

RE: AUBERT CURTIS GRIFFIN

URGENT 12-11-63 7-55 PM CST TJB

TO SACS DALLAS AND JACKSONVILLE/105-824/

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD. IS DASH R DASH CUBA.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER TEN LAST.

RE AUBERT CURTIS GRIFFIN.

PETER J. CONNOLLY, OWNER, EDWIN HOTEL, LAUREL, MISS., RECALLED GRIFFIN BEING AT THAT HOTEL NIGHT OF NOVEMBER TWENTY AND TWENTY ONE. HE ASKED HIM TO CHECK OUT AROUND NINE AM NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO BECAUSE OF HIS DRINKING.

MAJOR W. RENC, OWNER, SEAFOOD GRILL, STATES HE RECALLS GRIFFIN AS ROUTE SALESMAN FOR LANCE PEANUT CO. AND REMENDERS THAT HE WAS IN LAUREL FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. HE SAID THAT GRIFFIN DRANK BEER AND ATE SEVERAL MEALS IN HIS PLACE ALONG ABOUT THE TIME THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED.

MR. CLARENCE RHODES, BARBER, BALDWIN/S BARBER SHOP, STATES AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HE WALKED NEXT DOOR TO HAROLD/S CAFE AND TOLD THE PERSONS PRESENT ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION.

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MRS. LOIS SMITH, WAITRESS, HAROLD/S CAFE, AND RUTH STRICKLAND, PATRON, HAROLD/S CAFE, RECALLED INDIVIDUAL FITTING DESCRIPTION OF GRIFFIN BEING IN THE CAFE ON THE DATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS KILLED. THIS INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO BE A DETECTIVE LOOKING FOR SOME WOMAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE LIVING IN LAUREL. BOTH MRS. SMITH AND STRICKLAND RECALL THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS PRESENT WHEN MR. CLARENCE RHODES, A BARBER NEXT DOOR, CAME TO THE CAFE AND INFORMED THEM OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY/S DEATH.

END AND ACK PLS

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