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Dallas, Texas

April 9, 1964

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received "a couple of B's" in his senior year, and claimed that he received his IQ test in May 1963. ROWLAND also indicated that he had attended W. H. Adams High School and that his eyes were examined several months ago by a "firm of doctors" named FINN AND FINN, and that he had "much better than" 20-20 eyesight. ROWLAND also advised the President's Commission he had been accepted at Texas A&M, Rice and SMU. He also testified that he had taken special courses in sound and study of echo effects at Crozier Tech in Dallas, Texas, and that his instructor was SAM FOSTER.

On March 25, 1964, [REDACTED] Retail Merchants Credit Association, 2112 Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that a search of the files of this association failed to reflect any information concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND. Mrs. BELCHER stated she checked this name through their files under any possible different spelling and still failed to locate a record identifiable with this person.

On March 25, 1964, Mr. J. G. VICKERY, Identification Division, Dallas Police Department, advised he searched his department's files and failed to locate any record identifiable with ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND.

On March 25, 1964, Deputy Sheriff JAMES KITCHING, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, advised a check of the records of this agency failed to disclose any record concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND.

The indices of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect that, at approximately 8:30 P.M. on May 12, 1963, Mr. THOMAS RAY WALKER contacted this office and furnished the following information:

He stated that on Tuesday, May 7, 1963, his daughter, BARBARA FAYE WALKER, returned home from school and left with a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. LONNIE ROSSEAU. BARBARA left against the wishes of her mother. Mr. WALKER stated he knew his daughter

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and a boy by the name of ARNOLD ROWLAND, 2746 Brooklyn Street, Dallas, were planning to be married, and Mr. WALKER had heard they were going to run away to Arkansas to be married. He stated the couple his daughter left their home with lived at 3602 Mt. Pleasant Street, Dallas, Texas. Mr. WALKER stated he called the ROSSEAUS on May 11, 1963, and asked if they knew the present whereabouts of his daughter. He was advised the ROSSEAUS had merely picked her up and transported her to the residence of a lady living at 2746 Brooklyn Street, who was a relative of ARNOLD ROWLAND. Mr. WALKER stated he was of the opinion his daughter was in Arkansas and requested FBI assistance in locating her.

It is to be noted ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND's wife is BARBARA FAYE ROWLAND.

Mr. WILLIAM H. SHELLEY, Foreman, Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, on March 23, 1964, furnished the following information:

Mr. SHELLEY stated that in his capacity as foreman at the TSBD he was fully acquainted with all employees in the book section of this company. Mr. SHELLEY was furnished a description of the Negro male as furnished the President's Commission by ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND and, from the description, Mr. SHELLEY stated the only possible persons this description could fit employed by the TSBD or working in this building were TROY EUGENE WEST or EDDIE PIPER.

Mr. SHELLEY advised that TROY EUGENE WEST was employed by the TSBD as a mail wrapper and as such generally worked at the mail rack located on the first floor of the TSBD Building.

Mr. SHELLEY stated that EDDIE PIPER was employed as a janitor in the TSBD Building and generally came to work later than other employees, arriving at this building generally about 10:00 A.M. and working until about 7:00 P.M.

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Mr. SHELLEY advised he does not remember whether either of these employees wore a red and green shirt, very bright in color, on November 22, 1963, and does not remember either of these employees leaving the first floor of the TSBD Building on this date.

On March 23, 1964, Mr. EDDIE PIPER, 1507½ McCoy Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building, 411 Elm Street, and at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

Mr. PIPER voluntarily agreed to have his photograph taken and the following photographs were taken of him at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

1. Full-length full-face photograph
2. Left side full-length photograph
3. Right side full-length photograph

Mr. PIPER stated he was employed as a janitor for the TSBD and had been so employed for over five years. He stated he seldom worked on the sixth floor of the TSBD Building and did not go to this floor at any time on November 22, 1963.

