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TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963.		REPORT MADE BY SA RICHARD L. KESLER	TYPED BY jho
		CHARACTER OF CASE KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER	

REFERENCES: Report of SA RICHARD L. KESLER, Charlotte, 12-4-63. Charlotte teletype to Bureau and Dallas, 12-3-63, entitled "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R". Charlotte teletype to Bureau and Dallas, 12-4-63, entitled "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R".

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Upon receipt of initial information concerning telephone call from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Dallas, Texas, on 11-22-63, it was not known what significance it might have and referenced teletypes were submitted under the LEE HARVEY OSWALD caption. Investigation determined that the calls did not pertain to OSWALD, therefore, results of investigation being submitted under caption of this report rather than OSWALD caption.

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Information from records of Southern Bell Telephone Company, Chapel Hill, N. C., was furnished by Mr. C. E. VASHAW. --Attempts were made to locate this particular phone call on 12-3-63, with negative results.

LEAD:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will immediately conduct any investigation concerning information or leads received in captioned matter and immediately report same.

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Title:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

Character:

KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Synopsis:

Mrs. ~~MITRO KEETSOCK~~ reported to have learned at Andrews Beauty Shop, Durham, N. C., on 11-29-63, that long distance call from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Dallas, Texas, was made after President's assassination, consisting of "Did everything go all right?" and an affirmative reply closed the call. Information originated with a customer who worked at Southern Bell Company, Durham, N. C. This operator advised 12-2-63, that Miss JOYCE DANIELS, another operator, had completed such a call during afternoon of 11-22-63, and had mentioned it during rest break. Miss JOYCE DANIELS stated she connected a call between a man in Chapel Hill, N. C., and a woman in Dallas, Texas, between 1:00 and 3:30 PM, 11-22-63, which she mentioned to other fellow employees that day only because callers had seemed distressed. She declined to reveal content of the conversation but said it was not as had been reported and had indicated nothing to her possibly relevant to the President's assassination. Records, telephone company, Chapel Hill, N. C., reflect a call of 16 seconds and a call of 1 minute, 25 seconds, made from Chapel Hill number 942-1710 to Miss DOROTHY MYERS, Dallas, Texas, number 741-1991 on afternoon of 11-22-63. Chapel Hill number 942-1710 listed to Rev. DEWITT L. MYERS, Pastor, Congregational Christian Evangelical Reformed Church, Chapel Hill, N. C. Investigation determined Rev. MYERS has sister and father who live in some town in Texas, possibly Dallas. Rev. MYERS originally from Texas. Investigation by Dallas determined Miss DOROTHY MYERS resides Dallas and is sister of DEWITT L. MYERS, Chapel Hill, N. C.

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DETAILS:

AT CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA,
TO DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

December 5, 1963

On December 2, 1963, the Office of the FBI in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Durham, North Carolina, Resident Agency received copies of the following letter:

"411 Raynor St.
Durham, N.C.
Nov. 30, 1963

"FBI, Durham, N. C.

"Gentlemen:

"This is a Beauty Parlor tip my wife picked up last nite and told me this morning. I hope that you have received it by now. It concerns President Kennedy's assassination.

"A few minutes after the President's death, a long distance call was placed from Chapel Hill to Dallas, Tex. The only question asked was, 'Did everything go alright?' An affirmative reply closed the call.

"The above information was given by a switchboard operator who is a customer at the Andrews Beauty Shop, 1604 Kilmer Terrace, Durham. (Tel. #682-8790). A second operator (who sits next to Mrs. Andrews' customer at the teleph. office) mentioned overhearing the alleged call but was afraid to report it.

"Since we have a local and a long distance telephone branch in Durham, the call in question was probably overheard at the Braggtown location on N. Roxboro St.

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"Mrs. Andrews will be able to identify her customer for you, so that the second operator could be identified too.

"Sincerely yours,

"/s/ Mitro Keetsock

"CC: FBI, Charlotte, N.C."

On December 2, 1963, MITRO KEETSOCK stated that he is an insurance underwriter for Crum and Forster, Broad Street, Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. KEETSOCK had obtained her information from Mrs. ANDREWS on Friday night, November 29, 1963, and had been alone with Mrs. ANDREWS when the information was related to her. He pointed out that all the information his wife had obtained was about third-hand hearsay. He stated further that he did not so indicate in his letter but that Mrs. ANDREWS had said she understood the caller who made the call was male and the recipient was female. The call was a person-to-person call.

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On December 2, 1963, Mrs. J. F. ANDREWS, 1604 Kilmer Terrace, Durham, North Carolina, advised that she operated a beauty parlor in her home and that one of her customers was an eighteen-year-old neighbor named "GARRETT" who worked as a long distance operator for the Southern Bell Telephone system in Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. ANDREWS consulted the telephone directory for Durham, North Carolina, and concluded that the operator was actually a Miss GARRIS, 1509 Driver Street, Durham, North Carolina, the daughter of ARCHIE A. GARRIS. Mrs. ANDREWS said Miss GARRIS had had an appointment with her between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M., Tuesday morning, November 26, 1963. During this time GARRIS had said that she worked next to a girl at the Southern Bell Telephone Company, whose name she did not mention, who had handled a call on Friday, November 22, 1963, right after the assassination of President KENNEDY. The call had been placed by a man in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to a girl in Dallas, Texas. The man asked the question, "Did everything go off all right?" and the reply was "yes". This was all of the conversation and the entire call consumed about ten seconds. Mrs. ANDREWS said she was quoting Miss GARRIS to the best of her recollection. She stated this was all of the information she had.

