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LOUIS ANTHONY PAVIA
ROUTE 2, Box 95A
WARREN, TEXAS

~~X~~ ¹¹⁻¹⁵ Abe Sperber, 295 Hollywood Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey, self-employed as a cab driver, advised on December 13, 1963, that at approximately 7:30 A.M. he picked up his first fare at the Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, and the fare wanted to go to Hoboken, New Jersey. While en route to Hoboken, New Jersey, the fare stated, "There're a lot of niggers up here. We chase them out of the South by paying their fares North and that anybody who harbors a nigger down there or intermarries we shoot them. I knew that President Kennedy was to be shot in Houston but that it was changed to Dallas." Sperber stated that he inquired of his fare, "What about Bobby Kennedy?" and the fare replied, "He is just a little lawyer now and we're not going to bother him. Johnson is next if he doesn't watch his step."

Louis Anthony Pavia, on December 13, 1963, admitted that he had been the passenger in the taxicab of Sperber on December 13, 1963. He arrived at Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, from Houston, Texas, on December 13, 1963, via Eastern Airlines Flight 540, arriving at Newark approximately 5:15 A.M. He caught a taxicab in front of the airport at about 6:45 A.M. to go to Todd Shipyards, Hoboken, New Jersey.

En route to Hoboken, he engaged the cab driver in general conversation. Pavia stated that during this conversation, the assassination of President Kennedy was discussed but he does not recall the exact words exchanged between himself and the cab driver. He did recall that he stated to the driver that the assassination of Kennedy could have happened anywhere, like Houston, Texas, or any other place. Further, he recalled stating in effect that he had heard on the radio or some place else that President Johnson's life had been threatened and that President Johnson was being heavily guarded.

Pavia continued that he certainly did not mean any harm to President Johnson and had no knowledge directly or indirectly of anything surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. He further stated he certainly and definitely did not state that Kennedy was to have been killed

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in Houston, Texas, or anything like that. He added that anything he said to the cab driver was only meant as general conversation and that he was only joking with the cab driver.

The following description was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name:	Louis Anthony Pavia
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	September 25, 1903
Place of Birth:	Lake Charles, Louisiana
Height:	5' 10½"
Weight:	265 pounds
Hair:	Iron grey, worn straight back
Eyes:	Grey
Complexion:	Ruddy
Characteristics:	Full face, right eye cocked
Build:	Heavy
Scars and Marks:	Tattoo right shoulder of girl crucified on a dagger inscribed, "Death before Dishonor"; 1" scar right corner of mouth; 1" scar over left eye in eyebrow
Education:	Two years St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, Louisiana
Occupation:	Merchant marine
Employment:	Second Mate, "US Producer", cargo ship, Marine Carriers, 17 Battery Place, New York City, since August 27, 1962
U.S. Coast Guard Continuous Service Discharge Number:	117376"R"
Union Membership:	Master Mates and Officers Union, Galveston, Texas, since 1946
Social Security Number:	450-28-0668
Marital Status:	Married, wife Beulah nee Calvert, age 55
Children:	Route 2, Box 95A, Warren, Texas Daughter - Judy Pavia, age 18 same address

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Residence:

Route 2, Box 95A
Warren, Texas

In addition, Pavia denied ever knowing or hearing of Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby before the assassination of President Kennedy.

As to his whereabouts on November 22, 1963, Pavia stated in the morning of that day he was in the First Security National Bank, Beaumont, Texas, where he was attempting to obtain a loan from the bank. He spoke to one of the officers, name unrecalled, and after completing this business proceeded in his car to his residence in Warren, Texas. As soon as he arrived at his residence, his wife advised him of President Kennedy's assassination at Dallas, Texas. He estimated that Kennedy must have been assassinated only about six minutes before he reached his residence in Warren, Texas.

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