Mr. PIPER stated at the time President KENNEDY was shot, he was eating lunch on the first floor of the TSBD Building and was near the southwest corner of this building looking out a window in an attempt to observe the Presidential motorcade. He stated he was alone at this time.

Mr. PIPER stated that on November 22, 1963, he did not own a red and green shirt and did not wear a red and green-colored shirt on this date. He advised he wore glasses at all times while working and only removed the glasses to sleep.

The following descriptive data was obtained through interrogation and observation:

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Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	January 23, 1908, Travis County, Texas
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Facial characteristics	Wears mustache; no scars or marks visible

On March 23, 1964, TROY EUGENE WEST, 5314 Colonial Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building, 411 Elm Street, and at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and furnished the following information:

Mr. WEST voluntarily agreed to have his photograph taken and photographs of him were obtained at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as follows:

1. A full-face full-length photograph
2. A left face full-length photograph
3. A right face full-length photograph

Mr. WEST stated he was employed at the TSBD as a mail wrapper and as such generally worked at the mail rack located on the first floor of the TSBD Building. He advised in addition to his duties as a mail wrapper he made coffee for the employees working for the TSBD. He advised on November 22, 1963, he worked at the mail rack on the first floor of the TSBD Building and never left the first floor of this building on this date. He stated when he went to work on November 22, 1963, he prepared coffee as he usually does, and at the time President KENNEDY was shot on this date he was preparing another pot of coffee for the employees of this building. He advised he was alone at the time

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working at the coffee pot located on the first floor of the TSBD Building.

Mr. WEST stated he did not own a red and green-colored shirt and had never worn such a shirt to work.

The following descriptive data was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	March 11, 1907, Leon County, Texas
Height	5'9½"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Facial characteristics	Wears mustache, no visible scars or marks

On March 23, 1964, [REDACTED]
W. H. Adamson High School, 9th and Beckley Streets, Dallas, Texas,
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that a review of High School Pupil's Permanent Record, Dallas Independent School District, reflects that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was last residing at 1604 Carson Street, Dallas, Texas, and was born at Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 2, 1945. He entered the Dallas Independent School District from Salem, Oregon. These records further reflect that ARNOLD's father was ARNOLD PATRICK ROWLAND, and his mother's maiden name was BERTIE M. BROWN and her last known name was Mrs. CLYDE TIDMORE.

These records reflect that ROWLAND was given an IQ test in 1959 and scored [REDACTED] on this test. In addition to the IQ test, ROWLAND was given the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

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in the spring of 1963 and scored 127 on this test. [redacted] stated this test was given in two parts throughout the United States and those scoring sufficiently high grades on the first examination were subsequently given a second examination. He stated ROWLAND did not score sufficiently high on the first examination to qualify him to take the second examination. A third test, Iowa Test of Educational Development, was administered to ROWLAND while at Adamson High School and he scored in the 94 percentile group on this examination.

[redacted] stated that Dallas Independent School District does not use a numerical system of rating students. He furnished the following ratings given by this school district:

- A - Excellent
- B - Good
- C - Fair
- D - Poor
- E - Poor Passing
- F - Failure
- G - Bad Failure

[redacted] advised the records of this school district reflect the following grades for ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND:

School	Adamson		Term			Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
	Session	1959	1st	2nd	3rd				
Subject	Class		Report						
English	1					E	E	1/2	ROCHETT
Elementary Civics		B	B	B	B	B	B	1/2	REEVES
Algebra	1			C	C	C	C	1/2	WAITS
General Science	1					C	C	1/2	HEAD
Date of Entrance 1-18-60									

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School Crozier Tech

Session 1960 Term Spring

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	2	C	B	B	C	B	1/2	EWING
Algebra	2	E	E	C	A	D	1/2	DENSON
Spanish	1	F	E	F	F	F	no	MALLOW
General Science	2	E	F	E	C	E	1/2	FOSTER
Radio	1	E	A	C	D	C	1/2	CANNON
High School Information Military						D	1/4	MOSES
Absent		9	8	8				
Date of Entrance 2-1-60								

