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On October 25, 1967, Mr. Clarence A, Pelton was interviewed at his home, 101 Collin Street, Saginaw, Texas. He stated that he has a residence telephone number 817=CE2-0564 and is temporarily unemployed, residing with his parents.

At this point, Mr. Pelton was asked for any information in his possession concerning a note set out in a small address book located at Houston, Texas, which stated as follows:

"ORDE 1003468-DS

"Contact X-03 AT TA7-0438, Bockman Lake outpost. Return jet will leave at 8:05 AM Nov. 22 after the job is done. President will take same route as J.F.K. I am to be under viadockt at 12 noon with gun."

Nr. Pelton stated very emphatically that he had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the above described note and furthermore, he has never had any small address book, possibly used by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in his possession. He went on to state that the wording in the note is entirely unfamiliar to him and that he has never known anyone by the name of Irick. He stated that he has spent considerable time in Houston, Texas; however, he has never known anyone employed with the Universal Underwriters Insurance Co. nor has he ever been employed with the Allied Van Lines.

Pelton then stated that during the last 10 years he has resided primarily in Houston, Texas, but some of the time in Dallas. He indicated that during 1962 he was employed at Texas Instruments, Dallas, Texas, for a very short period of time. He stated he then went to Houston where he was employed by the Dickerson Company during 1963, and by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Houston during the period 1963 - 1964.

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Mr. Pelton then stated that telephone number TA 7-0438 did seem familiar to him. He went on to state that the name Clyde Vaughan is very familiar to him and he has known Mr. Clyde Vaughan and Mrs. Frances Vaughan for over ten years. Mr. Pelton explained that the way he came into contact with Clyde Vaughan was that during 1963 his sister (by adoption) Theda Schepps, was married for a very short time to Clyde Vaughan but that she was divorced within a year from him because of his continual drinking and cruelty. Mr. Pelton went on to state that Clyde Vaughan had physically beaten Theda Schepps on several occasions and he finally threatened Yaughan that if he did not leave Theda alone, he would "fix him." He stated that by this remark he meant that he would, if necessary, give Clyde Vaughan a severe beating, which he felt Vaughan deserved. He stated after the divorce, however, his sister Theda Schepps realized that Clyde Vaughan was possibly mentally ill and she learned through friends of hers that he had allegedly committed himself as a patient in the Psychiatric Ward in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Waco, Texas. Mr. Pelton went on to state that Vaughan when sober is a very personable individual but when he is drunk, he becomes extremely belligerent and has a quick temper. He stated that he vaguely recalls that in the past-Vaughan told him (while married to Theda Schepps) that if he needed to contact him, he could always be reached through telephone number TA 7-0438, which was the telephone number of his former wife, Frances Vaughan.

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Mr. Pelton then stated that he did not wish to imply that he had any knowledge that Clyde Yaughan wrote the above described note, but that inasmuch as Clyde Vaughan did have access to the telephone number, and in view of his history of mental illness, he did not think it impossible that Clyde Vaughan might have written this note while drunk. He did not think, however, that Vaughan would have written it in any vicious manner but instead probably wrote it while he was extremely drunk as a joke. He again stated he had no knowledge whatsoever of the identity of the writer of the note and he has no information that Clyde Vaughan wrote this note. He stated he merely wanted to give his opinion that it would be highly possible for Vaughan to have written the note.

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