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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
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Specialist E-4 ARLEN DONALD MIZELL, RA 14553524, assigned to Service Battery, First Battalion, 73rd Artillery, First Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, advised on December 2, 1963, that he has been assigned to above indicated organization since March 1963 with Specialist E-4 DONALD LESTER HUMMER, US 55709285, in the handling of battalion rations.

MIZELL related that on November 22, 1963, he and Specialist DONALD LESTER HUMMER spent the entire morning, from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., preparing a ration request for battalion rations and at about 9:30 a.m. left their Service Battery unit for the Class 1 First Armored Division ration breakdown to turn in a head count and pick up the ration request for the 73rd Artillery, First Battalion. He stated they thereafter returned to the Service Battery mess hall at about 11:00 a.m. to eat the noon meal. He continued that at approximately 11:30 a.m. both he and HUMMER completed their noon meal, and HUMMER then departed for his barracks while MIZELL went to the dayroom of the Service Battery until approximately 12:20 p.m. when the unit gathered for the afternoon formation. Specialist E-4 MIZELL stated that immediately after the formation, First Sergeant NOVENCIDO of Service Battery, First Battalion, 73rd Artillery, First Armored Division, advised Specialist HUMMER that he was to report to the First Armored Division Finance Office to obtain his travel allowance to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in connection with his discharge. Specialist MIZELL stated that he then accompanied HUMMER to the First Armored Division Finance Office, arriving there at approximately 12:45 p.m. on November 22, 1963, and waited for HUMMER in the

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unit vehicle while HUMMER processed through the Finance Office and obtained his advanced travel allowance. MIZELL stated that HUMMER returned to the vehicle at approximately 1:15 p.m. and that HUMMER and he then drove to the First Armored Division Batteries "A" and "D" Consolidated Messes to deliver rations to those units.

MIZELL advised that it was at this time that he learned from one of the mess sergeants of the "A" and "D" Consolidated Mess that President JOHN F. KENNEDY was dead as a result of an assassin's rifle wounds. MIZELL stated that HUMMER then remarked that he had forgotten to mention that he had heard on the radio while in the Finance Office that KENNEDY had been shot; however, he had not know how serious the wounds were that KENNEDY had sustained.

MIZELL related that after delivering rations to the "A" and "D" Batteries, he and HUMMER then went to the "B" and "C" Batteries Messes to deliver rations, having completed their run of deliveries for the rations some time between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Specialist E-4 MIZELL advised that he knew nothing specific of DONALD LESTER HUMMER's personal or social life nor of his political beliefs or feelings toward the Kennedy Administration and the policies carried out by that administration, but he did recall that in the discussion of KENNEDY's assassination, HUMMER did remark that the only thing he had against KENNEDY was that KENNEDY was responsible for his (HUMMER's) being drafted into the Army.

Major RICHARD J. PREUSS, 079035, Finance Officer, First Armored Division Finance Office, Fort Hood, Texas, advised on December 2, 1963, that Specialist E-4 DONALD L. HUMMER, US 55709285, was paid \$67.38 advanced travel allowance to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, under Voucher No. 600967.

Major PREUSS informed that the voucher authorizing the advanced travel allowance was dated November 14, 1963, and was certified by the Personnel Officer, JOE L. DIAL, a Chief Warrant Officer (W-4), but that the allowance of \$67.38 was paid to HUMMER on November 22, 1963. Major PREUSS stated that it was definite as to the date that Specialist HUMMER was paid

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inasmuch as their office assigns new voucher numbers daily and that Voucher No. 600967 was a voucher number that was assigned to November 22, 1963, and was, in fact, the first voucher number assigned that day.

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