand Jury "no billed" Stampher. Owens indicated he was upset because he cannot personally file "negligent manslaughter" against Stampher.

The files of the Dallas Office of the FBI contain no other information concerning Earnest J. Owens.

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