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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F.
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

J. G. HARDIN, 226 West Garden, Uvalde, Texas, who is employed by the Polk and Company, Dallas, Texas, a City Directory firm with permanent address of 1726 Argentia, Apartment C, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 3, 1963:

HARDIN described the owner of a 1953 Ford who gave HARDIN a ride from Richland, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, October 3, 1963, as a white male with dark brown hair, well kept, combed back but not slick. He was in his 20's and, although he never got out of the automobile, from his build and general appearance, HARDIN presumed this owner to be approximately five feet six or seven inches and to weigh 150 to 160 pounds, but HARDIN emphasized he could not be certain of the height nor the weight since he did not see this person outside of the car.

HARDIN stated shortly after he was picked up by the owner of this car while hitchhiking from Richland, Texas, to Dallas, he mentioned that he was enroute to Dallas to obtain money from a sister to buy another car since his car had just broken down. The owner then asked if he would be interested in buying the car in which they were riding and stated that he had paid \$250 for it, having bought it from a brother-in-law. HARDIN had the impression this brother-in-law lived in Oklahoma City since the owner stated that he had had trouble with his wife in Oklahoma City and obtained the car and left approximately three weeks previous to the trip. He first offered the car for \$175, and, when HARDIN refused, he then lowered the price to \$125. HARDIN was of the impression

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that this car might have been stolen, so he expressed no further interest in buying it.

During the conversation, however, the owner suggested that HARDIN drive it and mentioned that he, the owner, was tired, having been traveling most of the time during the past three weeks.

HARDIN viewed a photograph of OSWALD and stated that this photograph appeared to him to be identical to the person driving the 1953 Ford mentioned above. He recalled that when he first saw OSWALD's photograph on television shortly after the shooting of President KENNEDY that it occurred to him that this individual looked like the person who had picked him up. At the time, however, he stated that this would be too much of a coincidence and gave it no further thought until reading a newspaper account November 28, 1963, where an individual was quoted as saying OSWALD had been in McAllen, Texas, driving a 1953 Ford. At this time HARDIN decided to report the incident.

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