

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

individual crossed Houston Street to the side opposite of the TSBD when he got about even with the northeast corner of the TSBD. He stated this individual continued across Houston Street and proceeded east along the railroad tracks next to the building directly across Houston Street from the TSBD.

Mr. Pate stated this individual, to his knowledge, did not stop or look back. He stated this individual was definitely not Lee Harvey Oswald because he saw Oswald at the Dallas Police Station that night.

Mr. Pate was exhibited the March 6, 1964, edition of the "Dallas Times Herald" newspaper where on Page 1 there appears a photograph of James Richard Worrell. Mr. Pate stated he could not say whether the individual he saw running was Worrell, but was positive it was not Oswald.

Mr. Pate stated he talked with numerous people in the area about what happened, but does not recall the identities of any of them as there was considerable commotion. Mr. Pate stated, however, he feels positive no one came out of the rear door of the TSBD. He stated he had a conversation on the night of March 9, 1963, with Josh Dowdell, Jr., who was with him at the TSBD on November 22, 1963, and that Dowdell told him he could not recall the individual that was seen running across the street and did not even know what he looked like.

Mr. Pate stated he was dismissed from his employment by KBOX Radio Station on November 23, 1963, due to a cut in personnel. He stated that there is a 33 1/3 rpm long-playing record album entitled, "Four Days That Shock The World", which has been put on the market by UPI and Colpix Records, which allegedly contains the actual news tape coverage by Mr. Pate, as well as other newsmen on the day of November 22, 1963. Mr. Pate stated he wished to make it known that the majority of his portion on this tape is not an authentic one, but was a tape that he was asked to make several days after he was dismissed from KBOX Radio Station.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

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 62-109060-2649

March 18, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 10, 1964, relating to information in the press indicating Mr. James Richard Worrell would testify before the President's Commission. In this letter you were advised that as a result of this publicity Mr. James Elbert Romack contacted our Dallas Office and took exception to the statements attributed to Mr. Worrell in the press. Referenced letter advised when the results of interviews with Mr. Romack and two other individuals were received you would be furnished the details.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Dallas Office dated March 13, 1964, incorporating the results of interviews with Mr. Romack, Mr. George W. Rackley, Sr., and Mr. Samuel Mack Pate.

No further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE:

Worrell, age 20, was quoted in the press as stating he heard "four" shots and while running from the assassination scene observed a man "dart" out the back doorway of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Worrell subsequently furnished testimony to this effect before the Commission according to the press. It is to be noted the Commission did not advise us of the contemplated testimony or the actual testimony of Worrell. Bulet 3/10/64 advised the Commission Dallas had received information from Romack that he and two others were at the rear of the above building and saw no one leave. Commission was advised when Romack and the two other individuals were thoroughly interviewed the results would be furnished. Enclosed letterhead memorandum reiterates statements made by Romack and he is substantially corroborated by the two other men. Our investigation has established only three shots were fired. The furnishing of this information to the Commission completes our commitment in this particular matter. Worrell has been previously interviewed by the Bureau and furnished the same information as set out above. This information has been previously furnished to the Commission.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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March 18, 1964

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*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 1964, requesting a transcript of all radio transmissions from local and state police capable of being received in Dallas, Texas, from November 22, 1963, to November 24, 1963.

For your information our Dallas Office has advised the Texas State Police transcript has been obtained. The Dallas Police Department is in the process of compiling the desired information and contemplates having this material completed by March 19, 1964. The Dallas County Sheriff's Office will be unable to commence this project until March 19, 1964, in view of the recent trial of Jack L. Ruby, but expects to have the desired information available by March 25, 1964.

This matter is being followed on a daily basis by our Dallas Office and when all of the desired material is obtained, it will be promptly furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 62-109060
- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

NOTE: This is being closely followed by the Bureau and when the material is obtained it will be promptly furnished to the Commission as indicated.

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Date: 3/9/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (89-41) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
F. KENNEDY; DALLAS, TEXAS

11/22/63

AFO

OO: Dallas

RE: Complaint of GEORGE HENRY DAVIS,
Pueblo Army Depot, Pueblo, Colorado,
concerning alleged confederate connections
between [MICHAEL JOHN BEZEK, SR.] Pueblo
Army Depot employee, Pueblo, Colorado, and
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Enclosed to the Bureau are original plus five
carbon copies of letterhead memo (a) setting forth data
volunteered to SA ALVIN D. HEWITT on the late afternoon
of 3/5/64 by GEORGE HENRY DAVIS, 415 Broadway, employee,
Pueblo Army Depot, Pueblo, Colorado, alleging [MICHAEL J.
BEZEK, SR., of 1326 Constitution Road] employee, Pueblo
Army Depot, Pueblo, Colorado, to have been an admitted
confederate of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the assassination of
President KENNEDY, plus (b) denials of such allegations
by [MICHAEL JOHN BEZEK, SR.], on 3/6/64 to SA E. WILLIAM
TRAINOR and SA ALVIN D. HEWITT, plus (c) Pueblo Army
Depot personnel file data regarding DAVIS, and (d) Pueblo
Army Depot personnel file data regarding BEZEK.

