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ROBERT KERMIT PATTERSON, commonly known as BOB PATTERSON, appeared at the Dallas Field Division on November 27, 1963. PATTERSON advised that he resides in Room 511 at the YMCA located at 605 North Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas. PATTERSON advised that at the present time he is a student at the Metropolitan Technical Institute, 402 North Good-Latimer, Dallas, Texas.

According to PATTERSON, he was born on January 24, 1930, at Lincoln, Nebraska, and had the rating of RD-3 while in the U. S. Navy. His U. S. Navy Serial Number is 4278665.

PATTERSON informed that he is a homosexual and as such has access to the so-called "gay" bars and lounges in the City of Dallas, Texas. He said that although he has only been in Dallas for approximately two years he is acquainted with many of the "gay" people in Dallas.

PATTERSON stated that on the evening of November 26, 1963, he was at one of the "gay" spots in town, specifically The Villa-Fontana, 1315 Skiles. PATTERSON said that he was broke and prevailed upon JERRY, the bartender at the Villa-Fontana, to set up some beer for him. While at the bar drinking, JERRY, the bartender, introduced him to another chap named JERRY, who was also sitting at the bar. JERRY, the bartender, who is a member of the "gay" set in Dallas, vouched for PATTERSON's standing with the "gay" set to the other JERRY, and the conversation thereupon flowed freely. During the conversation, the unknown JERRY, the customer whom PATTERSON described as about 33 years old, heavy set, approximately 5 feet 7 inches, dark hair and round face, made the statement that he is the former lover of JACK RUBY. PATTERSON also heard one or the other of the JERRYS mention that GEORGE SENATOR, roommate of JACK RUBY's at the time of RUBY's arrest, was also a "gay" person.

PATTERSON likewise stated that he heard it mentioned at the Villa-Fontana on November 26, 1963, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been seen at the Holiday Bar and also in Gene's Music Bar, both of which PATTERSON described as hangouts for the "gay" crowd.

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Although he did not hear the full context of the conversation between JERRY, the bartender, and JERRY, the customer, PATTERSON said he heard them say something to the effect that five "big people" were involved in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He said to the best of his recollection, the five "big people" were described as being one from Dallas, two from Chicago and two from Kansas City. PATTERSON stressed that he did not overhear the full conversation concerning this matter and was merely trying to repeat that portion which he had heard. He said he did not understand the full significance of it.

In this connection, PATTERSON stated that he, himself, did not know GEORGE SENATOR or JACK RUBY to be members of the "gay" set but pointed out that he would not necessarily be aware of their being members of the "gay" set due to the fact that they did undoubtedly travel in different circles.

According to PATTERSON, an individual whom he merely knows as "LS", the owner of the Lavender Lounge, located at Main and Carrol Streets, Dallas, Texas, is acquainted with most of the "gay" people in Dallas, although he is not believed to be "gay" himself. PATTERSON said that "LS" is crippled and uses crutches at all times.

PATTERSON further related that an (FNU) KELTY, a member of the Chance-Vought Company or of the Link-Belt Company, commented to him on the preceding evening, that JACK RUBY formerly resided at the YMCA approximately twelve years ago. PATTERSON said that he did not know KELTY to be a member of the "gay" set and said he has asked KELTY if he had known that JACK RUBY was a member of the "gay" set. KELTY said that he knew very little concerning RUBY, since they had lived at opposite ends of the building when JACK RUBY was then residing at the YMCA. PATTERSON said that Mr. KELTY still maintains a residence at the YMCA.

When questioned, PATTERSON said that the following could be considered the hangouts of the "gay" crowd in Dallas, Texas:

Gene's Music Bar  
307 S. Akard

The proprietor of this bar discourages the presence of the female members of the "gay" set.

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**The Villa-Fontana**

1315 Skiles

A popular hangout of the female members of the "gay" set.

**The Mercy Mary**

Described by PATTERSON as a new coffee house located at the corner of Murray and Canton Streets, across the street from the Murray Cotton Gin. This coffee house has a one-way mirror in the door.

**Holiday Bar**

1212 A Main Street

Hangout of the rougher element.

**The Century Room**

Lamar and Lemon Streets

PATTERSON describes this as one of the newer joints.