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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

On November 24, 1963, Mrs. FRANK TRABULA, owner of a drive-in grocery, Cotulla, Texas, advised that about 5:00 pm on the afternoon of November 23, 1963, a white male American, about 22 - 24 years of age, entered her store and asked for ammunition.

He displayed an empty cartridge indicating that was the type of ammunition he desired, adding that it was for a 6.5 Italian made rifle. The man stated, "It is the same kind that got the President yesterday," or words to that effect. He was accompanied by a younger man and a young woman, who was driving the vehicle.

On November 24, 1963, Mrs. SALLY O. DRUMGOOLE, advised that she was in the store owned by FRANK TRABULA, when two white males were trying to buy ammunition, on the afternoon of November 23, 1963, about 5:00 pm. They were in the store when she arrived, and overheard the older of the two say, as he held an empty cartridge in his hand, that it was the same kind that got the President, and the ammunition was for an Italian made rifle. She observed the two young men leave the store and noticed a young woman driving the vehicle. As the car departed, she made a mental note of the license number and about five minutes later, wrote it down. She is quite certain that the vehicle was a 1952-55 Chevrolet, and is certain of the prefix CM and she thought the number was 6883; however, although she repeated the number in her mind, she could have made a transposition of numbers.

She furnished this information to Sheriff FRANK NEWMAN, who in turn called the FBI Office on the night of November 23, 1963.

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RICHARD MARVIN SWANSON, college student at El Paso, Texas, was interviewed at 8:15 pm, November 23, 1963, 3631 Nations, El Paso, Texas. He was in possession of 1956 Plymouth, green, 1963 Texas license CM 6883, registered to his father JOSEPH P. SWANSON, same address. Both license plates were on the vehicle. SWANSON is student at Texas Western College, and his attendance at school on November 23, 1963, verified. He is employed at Prices Creameries and was on duty from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM November 23, 1963.

SWANSON stated he has not loaned his car to anyone, and does not own a 6.5 rifle.

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