One copy of such letterhead memo is enclosed to
the Dallas Division, along with 25 copies each of FD-302's
covering interviews of (a) DAVIS, (b) [BEZEK,] (c) DAVIS's
personnel file data, and (d) BEZEK's personnel file data.

- 3 - Bureau (105-82555) (Enc. 5) (AM)
- 2 - Dallas (89-43) Enc. 10112 (AM)
- 2 - Denver (89-41)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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MAR 19 1964

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Attention of the Bureau is directed to the fact
DAVIS stated he was delinquent in contacting the FBI, Pueblo,
Colorado, for the reason he had promptly reported identical
allegations regarding BEZEK in separate letters addressed to
Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, Governor JOHN CONNALLY of
Texas, and to J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, FBI, Washington,
D. C., and had not received acknowledgements for any such
letters.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado
March 7, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

REC-524-01-558
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Rugby

GEORGE HENRY DAVIS

On the late afternoon of March 5, 1964, George Henry Davis, 415 Broadway, telephone 544-8473, Pueblo, Colorado, advised that he desired to provide information concerning confederate connections between [Michael J. Bezek, Pueblo Army Depot employee, Pueblo, Colorado, a resident of [1326 Constitution Road, Pueblo, Colorado, and Lee Harvey Oswald concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Davis described himself as being an employee of the Pueblo Army Depot for the past 17 years and as being presently assigned to the Maintenance Division, Tank Section, Building 547, Pueblo, Colorado.

Davis related that he was delinquent in reporting this matter to the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the reason that he had promptly reported identical allegations by letters directed to Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Governor John Connally of Texas, and J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. He stated that he was presently repeating such allegations as he had not received acknowledgements to any such letters.

Davis continued that on November 26, 1964, he was in the PX at the Pueblo Army Depot and overheard a conversation between [Michael J. Bezek] and a fellow employee unknown to him wherein [Bezek] made the following statements:

"What do you think of President Kennedy now? I had a good talk with Lee Oswald on November 17, 1963. Oswald asked me if I wanted to take on the job with him. I said I did. There was nothing to the job. It went over smooth."

Davis continued that inasmuch as he had occasion to see [Bezek] in the Machine Shop, Building 522, on the Depot that he had placed significance in the remarks of [BEZEK] inasmuch as he recalled that "[Bezek] took sick leave on November 20, 21, and 22, 1963" and did not return to work until Tuesday, November 26, 1963.

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Davis related that he had not previously known [Bezek] very well and had never had any difficulties with him. He stated that he was reporting the matter since "I still have pictures of President Kennedy and his little boy, and I look at them daily and am still all broken up over his murder. I loved him and would do anything to avenge his murder." Davis explained that he had served as a Military Policeman in the United States Army under Army serial number 17091501 in 1942 and 1943 and had thereafter served as a guard at the Colorado State Penitentiary in 1944 to 1947 prior to becoming employed at the Pueblo Army Depot.

Davis then continued that he has been on sick leave since February 10, 1964, and has been attended by Doctor J. H. Hite for internal medicine problems ever since. He stated he felt that some of his medical problems were brought on by worry inasmuch as on several occasions prior to his having taken sick leave, he noted [Bezek] looking at him "with his eyes being like balls of fire" and had heard a rumor that [Bezek] did not like him and felt that [Bezek] would like to attack him. He stated that he felt [Bezek] might be a Communist and that there might be a "whole bunch of Communists at the Depot." He stated he could not identify any specific persons other than [Bezek] who he felt might be Communists and could not explain his basis for believing that "[Bezek] and the whole bunch" might be Communists apart from "feeling they are."

Davis then displayed a .38 caliber revolver which he was wearing in a holster under his coat and stated he had a Deputy Sheriff's commission to carry such gun, and that he was carrying it for his protection.

Davis described himself as being born July 27, 1903 at Rugby, Colorado.

Davis described Bezek as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	30 to 40 years
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Black

Davis further described [Bezek] as a machinist, as being from New Jersey, wearing shell rimmed glasses, and as having the general appearance and "looking like a Russian."

