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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

On March 29, 1967, Keith Elba Murphy, aged 27, 302 East Oak Street, Winslow, Arizona, where he is employed as a brakeman for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, was contacted and he advised as follows:

He was not acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald nor does he know anyone who was personally associated with Oswald. He knows absolutely nothing concerning the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy other than what he has obtained through various news media. He does not have any photograph of himself with Oswald or any other individual. He explained he knows no one by the name of "Mugger" or "Mucker"; however, he was in the U. S. Army with a fellow (first name unknown) last name Rucker who was an expert shot with a rifle. As he recalls, Rucker was not from New Orleans, Louisiana, nor was Rucker acquainted with Oswald to his knowledge. The only photographs he has of Oswald are newspaper and magazine clippings he has collected.

He explained that he is an avid outdoorsman and gun enthusiast and being left handed also holds his firearm on the left side. He is intrigued with the fact that Oswald, who was also left handed, is also depicted in his photograph as carrying or holding a firearm on his right side. This has also puzzled him, particularly, since Oswald was reportedly well qualified in the use of firearms. He has engaged in numerous discussions with his associates concerning this point and displayed his newspaper clippings of Oswald holding a gun to emphasize this fact.

He was serving in the United States Army continuously from May 20, 1963 through April 17, 1965, and received an honorable discharge. He has Serial Number US 54 339 593.

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On March 29, 1967, Deputy Sergeant Jack Murray, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, Winslow, Arizona, advised he has known Murphy since he was about 15 years of age, and that Murphy grew up and attended schools in the Winslow-Holbrook area. Murphy does not have any criminal record of any kind in Navajo County and is considered a reliable and reputable individual in the community. Deputy Murray said Murphy has been employed as a brakeman for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad in Winslow since 1959, except for an interim period when he served in the United States Army.

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