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On December 2, 1963, Miss CAROL GARRIS, 1509 Driver Street, Durham, North Carolina, stated that she was a long distance operator who had been employed for a short time at the Southern Bell Telephone Company Branch, Roxboro Road, Durham, North Carolina. She expressed concern that any inquiry made at that company might cause her to lose her job and asked that any investigation made be as discreet as possible.

She said that on Friday, November 22, 1963, during the late afternoon, three or four other operators were in the company snack bar. The only one whose identity she recalled was JOYCE DANIELS, who resided at Hillsboro, North Carolina. There was much talk about the President's murder and Miss DANIELS had mentioned that a call had come through her board sometime before, placed by a man in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to a woman in Dallas, Texas. Miss DANIELS had said that as soon as the caller had the woman on the line he had said something similar to, "Did everything go off all right?" and received the reply, "Yes". She said she was sure this was the substance of what she had understood Miss DANIELS to say. There had been no attempt to monitor the call, but it was so brief these words had been overheard before the operator's connection had been broken.

Miss GARRIS said this was all of the information she had.

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On December 3, 1963, Miss JOYCE DANIELS stated that she had been employed as a long distance operator by Southern Bell Telephone Company in Durham, North Carolina, for about one year and a half. She said she resided with her parents on North Carolina Highway 86, north of Hillsboro, North Carolina.

On November 22, 1963, to the best of her recollection, between 1:00 and 3:30 P.M., a call was placed through her board by a man from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to a woman in Dallas, Texas. This was on a person-to-person basis. The circuits were busy and she called the man back when the lines cleared. She said she never received the man's name but the call did not come through a pay telephone. She said she remembers the first name of the woman who was called but nothing more about her. To the best of her recollection the woman herself answered the telephone when the call was completed.

Miss DANIELS stated that toll calls through the Durham Branch of Southern Bell on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, were in a turmoil following the assassination of the President. When this call was made, she feared that she might lose her circuit, inasmuch as it was going to Dallas. She checked the call quickly and the conversation was so brief she feared she had lost her circuit. It lasted only a few seconds. She noted the woman sounded as though she were weeping and the man making the call seemed distraught. She added that many callers at this time were similarly upset. This call had been noted because it was to Dallas, Texas.

At a subsequent rest break the operators talked about the distress they had noted among the calls coming through their boards and Miss DANIELS mentioned this call made to Dallas.

Miss DANIELS said she was not at liberty to reveal the contents of the call but it was not as had been related. It did not consist of the question, "Did everything go all right?" followed by the answer in an affirmative. Its contents

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had indicated nothing to her which would relate it to the President's death and only the distress of the callers motivated her to mention it during the conversation with fellow employees. She said if authorization were given to reveal the contents of the message, she did not believe anything pertinent to this investigation would be disclosed.

On December 4, 1963, a review was made of toll records of the Chapel Hill Telephone Exchange of the University Service, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. These toll records are provided by the Southern Bell Telephone system, which handles toll calls for the Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Exchange. The review was made of all the calls made from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on November 22, 1963.

The information set forth herein can be made available only following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued to Mr. C. E. VASHAW, University Services, 207 East Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

At 2:25 P.M., November 22, 1963, a sixteen-second telephone toll call was made from Chapel Hill 942-1710 to Miss DOROTHY MYERS, Dallas, Texas, telephone 741-1991.

At 2:31 P.M., on the same date, a one-minute and twenty-five second telephone call was made from the same Chapel Hill phone to Miss MYERS, Dallas, Texas, at the same Dallas number. Both of these calls were person-to-person.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RUFUS H. POWELL:

The December, 1963, Chapel Hill Telephone Directory lists Chapel Hill phone 942-1710 to the parsonage of the Congregational Christian Evangelical Reform Church of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The pastor of this church is listed as DEWITT L. MYERS, who resides at 232 McCauley Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the address of the parsonage.

On December 4, 1963, Mr. B. J. HOWARD, Clerk, Chapel Hill Recorders Court, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, advised that Reverend MYERS is pastor of the Congregational Christian Evangelical Reform Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and had been there for approximately four years. He stated that Reverend MYERS was originally from Texas and has a sister and father who presently reside in some town in Texas, possibly Dallas, Texas.

On December 5, 1963, the Dallas Office advised that Miss DOROTHY MYERS had been interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on December 5, 1963, at her office in the Baptist Building, telephone RI 1-1991, Dallas, Texas, where she is secretary in office of Reverend C. W. FREEMAN. Miss MYERS stated she has a brother, DEWITT L. MYERS, a minister in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.