Davis described the unknown fellow employee to whom [Bezek] had addressed his remarks as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Approximately 28 to 29 years
Height	5 feet 5 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark brown
Employment	Has been employed at the Pueblo Army Depot for some time

Davis concluded that he was reporting the above information as a matter of patriotic duty. [Michael J. Bezek]

On March 6, 1964, [Michael John Bezek, Sr., of 1326 Constitution Road, Pueblo, Colorado, advised that he had been employed by the Pueblo Army Depot, Pueblo, Colorado, since July 30, 1962, and had previously worked continuously for the Government at Belle Mead, New Jersey, and other installations since 1949. He stated that he had served in the United States Navy Reserve under serial number 811-23-01 from 1943 through 1946. La

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[Bezek] related that he was on sick leave on November 20, 21, and 22, 1963 and as a matter of fact, was at the office of Doctor Robert Redwine of Pueblo, Colorado, being treated for a virus infection about noon of November 22, 1963, when the nurse came in and said that President Kennedy had been shot. [Bezek] stated that he was deeply shocked and listened to the subsequent events on his car radio while en route home and after arriving home, first learned that President Kennedy had died. He stated that during the remainder of that day, and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, which was a holiday, that he followed all of the nationally televised events concerning President Kennedy's assassination and burial.

[Bezek] specifically denied that he had any knowledge of Oswald apart from that gained through television and press services, stated that he had never been in contact with Oswald and had no indirect contacts. He stated he had never been in Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas, but had once visited New Orleans, Louisiana.

[Bezek] specifically denied that he had ever stated that he had talked to Oswald on November 17, 1963 or any other time, or that he had ever commented regarding the assassination events. He stated that he considered President Kennedy to have been on a par with President Roosevelt and as being one of the great presidents and regards his assassination as a real tragedy.

He advised that he had made expressions that he considered "It was a shame that Ruby shot Oswald and closed his mouth so that the real story would never be known from Oswald." [Bezek] stated he was deeply religious and had no recollection as to his specific activities on Sunday, November 17, 1963, although in following normal procedures, that he would have attended church on Sunday morning and spent the remainder of the day at his residence.

On March 6, 1964, [James W. Sands] Personnel Officer, Pueblo Army Depot, advised that personnel data reflects the following data for [Michael John Bezek, Sr.]:

Current address	1326 Constitution Road Pueblo, Colorado
Payroll number	12486
Social Security No.	153-18-0568
Birth date	November 1, 1921,
Birth place	Dunellen, New Jersey
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	205 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black, graying
Military service	United States Navy, serial number 81123-01 June 29, 1943 - April 18, 1946
Veterans Administration number	C-10996-095
Wife	Mary Ann Connacchione Born August 30, 1921 Bound Brook, New Jersey

[Bezek] was appointed August 8, 1949 to Federal assignment at Belle Mead, New Jersey, subsequently transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Brunswick, New Jersey, to Raritan Arsenal, New Jersey, and transferred from there to Pueblo Army Depot, July 30, 1962. His current rating is machinist, W-11.

He was previously employed by Ford Motor Company, GMC, Western Electric, and Bound Brook Oil Company.

[Mr. Sands] related that [Bezek] is reflected as having taken one day annual leave on November 8, 1963, and as having been absent on sick leave on November 20, 21, and 22, 1963.

[Mr. Sands] stated that [Bezek's] personnel file contains no adverse, derogatory, or disloyal data.

On March 6, 1964, [James W. Sands] Personnel Officer, Pueblo Army Depot, advised that personnel files contain the following data for George H. Davis:

Payroll number	6939
Social Security No.	534-09-5552
Residence	415 Broadway Pueblo, Colorado
Birth date	January 27, 1903
Birth place	Rugby, Colorado
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
Military Service	United States Army as Military Policeman, serial number 17091501 1942 - 1943

Davis was employed as a guard at the Colorado State Penitentiary October, 1944 to January, 1947. He was appointed as Federal employee, Pueblo Army Depot, August 19, 1947. His current rating is Grade WBO8, Step 3, assigned to Depot maintenance.

[Sands] stated that no adverse, derogatory, or disloyal data appeared regarding Davis.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

March 18, 1964

Airtel

To: SAC, Denver (89-41)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) — 2651

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

Re your airtel dated 3/9/64 concerning complaint of George Henry Davis, Pueblo Army Depot, Pueblo, Colorado.

Concerning the referenced airtel with accompanying letterhead memorandum, for your information, the Bureau did not receive a letter from Davis. However, Bureau files reveal that a letter was written by Davis addressed to the Attorney General dated January 13, 1964, which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Criminal Division of the Department. A copy of this letter and envelope are enclosed.

