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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

*assassination of
 President John
 F. Kennedy*

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Recent information in the press indicates Mr. James Richard Worrell will testify before the President's Commission at an early date.

As a result of this publicity, our Dallas Office received a telephone call on the evening of March 6, 1964, from Mr. James Elbert Romack. Mr. Romack stated on November 22, 1963, at the time President Kennedy was assassinated, he was in the immediate area to the rear of the Texas School Book Depository Building and saw no one leave the building. He therefore feels the story attributed to Mr. Worrell regarding his observing a man running from the rear of the above building is not factual.

On March 7, 1964, Mr. Romack was interviewed in detail concerning the above and he furnished substantially the same information. In addition, Mr. Romack stated he was with Sam Pate and "Pop" Rackley who allegedly can substantiate his statements. They are being interviewed by our Dallas Office. The results of these interviews, when available, will be promptly furnished to you.

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In view of the contemplated appearance of Mr. Worrell before the Commission, it is felt you should be aware of the above information.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE: Worrell, age 20, is quoted in the press as stating he was standing directly under windows from which the shots were fired at President Kennedy. He states he observed the rifle and at the third shot he commenced running from the area at which time he distinctly heard a "fourth shot." Worrell stated as he turned the corner where the Texas School Book Depository Building stands, he saw a man "dart" out the back door. Our investigation indicates three such shots were fired. We have not been previously advised of the appearance of Worrell before the President's Commission. When the necessary information is obtained, it will be furnished to the Commission.