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

RE: JOHN and KIRBY MC DONOUGH

Charles K. Cartwright, Jr., advised on January 8, 1964, he has been employed by the Murray Company of Texas, Incorporated as a salesman of cotton gin equipment in Mississippi, Texas and California since 1937. He said he came to Dallas, Texas, for a sales meeting for the Murray Company of Texas, Incorporated on Sunday, January 5, 1964, and after thinking over the news articles, television and radio reports concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, he became skeptical of Jack Ruby in this matter.

He said he did not know Ruby, Oswald or any connection between these two persons. He said a person named Rockwall discreetly purchased 18 to 20 per cent of the stock of the Murray Company of Texas, Incorporated during the past two or three years and Rockwall is alleged to have started an investigation into the mis-management of the Murray Company. This resulted in John and Kirby McDonough and other Murray officials being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Cartwright said he failed to see John and Kirby McDonough at the sales meeting in Dallas and learned that they were in Washington, D. C., so he then decided that the McDonoughs, being Texans, probably could not get along with President Kennedy, so they or other Murray Company officials might have planned the assassination of the President and the murder of Oswald so they, the McDonoughs could "got to President Lyndon Johnson" for assistance with their Internal Revenue problem.

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Cartwright emphatically stated that this was "conjecture" on his part.

Cartwright is described as follows:

Name	Charles K. Cartwright, Jr.
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Born	October 1, 1917, Centreville, Alabama
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Hair	Blond (graying)
Complexion	Very ruddy
Occupation	Salesman, Murray Company of Texas, Incorporated (cotton gin machinery)
Residence	2028 South Fairway, Fresno, California, telephone number CL 5-6832
Marital Status	Married
Wife	Vernettie Wilson Cartwright
Children	Two - Daughter, Eloise, age 19 Son - Charles K. Cartwright, III, age 16

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