In addition to this letter, Bureau files also reveal an additional letter from Davis dated March 3, 1948, the substance of which requested the Director to come see him personally regarding Davis' knowledge of a gang of murderers. Davis indicated his stepson was one of the murderers and his stepson had killed a girl. Davis claimed he had been calling the Sheriff's Office in Colorado Springs regarding this matter and he received no help. Davis also claimed, "I also took it up with some of your men in Pueblo, Colorado." Due to the nature of the 1948 communication no action or acknowledgment was rendered. In connection with the letter to the Attorney General, he specifically requested "please don't write me because someone watches me. We must be very careful."

In connection with the additional information contained in your letterhead memorandum, you are instructed to conduct the following investigation:

Enclosures (2)

1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enclosures 2)

- Tolson _____
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Airtel to Denver
Re: Assassination of President
John F. Kennedy

Ascertain through your source whether [Michael J. Bezek] made any long-distance toll calls to Dallas during the period preceding the assassination through November 26. Also verify if [Bezek] was at the doctor's office on November 22, 1963, being treated as claimed.

You are instructed to conduct additional investigation through reliable sources and obtain any data which would reflect on Davis' reliability or mental stability. Your indices should be reviewed, noting Davis' comment regarding furnishing information to "some of your men in Pueblo, Colorado."

Submit a revised letterhead memorandum incorporating the requested additional investigation and also include transcription of the enclosed letter which was addressed to the Attorney General. When reporting results of telephone inquiries, utilize appropriate phraseology to protect source. If your indices reveal additional data concerning Davis, which would be pertinent, revealing any possible instability, this should also be incorporated.

If your inquiries establish any information concerning mental instability concerning Davis, disseminate only this information to the Sheriff's Office as it is noted in your letterhead memorandum Davis displayed a .38 caliber revolver he was wearing and stated he had a Deputy Sheriff's commission to carry this weapon.

For your additional information, when submitting letterhead memoranda to the Bureau concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, delete the property stamp. Prepare 25 copies of a revised insert and furnish to Dallas. Your transmittal communication should carry the above caption and Bureau file number.

Denver is instructed to act promptly concerning this matter.

NOTE:

Denver airtel contained letterhead memoranda in which Davis related he was delinquent in reporting this matter to the Denver Office but he had furnished identical allegations by letters directed to the Attorney General, Governor John Connally of Texas and the Director. He was repeating such allegations as he had not received acknowledgements to these letters. Bureau files do not reveal the receipt of a letter from Davis but one forwarded to us from the Department. It appears Davis' mental stability is questionable. Due to the nature of his letter he specifically requested no acknowledgement.

Denver has been requested to conduct additional investigation and submit supplemental letterhead memorandum and appropriate inserts to Dallas to resolve allegations. This supplemental memorandum will subsequently be furnished to the President's Commission.

Jan a - Elk. ^{711 96} Pueblo Colo
Jan 13. 1964

Dear Bro Robert Kennedy

Bro Kennedy here something you
know. I am writing you to let you
know about the killer of your Bro
on Nov 22. Oswald was not the
only killer. He is most alive today
here in Colorado. I no where is
working at the Pueblo Army Depot
Robert please dont trust no one
out there no not any one out there
just have your officers or FBI see
me only just call for my pay roll
6939 at the tank shop because
my life is in danger they are
keeping a eye on me every day
the killer has a body guard
with him there armed all times
if they get wind of it that I
am reporting this they would
kill me right now so

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We must be very careful about this
whole thing no act at once
I'll tell all I heard the killer
say. I am key danger from
my wife life. I would like to
get away from Colorado after
this is taken care of also
I hope help our Country by
getting the killer just at the
Public Army Depot for my
pay number 6939. they find
me there anytime please
don't write me because
someone catch of on. We
must be very careful on
this

Geo H Davis
6939
Public Army Depot
Wash D.C. Bless your
all

H. H. Dawro
415 Broadway
Pueblo Colo



U.S. Atty Gen Robert F Kennedy
Washington D. D.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

200 Maryland Ave. NE.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

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MAR 6 1964

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to our previous letter dated February 21, 1964, requesting investigation of the publication by Life Magazine and various newspapers of a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald shown with a rifle and revolver.

During his appearance before the Commission on Thursday, February 27, 1964, Mr. James H. Martin was questioned regarding this matter. Among other things, Mr. Martin stated as follows:

"Mr. Martin. Life Magazine purchased the rights, North American rights on a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald with a rifle and pistol, primarily for their use on a cover issue.

"Mr. Dulles. That is what appeared on the recent cover issue, I guess, it was two weeks ago.

"Mr. Martin. Yes, sir.

"Now, that \$5,000 has been paid. We have the \$5,000 in an escrow account.

"Mr. Redlich. Did you actually have in your possession the photograph, a copy of which appeared on the cover of Life Magazine?