School Crozier Tech

Session 1960 Term Fall

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	3	C	B	B	B	B	1/2	COLE
Geometry	1	B	A	A	A	A	1/2	COLE ILL.
Mechanical Drawing	2	B	A	A	A	A	1/2	J. MURRAY
Radio	2	A	A	A	B	A	1/2	CANNON
Typewriting	1	B	A	B	B	B	1/2	YOAKUM
Physical Education						A	1/8	QUESENBERRY
Absent		3	2	1				
Date of Entrance 9-7-60								

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Session 1961 Term Spring

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	4	B	D	A	B	B	1/2	EWING
History (World)	1	A	B	C	A	B	1/2	BROWN
Geometry	2	A	B	A	A	A	1/2	DENSON
Radio	3	B	A	A	C	B	1/2	CANNON
Typewriting	2	B	C	B	B	B	1/2	YOAKUM
Physical Education						B	1/8	QUESENBERRY
Absent		5	7	7				
Date of Entrance 1-30-61								

School Adamson

Session 1961 Term Fall

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	5	C	C	D	E	D	1/2	CHAPPELL
History	7	C	C	E	C	D	1/2	ROBBINS
Algebra	3			A	C	B	1/2	WINS
Chemistry	1			D	F	E	1/2	TILE
Physical Education						B	1/8	HALLMARK
Absent				5				
Date of Entrance 12-11-61								

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[redacted] advised that ROWLAND had enrolled for the spring session of the 1962 class, but was dropped on March 19, 1962, for non-attendance of classes. He also enrolled for the fall term of the 1962 session, but was dropped on December 8, 1962, for non-attendance. No grades or credits for any classes were given ROWLAND during these two terms because of the lack of attendance:

School Crozier Tech

Session 1963 Term Spring

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	8	D	C					RAYNES
World History	2	B	A					REGELSKY
Geometry	3	F	A					COWGILL
Photography	1	C	C					MURRAY
Physics	2	F	F					FOSTER
Physical Education								QUESENBERRY
Absent		13		3				Dropped 3-18-63

School Crozier Tech

Session 1963 Term Fall

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	7	C					No Credit	
Civics	3	B					No Credit	
Algebra	4	F					No Credit	
Public Speaking	5	A					No Credit	
								Dropped 11-21-63

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[redacted] advised that his records reflect ROWLAND attended Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas, during an unknown period of time, probably during the spring or fall term of the 1962 school year. Topeka High School transferred 1/2 credit for History 8 and 1/8 credit for Phys. Ed., to the Dallas Independent School District for ROWLAND.

[redacted] stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was refused admittance into the Adamson High School for the spring session of 1963 because of his past record at this school. ROWLAND applied for admission at N. R. Crozier Technical High School for this session after being refused admission at Adamson High School and attended Crozier Tech for a short time during 1963.

[redacted] stated that Adamson High School offered no special sound courses and to his knowledge neither did Crozier Tech. He stated he could not imagine any course of study in any of the high schools of the Dallas Independent School District doing research or special work in sound and study of echo effects.

[redacted] stated he had two students accepted by Rice Institute out of the entire class graduating in 1963. These students learned they had been accepted by Rice about two weeks prior to graduation from high school and both students were outstanding in citizenship and scholastic accomplishments. He stated he seriously doubted that Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, or Rice Institute had accepted ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND for admission into the respective institutes inasmuch as he has not graduated from an accredited high school in the State of Texas.

