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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 157-916 5 P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, NOV. TWO TWO LAST, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE - WHEREABOUTS ^{John F.} LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND WIFE, NOV. SIXTEEN LAST.

JOHN W. GROSS, THREE TWO SEVEN SECOND ST., SHILLINGTON, PA,

ADVISED SA FRANK M. KAUFFMAN ON DEC. THREE INSTANT AS FOLLOWS -

HE IS EMPLOYED IN PHOTOGRAPHY DEPT AT SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO. AT SHILLINGTON SHOPPING CENTER, SHILLINGTON, PA, A SUBURB OF READING, PA.

ON NOV. SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE, BETWEEN TEN THIRTY AM AND NOON, A

MAN CAME TO PHOTO COUNTER AND STATED "I WANT TO SEE YOU." GROSS

INQUIRED WHAT HE WANTED AND MAN THEN STATED HE WANTED TO BUY USED

CAMERA. MAN INDICATED WANTED THIRTYFIVE MM USED CAMERA AND AS GROSS

HAD NO SUCH USED CAMERAS, HE ASKED FOR THE MAN'S NAME AND PHONE

NUMBER. MAN STATED HIS NAME WAS OSWALD. MAN HAD NO INTEREST IN A

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NEW FOURTYFIVE DOLLAR THIRTYFIVE MM CAMERA AND AFTER LOOKING AT SOME NEW CHEAPER TYPE CAMERAS IN ANOTHER SHOWCASE, INFORMED GROSS HIS NAME WAS ~~LEE~~ OSWALD. HE ALSO FURNISHED MIDDLE NAME TO GROSS, HOWEVER, GROSS UNABLE TO RECALL. OSWALD STATED HE LIVED FAR AWAY.

GROSS UPON INQUIRING IF HE LIVED IN POTTSTOWN, PA, WAS INFORMED BY OSWALD HE LIVED IN LOUISIANA. THEREAFTER, THEY SPOKE GENERALLY ABOUT MARDI GRAS. *Deceased*

JUST PRIOR TO GROSS BEING TOLD THAT OSWALD WAS FROM LOUISIANA, GROSS NOTICED A NICE LOOKING WOMAN SANDING AT COUNTER. GROSS ASKED OSWALD IF HE AND HIS WIFE WERE ON A VACATION, AND OSWALD INFORMED HIM THEY WERE. GROSS THEN ASKED WOMAN IF SHE ENJOYED TRIP AND OSWALD TOLD GROSS SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HIM BECAUSE SHE IS RUSSIAN. OSWALD THEN SAID SOMETHING TO THE WOMAN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. GROSS ASKED OSWALD IF HE HAD BEEN IN SERVICE AND MET HIS WIFE ALONG BORDER. THIS WAS UNANSWERED AS OSWALD AND HIS WIFE DEPARTED. GROSS ADVISED WOMAN HAD SMALL GIRL WITH HER WHO HAD DARK HAIR AND WOMAN ALSO CARRIED A YOUNG BABY IN HER ARMS.

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NEITHER OSWALD NOR HIS WIFE AND FAMILY WERE SEEN THEREAFTER BY GROSS, AND HE PRESUMES THEY DEPARTED FROM STORE.

GROSS DESCRIBED OSWALD AS ABOUT TWO EIGHT TO THIRTY, THIN, FIVE FT EIGHT, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS, CHESTNUT BROWN HAIR, AND STATED WHEN TALKING HIS FACE ASSUMED A SORT OF DRAWN EXPRESSION AROUND MOUTH. OSWALD WAS WEARING WHITE SHIRT, NO TIE, AND PAIR OF PANTS, COLOR NOT BEING RECALLED BY GROSS.

GROSS STATED HE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT OSWALD/S WIFE WAS NICE LOOKING GIRL WHO HAD NO ROUGE ON HER CHEEKS AND WHO HAD DARK HAIR. HE STATED HE COULD FURNISH NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE BABY, AND COULD ONLY STATE GIRL WITH OSWALD/S WIFE HAD DARK HAIR AND WAS ABOUT THIRTYTWO INCHES TALL.

GROSS OBSERVED OSWALD ON TV FOLLOWING HIS BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY DALLAS POLICE. HE STATED INDIVIDUAL HE SAW ON TV APPEARED IDENTICAL TO PERSON WHO WAS AT COUNTER ON NOV. SIXTEEN LAST.

GROSS ADVISED THAT ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER OSWALD DEPARTED, AN INDIVIDUAL CAME TO COUNTER WITH ANOTHER MAN. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD

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A NOTICEABLE SCAR OVER RIGHT EYE TOWARD RIGHT TEMPLE AND WAS TANNED AS IF HAD BEEN IN THE SOUTH. MAN WITH SCAR STARED AT HIM TO POINT WHERE GROSS FELT HE WAS GOING TO COMMIT ROBBERY. DUE TO THIS GROSS CALLED ANOTHER CLERK, ROD DUNKLE, FROM RUG DEPT TO WAIT ON MAN.

MAN ASKED TO SEE SOME C SIX TWENTY FILM, AND GROSS AT THIS TIME RECALLED THAT SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER HE HAD SOLD SAME MAN WITH SCAR A CHEAP ONE TWO SEVEN CAMERA. A THIRD MAN WALKED UP ABOUT THIS TIME AND SLAPPED MAN WITH SCAR ACROSS BACK, MENTIONED SOME NAME WHICH GROSS DOES NOT RECALL, AND STATED SOMETHING TO EFFECT OF FANCY MEETING YOU HERE. THREE MAN THEN DEPARTED AFTER ROLL OF C SIX TWENTY FILM PURCHASED.

GROSS DESCRIBED MAN WITH SCAR AS LATE FORTIES, FIVE FT SEVEN, TWO HUNDRED LBS, BROAD BRIDGE OF NOSE, WEARING HAT WITH WIDE BLACK BAND.

GROSS STATED SHORTLY AFTER THE THREE MEN LEFT, HE ASKED IRENE DALPRA IN DIVISION TWO ONE AT SEARS IF SHE HAD SEEN THE RUSSIAN GIRL WITH MAN FROM LOUISIANA, HOWEVER, IRENE STATED SHE HAD NOT NOTICED THEM. GROSS STATED HE KNOWS OF NO ONE ELSE AT STORE WHO MIGHT HAVE

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OBSERVED OSWALD AT HIS COUNTER.

GROSS ADVISED AFTER HE SAW OSWALD ON TV HE TOLD HIS WIFE ABOUT OSWALD HAVING BEEN AT SEARS. HE DID NOT TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT IT AND HESITATED TO CONTACT FBI ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE FELT THERE MIGHT BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN MAN WITH SCAR AND OSWALD. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFO AS TO ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN OSWALD AND MAN WITH SCAR OTHER THAN THE MAN WITH SCAR COMING INTO STORE AT HIS COUNTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER OSWALD HAD BEEN THERE.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN SINCE IT IS ASSUMED WHEREABOUTS OF OSWALD AND WIFE KNOWN ON NOV. SIXTEEN LAST.

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