"Mr. Martin. No.

"Mr. Redlich. Could you tell us how this contract was consummated, in view of the fact that Life Magazine apparently printed on its cover a photograph which you never possessed?

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"Mr. Martin. They knew the photographs belonged to Marina. They have a common law copyright, and the only way they could legally use the film is to purchase the rights from Marina.

"Mr. Redlich. Did Life Magazine indicate to you where they obtained the photograph?

"Mr. Martin. No.

"Mr. Redlich. Have you had conversations with other publications concerning that photograph?

"Mr. Martin. Yes. I made the contact with the London Daily Mirror for the purchase of the British Commonwealth rights on that same photograph, and they guaranteed \$2200 plus 50-50 split on what they sold in the Commonwealth. It was restricted to the Commonwealth only.

"However, the London Daily Mail came out with the photograph prior to the Mirror, and I was informed by Mr. Weggand of the London Daily Express that the Detroit Free Press had sold this photograph to the London Daily Mail for \$500.

"Mr. Redlich. Do you have any idea how the Detroit Free Press obtained this photograph?

"Mr. Martin. No. I talked to Ken Murray, who I was informed was the attorney for the Detroit Free Press.

"Mr. Redlich. Where did you talk to him?

"Mr. Martin. At his home in Detroit.

"Mr. Redlich. By phone?

"Mr. Martin. By telephone. And he stated that the photograph was public property, and not covered under common law copyright. I asked him where he got the photo, and he said he got it at the same place as Life did, through a leak in the Commission. I talked to Life Magazine attorney -- I can't remember his name. It is a very odd name. It begins with an 'S'. Now, Murray said that Life had informed him that they had gotten it from a leak through the Commission, and I contacted Life and he denied saying anything of the sort to Murray.

"However, Murray insisted that that is where he got that and he figured it was public domain."

I would appreciate your interviewing Mr. Murray regarding this matter and conducting any further investigation you consider appropriate.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Date: 3/23/64

Transmit the following in _____
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~~Via AIRTEL~~ AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060)
Attention: INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY
FROM SAC DALLAS (100-10461)
SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bureau telephone call from Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY 3/23/64 requesting Bureau be advised of identities of individuals interviewed who were on the triple overpass on the date of the assassination.

There are enclosed herewith five copies each of the following-described documents bearing on the above request:

- Insert on interview with JAMES L. SIMMONS;
- FD-302 of JAMES L. SIMMONS; -
- FD-302 of WALTER LUKE WINBORN;
- FD-302 of NOLAN H. POTTER;
- FD-302 of CURTIS FREEMAN BISHOP;
- FD-302 of RICHARD CALVIN DODD;
- FD-302 of THOMAS J. MURPHY;
- FD-302 of STERLING MAYFIELD HOLLAND; -
- FD-302 of CLEMON EARL JOHNSON;
- FD-302 of EWELL WILLIAM COWSERT;
- FD-302 of GEORGE A. DAVIS.

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The results of the above-described interviews will be reflected in the next report submitted in the OSWALD-captioned case.

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2 - Dallas
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Letter to [unclear] of [unclear]

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Special Agent in Charge

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The following is a listing of interviews previously reported with respect to individuals on or near the triple underpass on the date of the assassination:

November 30, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
43 ✓	LEE E. BOWERS, Jr.
48 ✓	CHARLES HESTER
49 and 50 ✓	S. M. HOLLAND (Same as STERLING MAYFIELD-HOLLAND listed above)
52 ✓	OSCAR McVEY
53 ✓	FRANCES GAYLE NEWMAN
54 and 55 ✓	WILLIAM EUGENE NEWMAN
56 and 57 ✓	JEAN (MRS. PURSER EDWARD) NEWMAN
65 ✓	JESSE C. PRICE

December 10, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
30 ✓	Mrs. CHARLES HESTER

December 23, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

26 ✓	ROYCE GLENN SKELTON
27 and 28 ✓	AUSTEN LAWRENCE MILLER

December 23, 1963, Report of
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas

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JIM TAGUE

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JOHN F. DOLAN

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Patrolman JOSEPH M. SMITH

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Patrolman E. V. BROWN (~~on-duty~~
~~on-overpass~~)

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Patrolman JOE MURPHY (~~on-duty~~
~~on-overpass~~)

With respect to the foregoing, all persons interviewed were pressed for the identification of any other individuals who may have observed anything pertinent; however, this specific question or statement may not be reflected in the results set out.

