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On December 18, 1963, Josephine Owen, 3467 Main Avenue, Durango, Colorado, advised that on the weekend following the assassination of President Kennedy she arrived home and her daughter told her that Elvis Chance, a casual acquaintance of hers, had telephoned and she returned his telephone call. She advised that Chance seemed rather indefinite when she called him and to make conversation she mentioned the assassination of the President and how horrible it was. At that time he indicated that he thought it was "O.K." or "pretty nice", or words to that effect. She advised that she was shocked at the time and after thinking it over she decided to report the matter just in case he might be serious about his feelings in this respect. She advised that he had possibly said this in a "smart alec" manner and was not serious about it.

She stated she has known Chance about three years and had met him through his wife who had formerly worked with her (Mrs. Owen) at Community Hospital in Durango, Colorado. She stated that Chance and his wife have been separated for some time and people have tried to say that she (Mrs. Owen) had broken up the marriage, but there was no truth in this and she has not had a very close relationship with him. She advised that she did double date one time quite a while ago with Chance and his wife, but this is the only time she knows of when they had any social contacts.

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Mrs. Owen advised she seems to recall that on one occasion Chance had made some critical remarks regarding Catholics, but other than these two isolated remarks she knows nothing further specific regarding his views and ideas. She stated that Chance has apparently lived in the Durango area for five or more years and has been employed by the El Paso Natural Gas Company. She believes that prior to this he resided in Oklahoma. She stated that he is in his early forties and has a son about twenty-one years old, named Elvis Chance, Jr.

On December 18, 1963, Jay Murphy, Police Officer, Durango, Colorado Police Department, advised that one Elvis Larn Chance, Date of Birth July 25, 1921, was ticketed for speeding in February, 1963, and was fined \$25. However, he could locate no other record for him. He had no record for Josephine Owen.

On December 18, 1963, Mrs. Lynn Brown, Clerk, La Plata County, Durango, Colorado, advised that a check of the records of her office failed to reflect any information regarding Chance or Owen.

On December 18, 1963, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Durango, Colorado, has been in the records since 1956, which is about the time he apparently came to Durango. There are indications in the record that he was formerly with the Pacific North West Pipe Line Company. Also contained in the records is non-specific information that inquiry had been received regarding Chance or pertinent to Chance from Phoenix, Arizona, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His credit record is satisfactory at Durango. He advised the records show that he is separated from his wife, Donna. His records contain no unfavorable information regarding Chance.

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On December 18, 1963, CALVIN D. HOMER, LaPlata County, Colorado, advised that he works and lives at the El Paso Natural Gas Company Plant in a rural area of LaPlata County. He advised that Chance works under his general supervision at the El Paso Natural Gas Company. He stated Chance has worked for the plant since it was built at the location about seven years ago. He stated that to his knowledge Chance has never made any statements which he would construe as being threatening toward President Kennedy or indicated by his attitude or comments that he was in favor of the assassination. He has never observed anything in regard to the actions or activities of Chance which would indicate his is subversive in any way or has any ideas which oppose the basic American ideals.

On December 19, 1963, Elvis Larn Chance, 2404 West 2nd Avenue, Durango, Colorado, advised that he personally believes that the assassination was a great tragedy and that it was a terrible thing. He could not recall making any statement concerning the idea that he was in any way in favor of or pleased by the assassination. He stated that if anyone received such an impression from anything he said concerning this matter, it was completely misunderstood and misconstrued on the part of anyone receiving such an idea. He stated he could not see how anyone who had any knowledge of him at all could receive the idea that he could think in such a manner. He stated that if it had been within his power to stop such a thing from happening he certainly would have prevented it.

Chance advised he recalls some conversation at the El Paso Plant in a joking manner by unknown parties, with him possibly making such a statement himself, to the effect that "the only way the Texas could get a man in the White House, was to have an assassination" or words to that effect. He advised that this was not said in a malicious manner and in no way indicated any approval of the assassination.

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Chance reiterated that he did not recall ever saying anything which could be construed as approving the assassination of the President and if anyone had received such an impression it was erroneous.

Chance is described as follows:

Date of Birth:	July 25, 1921
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	Woodward County, Oklahoma
Height:	5'11½"
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Service:	Honorable discharge from SEABEES
Serial Number:	866-56-70
Marital Status:	Married but separated
Wife:	Donna Chance

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