[redacted] advised he had counseled ROWLAND while he was attending Adamson High School on various occasions because of his absenteeism from this school. He stated he learned from contact with ROWLAND that he (ROWLAND) would not hesitate to fabricate a story if it were of any benefit for ROWLAND to do so. [redacted] gave as an example an incident that occurred while

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ROWLAND was attending Adamsen High School. ROWLAND drove a Volkswagen automobile to school and on occasions parked in the teachers' parking area. This Volkswagen automobile was repossessed by a finance company one afternoon during school hours and after school ROWLAND reported [redacted] that his car had been stolen. He asked [redacted] what action he was going to take regarding the theft and [redacted] advised him that since it was his (ROWLAND's) car he should report it to the police and that he was welcome to use the school telephone to make this report. ROWLAND used the telephone briefly and then left [redacted] office. [redacted] stated he thought the conversation was very short for such an incident and, therefore, he [redacted] called the Dallas Police Department Auto Theft Bureau and asked if they had received a report from anyone at Adamsen High School reporting the theft of a vehicle. [redacted] stated he was advised that the Police Department was aware that a finance company in Dallas was repossessing a Volkswagen from this school's parking lot but that there was no theft and they had received no calls from ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND or anyone else at the school concerning the Volkswagen.

[redacted] stated ROWLAND was not a problem student in that he caused trouble or agitated other students, but he did request almost on a daily basis special privileges and seemed to have the attitude that he was superior to most of the teachers and all other students. [redacted] stated he advised the Secret Service Agents attempting to locate ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND just prior to his appearance before the President's Commission that anything ROWLAND might tell the President's Commission would be questionable. He stated he so informed the Secret Service Agents based on his past experience with ROWLAND.

On March 23, 1964, [redacted] N. R. Crozier Technical High School, Bryan and Live Oak Streets, Dallas, advised this school had no records concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND, although he did attend this school. [redacted] advised that all records pertaining to ROWLAND had been transferred to the W. H. Adamsen High School, 2th and Beckley Streets, Dallas. He

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stated [REDACTED], Crozier Tech, had counseled ROWLAND and [REDACTED] would be able to furnish firsthand information concerning his veracity and reputation.

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[REDACTED] stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND took no special courses in sound and study of echo effects at Crozier Tech while attending this school.

On March 24, 1964, [REDACTED] Dallas, was interviewed at the Fairland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] stated he was a teacher of physics at Crozier Technical High School in Dallas and had been so employed for over twenty years. He stated he remembers that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was a student at Crozier Technical High School, having transferred to this school from Adanson High School in Dallas. [REDACTED] stated that ROWLAND attended the spring session of his physics class as a regular student during the 1963 term. He advised that this was the regular classic physics class taught in regular high schools throughout the State of Texas and was not any special course or class. [REDACTED] stated that part of the subject matter covered in this class was a section on sound, but this was a

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very basic study and in no way consisted of special study of sound and echo effects. [REDACTED] stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND took no special course from him, nor was he enrolled in any special class studying sound and echo effects. He stated that ROWLAND did not pass the regular physics course at Crozier Technical High School.

On March 24, 1964, [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, advised that a check of the records of this institution failed to disclose any information pertaining to ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND. She advised that if ROWLAND had applied for admission to this institution, she would have a record of the application and a file concerning ROWLAND. She further advised that ROWLAND could not have been accepted by Southern Methodist University without first having graduated from an accredited high school in the State of Texas or from a high school outside the state and completing Southern Methodist University examinations for admittance. She stated that in no event could ROWLAND have gained admittance to this University without a high school transcript which had not been filed with this University.

On March 24, 1964, [REDACTED] Finn and Finn-Optometrists, Fidelity Union Tower Building, 1507 Pacific, Dallas, Texas, advised that a check of the records of this firm covering the past fifteen years fails to reflect any information indicating that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND had ever been examined by this firm. [REDACTED] advised that a record is kept on each patient examined and had ROWLAND been examined, his name would be in the files of this firm.

[REDACTED] stated he was at a loss to explain how his firm's name had been obtained by ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND, but stated that his firm was housed in a central location in Dallas and was generally known by most residents of this city.



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