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On March 14, 1964, JAMES L. SIMMONS, 1325 Rosemont Street, Mesquite, Texas, telephonically advised SA ROBERT P. BUTLER that he is one of ten witnesses who, while standing on the Commerce Street viaduct, observed the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

SIMMONS advised that he furnished his name as did the other people on the viaduct to an unknown man who he thought to be a reporter. He stated that none of the ten persons in the group has been interviewed concerning the assassination to his knowledge. SIMMONS stated that he and his friends are all employees of the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, with the exception of a Dallas police officer who was standing with his group on the viaduct.

He stated that he and his friends have not come forward since they were on duty at the time of the assassination and were not authorized to leave their jobs to observe the parade. SIMMONS requested that his name not be mentioned to the other witnesses or to his employer in connection with this call. Following is the list of names as furnished by SIMMONS:

"LUKE" WINBERN - Switchman

(FNU) POTTER - Hostler Helper

(FNU) BISHOP - Hostler

RICHARD DODD - Track Maintenance Foreman

(FNU) MURPHY - Mail foreman at Terminal Annex

(FNU) HOLLAND - Signal Department Foreman

C. E. JOHNSON - Machinist

EUEL (phonetic) COWSART - Switchman

(FNU) FOSTER - Patrolman, Dallas Police Department

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Mr. GEORGE A. DAVIS, 1443 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DAVIS stated he was a signalman for the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street viaduct overlooking the route taken by the Presidential motorcade. Shortly after the motorcycle escort and the Presidential car came into view and was at a point just east of the viaduct, Mr. DAVIS heard a sound which he described as similar to firecrackers exploding. He stated they did not sound like rifle fire because they were not loud enough. All shots were very close together and he stated it was impossible for him to determine the number of shots. He stated his first impression was that someone had played a prank, but then he saw guns in the hands of the Secret Service Agents with President KENNEDY, saw President KENNEDY slumped forward, and the police motorcycle escort maneuver swiftly about the area and he realized it was not a prank.

Mr. DAVIS stated his attention was directed to the motorcycle escort and the car in which President KENNEDY was riding, and he saw very little, if any, other activity in the area at that time.

Mr. DAVIS stated he returned to the same spot he had occupied on November 22, 1963, at a later date and from this spot attempted to observe the Texas School Book Depository window from which the rifle shot was reported to have been fired. He stated he was unable to see this window from the position he had occupied on November 22, 1963, because the branch of a tree obscured the vision from this point.

Mr. DAVIS stated he did not know JACK RUBY and had never met or seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On 3/17/64 at Dallas, Texas File # 100-10461
by SA THOMAS T. TRETTIS & E. J. ROBERTSON/eah Date dictated 3/17/64

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EWELL WILLIAM COWSERT, 1217 Arawe Circle, Irving, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas. COWSERT advised that he is a switchman for the Union Terminal Company and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with a group of fellow employees watching the motorcade with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. COWSERT advised that just as President KENNEDY's car passed the Texas School Book Depository Building he heard two or three shots ring out and saw President KENNEDY slump forward in his seat. COWSERT said he has no idea where the shots came from and as the area near the Texas School Book Depository Building was a scene of extreme confusion he could not recall having noticed any one person. He stated he does recall seeing several people and a motorcycle policeman run up the grassy area near the Texas School Book Depository Building.

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Date 3/18/641

Mr. CIEMON EARL JOHNSON, Box 211 (Belt Line Road), Kleberg, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. JOHNSON stated he was employed as a machinist for Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street viaduct overlooking the route taken by the Presidential motorcade on that date. Mr. JOHNSON stated his attention was attracted to the motorcycle escort and the automobile carrying President KENNEDY as this section of the motorcade came into his view. He stated he first realized something was wrong when the motorcycles began moving from their regular course and at or just before this he heard sounds that could have been shots. Mr. JOHNSON stated at that time he did not know that it was shots and he could not say how many shots he heard. His attention remained on the vehicle carrying President KENNEDY and he observed this car until it sped away. Mr. JOHNSON stated that white smoke was observed near the pavillion, but he felt that this smoke came from a motorcycle abandoned near the spot by a Dallas policeman.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met or seen JACK RUBY.

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Mr. STERLING MAYFIELD HOLLAND, who resides at 1119 Lucille Street, Irving, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and advised that he did not recall any information not furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation previously.

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THOMAS J. MURPHY, 8615 San Benito Way, Dallas, Texas, advised he is employed as a mail foreman, Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas. MURPHY said he was so employed on the morning of November 22, 1963 when he and some of his co-workers stood on the Elm Street overpass to watch President JOHN F. KENNEDY's Motorcade drive by. MURPHY said that they watched President KENNEDY's limousine turn down Elm Street past the Texas School Book Depository building and start towards them. He stated he then heard what sounded like two shots and he saw President KENNEDY and Governor CONNALLY slump in their seats. MURPHY said in his opinion these shots came from a spot just west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. He said there was very much confusion in the area after the shots were fired and he saw many people running towards the parking lot west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. MURPHY said he could not recall seeing any unusual activity near the Texas School Book Depository Building itself. MURPHY stated he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and to the best of his knowledge he has never seen him before. He had no further information of value.

