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

On July 29, 1964, the following Western Union Telegram from Shirley Martin, Hominy, Oklahoma, was addressed to James Lee Rankin, care Warren Commission, Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C.: "Allan Cromley, Washington Bureau, Daily Oklahoma, can testify to Ruby's presence Parkland Hospital."

By letter dated August 11, 1964, J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) a copy of the telegram received from Shirley Martin and requested the conducting of appropriate investigation to determine whether or not Mr. Allan Cromley has any information of value to the Commission.

On August 17, 1964, Mr. Allan W. Cromley, Washington Representative for the "Oklahoma City Times" and the "Daily Oklahoman," was interviewed in his office, Room 905, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., by a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. Cromley recalled on November 22, 1963, he was in Dallas, Texas, covering the trip of President Kennedy as a newspaper reporter. He stated at the time word was received that President Kennedy had been shot he was at the auditorium expecting momentarily the arrival of President Kennedy where he was to make a speech.

Mr. Cromley stated that he and a number of reporters left the auditorium and proceeded immediately to the Parkland Memorial Hospital. Later at the hospital he and other reporters received the word of President Kennedy's death.

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Mr. Crowley stated that he did not know Jack L. Ruby, at the time of President Kennedy's death, had not previously known of or had seen Ruby and would not have known him if he had seen him at the Parkland Hospital.

As an explanation as to Shirley Martin having information that Mr. Crowley could testify as to Ruby's presence at the Parkland Hospital, Mr. Crowley recalled a series of articles appearing in the "Oklahoma City Times" captioned, "The Plot to Kill a President." Mr. Crowley stated that this series of articles was prepared by Jim Standard and Staff Writers. The information for this series was furnished by a number of newspaper correspondents. Chapter Seven of this series which appeared in the "Oklahoma City Times" on Saturday, December 21, 1963, mentions that Jack L. Ruby was at the Parkland Memorial Hospital. Mr. Crowley recalled that information had been received from Mr. Seth Kantor, a Scripts-Howard Newspaper Correspondent, presently covering the White House in Washington, D. C., that he, Mr. Kantor, had personally observed Ruby at the Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963. Mr. Crowley stated that Mr. Kantor was formerly a reporter for the "Dallas Times Herald" from approximately 1960 to 1962 and had personal knowledge of Jack Ruby prior to the assassination of the President. Texas

Mr. Crowley feels that Shirley Martin knew that Crowley had been in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and possibly read the series of articles in the "Oklahoma City Times" describing Ruby's presence at the hospital. He feels that Shirley Martin made the statement regarding Crowley's knowledge of Ruby's presence at the hospital due to these facts.