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On January 15, 1964, Otto Krutzner, 1814 8th Street Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He stated he is the owner of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company at Las Vegas, New Mexico. He said that on the Sunday prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, he met his close friend, Fred Caviggia at Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He said that Caviggia is the Pepsi-Cola Bottler at Gallup, New Mexico. After meeting at Santa Rosa, New Mexico, they drove to Decatur, Texas, where they stayed in a motel that evening and drove to Dallas, Texas, the following morning in order to attend two conventions. He said the first convention was a convention of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages Association. They arrived in Dallas, Texas the day before the convention convened. He said they were not very familiar with Dallas even though he has a daughter going to nursing school there. He said he cannot recall where the convention was held, but believed it was in a place called the Convention Hall in Dallas, Texas. He and Caviggia stayed at the Travelodge Motel, but learned that the convention was being held clear on the other side of Dallas. They thereafter moved to the Marriott Hotel where they stayed all during the time they attended the conventions in Dallas. The first convention lasted three days and after that was over, it was immediately followed by a convention of the Pepsi-Cola Company which was held at the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

He said that the day of the assassination, he and Caviggia were having lunch at an unknown restaurant which he believed was located in the next block south from the Baker Hotel. He was just starting his salad when the waitress mentioned to them that the President had been shot. He said they were shocked and asked her what she meant and questioned her as to whether the President had been killed. She stated she did not know. Sometime later she came back and told them that the President had been killed.

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[Krutzner] stated that they were so upset, that they could not finish their lunch and so they left. They thereafter went back to the hotel where the convention was later terminated because of the assassination. He said that everyone was dumbfounded.

[Krutzner] advised that inasmuch as the convention had been terminated, they later took a taxi back to the Marriott Hotel. The route took them in the vicinity of the point where the President had been shot and the cab driver pointed out the school book warehouse from which the President was allegedly shot. He also tried to point out the window from which he thought the shot came. [Krutzner] advised that everything was so mixed up at the time that he could not "make heads or tails out of anything that was said".

[Krutzner] volunteered that he is a rabid Republican while [Fred Caviggia] is a staunch Democrat. He stated that this is the only point on which he and [Caviggia] do not get along. He said he did not know that the President was going to be in Dallas at that time until some time during the convention prior to the President's arrival when [Caviggia] mentioned it to him. He said that they were so busy with the convention details that they did not know about the Presidential Parade. He added that they probably would have gone to the parade if they had known there was going to be one. He estimated that at the time they were having lunch in the restaurant and learned of the assassination, he and [Caviggia] were five or six blocks from the place where the President had been shot.

[Krutzner] advised that he has never made any strong statements against the President or made any statements which could be considered a threat against him. He said he never heard anyone else make similar statements in Dallas or elsewhere. He also advised he had never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack L. Ruby prior to the time they received publicity in connection with the death of President Kennedy. He said he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning them or their activities. He indicated he has no official connections in Dallas other than the fact that his [daughter] attends a [nursing school] there.

On January 15, 1964, [Mr. Fred Caviggia, 208 West Hill,] Gallup, New Mexico, was also interviewed at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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He generally verified the information furnished by [Mr. Krutzner] as set forth above concerning their departure from Santa Rosa, New Mexico, en route to Dallas, Texas, in order to attend two conventions there. He stated that he and [Krutzner] do not agree politically, but advised that they were both having lunch at an unknown restaurant approximately one block south of the Baker Hotel when they learned of the President's assassination from the waitress. He said that just the two of them were having lunch and had been there approximately ten to fifteen minutes when they received the initial word of the assassination from the waitress. She told them that the President and the Governor had been shot, but did not know how bad it was. He said that a short time thereafter she told them that she had received the report that the President had been killed.

[Caviggia] said they returned to the Baker Hotel where the convention was being held and learned that the meeting was called off. They returned to the Marriott Hotel via taxi cab and the cab driver took the route which they had always taken. He stated they were passing by the warehouse from which the President had been shot and the cab driver pointed out the building to them. He said they could not get through the area inasmuch as it was all roped off and was being guarded by police officers, firemen, and other officials. He said the cab driver was pointing out what he thought was the floor and window from which the President was shot, however, there was so much confusion the cab driver was not certain of the location or events which occurred.

[Caviggia] advised that he does not recall hearing anyone make any statements which could possibly be construed as a threat against the President and specifically stated that he never heard [Otto Krutzner] make such a statement, even though they do not agree politically. He said he never heard of Jack L. Ruby or Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the time they received publicity in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.