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Mr. RICHARD CALVIN DODD, 1216 South Tyler, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at Lamar and Henning Street in Dallas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DODD stated he is employed as a track supervisor for the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street railroad viaduct overlooking the route used by the Presidential motorcade on this date. Mr. DODD stated that when the motorcycle escort and the automobile carrying President KENNEDY approached the area where he was standing his attention was directed on President KENNEDY. He stated he first realized something was wrong when he saw President KENNEDY slump forward and simultaneously heard shots ring out. He stated he did not know how many shots were fired, but that the sounds were very close together. Mr. DODD advised that his attention remained on President KENNEDY; he did not look up and did not know where the shots came from.

Mr. DODD stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met or seen JACK RUBY.

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CURTIS FREEMAN BISHOP, 8623 Danville Drive, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas.

BISHOP advised that he is employed as a hostler with the Union Terminal Company, and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees awaiting President JOHN F. KENNEDY's motorcade. BISHOP stated that when President KENNEDY's car came into view he started down Elm Street past the Texas School Book Depository Building. He heard three shots ring out. He then saw President KENNEDY slump over as if he had been hit. BISHOP recalls seeing a motorcycle policeman drive up the grassy slope near the Texas School Book Depository Building and noticed that people were running in every direction. BISHOP stated that President KENNEDY's car then picked up speed and drove down Elm Street.

BISHOP could not offer any other information of value.

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NOLAN H. POTTER, 7114 Red Bud Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone number EV 1-4334, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas.

POTTER advised that he is a hostler helper for the Union Terminal Company, and, on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees awaiting the motorcade with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. POTTER stated that when the President's car had turned west on Elm Street and had driven past the Texas School Book Depository Building, he heard three loud reports which sounded like firecrackers. He then saw President KENNEDY slump over in his car and the Presidential car drive through the underpass. POTTER said he recalls seeing smoke in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building rising above the trees. POTTER said there were people running in every direction and he noticed a policeman drive his motorcycle up the slope towards the Texas School Book Depository Building. POTTER said he could not determine from which direction the shots were fired.

He had no further information of any value.

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Mr. WALTER LUKE WINBORN, 2823 Maple Springs, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. WINBORN stated he was presently employed as a switchman for Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, Mr. WINBORN took a position on the Elm Street railroad viaduct so that he could observe the Presidential motorcade and President KENNEDY. As the motorcycle escort and the vehicle carrying the President approached the viaduct, Mr. WINBORN heard three distinct shots ring out. Mr. WINBORN stated he was not able to ascertain exactly where the shots were fired from and his attention remained on President KENNEDY and the motorcycle escort. He stated, however, that the shots sounded as if they all came from the same area.

Mr. WINBORN stated that very shortly thereafter the motorcycle escort dispersed and one motorcycle was abandoned by the police officer riding it on the grassy slope on the north side of Elm Street and this officer rushed up the steps leading to the pavillion and was lost from sight. The vehicle carrying the President immediately left the area at a high rate of speed. Mr. WINBORN then moved away from the east edge of the viaduct, where he could get a clear view of the area to the west of the Texas School Book Depository Building (TSBD). He remained at this spot and observed the approach to the railroad tracks for a few minutes, but failed to see anyone moving toward the railroad tracks.

Mr. WINBORN stated he then returned to his work and had no further personal knowledge concerning the activities in this area.

Mr. WINBORN stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met JACK RUBY.

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JAMES L. SIMMONS, 1325 Rosemont Street, Mesquite, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas. SIMMONS advised that he is a car inspector and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with some fellow employees waiting for President JOHN F. KENNEDY's motorcade to come into view. SIMMONS stated when the President's car started down Elm Street he heard three shots ring out. President KENNEDY slumped forward in his seat and appeared to have been hit by a bullet.

SIMMONS said he recalled that a motorcycle policeman drove up the grassy slope toward the Texas School Book Depository Building, jumped off his motorcycle and then ran up the hill toward the Memorial Arches. SIMMONS said he thought he saw exhaust fumes of smoke near the embankment in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building. SIMMONS then ran toward the Texas School Book Depository Building with a policeman. He stopped at a fence near the Memorial Arches and could not find anyone.

