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ROBERT BRUCE ALLEN, Room 715, Tampa Terrace Hotel, was interviewed in the lobby of the hotel. He was advised that he did not have to make any statements, that any statements he made could be used against him in a court of law, and he had a right to consult an attorney.

Mr. ALLEN stated that he was most anxious to cooperate with the FBI as he had nothing to hide.

Mr. ALLEN stated that although he was residing at the hotel at the present time, he expected to move to 706 Jackson Street, Tampa, Florida in the immediate future. He pointed out that he is presently a news reporter for Radio Station WFLA, a National Broadcasting Company station in Tampa, Florida. He stated that he formerly resided at the 79th Street Hotel, 279 NE 79th Street, up to about November 15, 1963 when he went to visit his brother JAMES ROGERS ALLEN, 2467 Drake Street, Jacksonville, Florida. JAMES ROGERS ALLEN is an employee of Eastern Airlines, Jacksonville, Florida. He stated that he had returned to Miami, Florida around the 25th or 26th of November, 1963, when he learned that he had been offered a job with Radio Station WFLA and he being short of money had decided to pawn some items in order to get some clothing cleaned and ready for his new assignment. He said that he had decided to pawn a .38 caliber Ivor Johnson revolver which he had purchased about two months before at a key shop named Quik Key, which was near the 79th Street Hotel. He said that this weapon had been purchased by him as a matter of interest, and that the pawn shop owner had registered the gun to him with the Miami City Police Department and probably the Metro Agency in Miami. He stated the only ammunition he had for this weapon was five rounds which he had with the gun. He stated that he carried this weapon to the pawn shop in his attache case in which he maintained other private papers and valuable documents. He stated that he did not feel that he could carry the gun through the streets of Miami without it being concealed in some way, and when he got to the pawn shop, he realized that he intended to redeem the gun at some future date, so he asked the proprietor if he could

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leave the attache case also so that he could have something to carry the gun in at the time of redemption. He said the proprietor had agreed to this and he had explained to the proprietor that he was going to Tampa to get a job with a radio station and would be back to redeem the gun at a future time. He stated that at this time, he also pawned a typewriter and a tape recorder and Mr. ALLEN displayed a pawn ticket number 70531 from Uncle Sam's Loan and Jewelry Company, Inc., 401 North Miami Avenue, Miami 32, Florida, to ROBERT B. ALLEN, noting that there had been a tape recorder, typewriter and revolver pawned and \$40 was loaned.

Mr. ALLEN stated that at the time he brought the attache case to the pawn shop, there were other documents and valuable mementos in the case and these included his passport, which he had recently obtained in Miami. He said the reason for this passport was that as an employee of Miami Radio Station WIOD, he had in the past had an opportunity to travel to South America to cover a news story; however, because he had not at that time had a passport, this opportunity had been denied him, so he remedied the situation by getting the passport for future use. He stated he had never had occasion since its issuance on November 13, 1963 to use the passport.

Mr. ALLEN also said that in the attache case were several clippings from Miami papers concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated that he had clipped these items from the newspapers as souvenirs as they had such a profound effect on him. He stated that he was truly shocked with the assassination of the President and abhorred the events that led up to this event.

Mr. ALLEN recalled that in the attache case was a letter to a "pen pal" in Italy. He stated that at one time recently, he was studying Italian language and a friend of his had give him the name of his wife's sister as a possible correspondent in Italy. The correspondent's name is LUCIANA GALLIZIA who resides in Udine, Italy. He stated that he did receive a letter from this individual when he corresponded with her, but that her handwriting was so poor, he could not read it, so he gave up this correspondence. He said that the individual who furnished the name of Miss GALLIZIA was WILLIAM DE LA PALME, a resident of Miami.

Mr. ALLEN stated that there were several Russian language texts in his attache case and he said that he acquired these in the following way:

Mr. ALLEN has been interested in languages for some time and as a matter of fact, he speaks Spanish and German quite well. He said that he was always on the alert to practice these languages with other individuals who had the same proficiency and in August or September, 1963, was walking by the Buenos Aires Cafe, located at 33 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida and noted a sign in the window which said that the owners of the cafe spoke many languages, so he went in and began to converse with the woman who was there. Although this woman spoke some Spanish, her husband soon came out and it was discovered he was the better linguist. This individual identified himself as SERGIO STEPANOVITCH BARSELIANZ, an Argentine immigrant to the United States, but who was born in Russia. During conversation with BARSELIANZ, BARSELIANZ said that he had fled Russia in 1941 and that he spoke no English. They were able to converse because BARSELIANZ did speak German and Spanish and Italian. Their friendship soon ripened to the point where a deal was made whereby Mr. ALLEN would teach BARSELIANZ English and in return BARSELIANZ would teach Mr. ALLEN Russian.

The lessons with BARSELIANZ were on a rather informal basis and continued over the next month or so. Mr. ALLEN had purchased a first year reader in the Russian language and sometime during this conversation with BARSELIANZ, he indicated his desire for a more up-to-date and more advanced reader to read. Mr. BARSELIANZ told him that the best source of Russian text would be the Cultural Minister at the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C., and accordingly, Mr. ALLEN wrote to the Russian Embassy asking for any literature that might be available in the Russian language. This occurred in about October, 1963. About a week after his request, Mr. ALLEN received a manila envelope containing two magazines in Russian language entitled "Oganyok" (phonetic) and the September 19, 1963 issue of "Pravda". The envelope containing these publications contained no letter or anything else. Since this contact, Mr. ALLEN has had no further contact whatsoever with the Russian Embassy. Mr. ALLEN soon tired of the Russian lessons and his contacts with BARSELIANZ ceased. However, he did not desire that the Russian texts be lost so he placed them in his attache case and when he

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brought the case to the pawn shop, they remained inside.

Mr. ALLEN noted that the BARSELIANZ family in Miami was anti-Communist and pro-Argentine to the extent that they felt some gratefulness to that nation for accepting them as refugees in 1941. By the same token, according to Mr. ALLEN, BARSELIANZ is also grateful to the United States for the chance to live here. BARSELIANZ indicated some love for his mother country, Russia, but was very much anti-Communist.

Mr. ALLEN furnished the following description of himself:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	April 17, 1935 at Amarillo, Texas
Weight:	150
Height:	6'2½"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses
Build:	Slender
Military Service:	U. S. Army from 10/52 to July 4, 1954 as a radio technician, Signal Corp.
Education:	Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, one year, 1962. Public schools, Amarillo, Texas (did not graduate from high school)
Relatives:	
Father:	DEE W. ALLEN, deceased
Mother:	MARY GLADYS ALLEN, 3706 Taylor, Amarillo, Texas
Sister:	ROSEMARY RILEY, same address as mother
Brother:	JAMES ROGERS ALLEN, 2467 Drake, Jacksonville, Florida
Brother:	TRAVIS ARTHUR ALLEN, 1801 Kentucky NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Half-brothers:	GORDON BAILEY ALLEN, Houston, Texas HOWARD DEE ALLEN, Belle Flower (Los Angeles) California