SIMMONS advised that it was his opinion the shots came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building. He stated that immediately after the shots were fired, people were running in every direction through the whole area and there was a scene of mass confusion.

on 3/17/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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General Counsel

MAR 12 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to our prior letters dated February 21 and March 6, 1964, requesting investigation of the publication by Life Magazine and various newspapers of a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald shown with a rifle and revolver. As part of your investigation of this matter, we would like the Bureau to contact representatives of the Detroit Free Press and Life Magazine and secure for the Commission a copy of the actual photograph used by each of these publications in the preparation of the published photograph.

The foregoing confirms the request made of Mr. Malley of your office on March 11, 1964.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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March 26, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letters dated February 21, 1964, March 6, 1964, and March 12, 1964, and our letter dated March 12, 1964, relating to the circumstances under which the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald carrying the rifle and wearing the pistol was released to the press.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies each of three self-explanatory communications. One communication is from our Detroit, Michigan, Office dated March 12, 1964, setting out the results of interviews with Mr. Kenneth Murray, attorney, and Mr. Derick Daniels, assistant managing editor of "The Detroit Free Press."

The second communication is from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated March 16, 1964, setting out the results of an interview with Mr. Eugene Leslie Roberts who is also known as "Gene" Roberts, reporter for "The Detroit Free Press."

The last communication is from our New York City Office dated March 16, 1964, setting out the results of interviews with Mr. Tennyson Schod, assistant general attorney, and Mr. Richard Billings, assistant director of

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photography, Time Corporation; Mr. Robert Keough of the
"New York Journal-American"; and Mr. Philip H. Doherty
of "The New York Times."

In view of the self-explanatory interviews no
further action is being taken in this matter unless a
specific request to the contrary is received from you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 3/25/64,
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TO DIRECTOR -4- /62-109060/
/ATTN. INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY/
FROM NEW YORK /89-75/

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, ELEVEN TWENTY TWO SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS., MISC. - INFO CONCERNING.

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ON THREE TWELVE SIXTY FOUR MR. TENNYSON SCHOD, ASSISTANT GENERAL ATTORNEY AND MR. RICHARD BILLINGS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY, BOTH TIME LIFE CORP. ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT EUGENE W. O-NEILL THAT THEY HAD OBTAINED THEIR PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND THEN NEGOTIATED WITH MARINA OSWALD THROUGH HER BUSINESS AGENT JAMES H. MARTIN OBTAINING THE RIGHT TO THE PHOTOGRAPH FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. MR. SCHOD WHO HANDLED THE TRANSACTION ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DIVULGE HIS SOURCE, BUT THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT A LEAK IN THE COMMISSION. MR. SCHOD ALSO ADVISED THAT THEY WERE INSTITUTING A SUIT AGAINST THE DETROIT FREE PRESS WHO HAD PUBLISHED

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(THIS SAME PHOTOGRAPH. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KEN MURRAY OF THE DETROIT FREE PRESS AND MURRAY HAD NEVER MENTIONED A LEAK IN THE COMMISSION TO HIM. MR. SCHOD RECONTACTED ON THE SAME DATE SA O-NEILL, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED THAT HIS SOURCE HAD PURCHASED THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM "AN ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN IN THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT". MR. SCHOD ALSO ADVISED THAT THE DETROIT FREE PRESS HAD ALSO PURCHASED THEIR PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE DALLAS POLICE. HE STATED THAT THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN HAD COPIED ^{NY NY} THIER PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE COVER OF LIFE MAGAZINE AND PUBLISHED IT. SCHOD STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT OTHER NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE ALSO OBTAINED THIS PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE DALLAS POLICE. MR. SCHOD STATED THAT LIFE MAGAZINE DOES NOT HAVE THE PHOTOGRAPH THAT THEY HAD ORIGINALLY PURCHASED. HE ADVISED THAT THEY MADE A PHOTOMAT COPY OF IT AND THEN RETURNED THE PHOTOGRAPH TO THEIR SOURCE. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, BE GLAD TO FURNISH COPY FROM THEIR PHOTOMAT, IF DESIRED.

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MR. ~~ROBERT KEOUGH~~ OF THE JOURNAL AMERICAN WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT THEIR COPY WAS A REPRODUCTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH APPEARED ON THE COVER OF LIFE MAGAZINE. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE SERVICE.

MR. ~~PHILIP H. DOHERTY~~, ^{NY} NEW YORK TIMES, ADVISED THAT THEY PRINTED THEIR PHOTOGRAPH ON TWO NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, WHICH THEY RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE SERVICE. MR. DOHERTY ADVISED THAT WHEN A NEWSPAPER IS A MEMBER OF THIS WIRE SERVICE AND THEY PRINT A PICTURE IT AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE WIRE SERVICE AND IT IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS MEMBER PAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

LHM FOLLOWS.

IN VIEW OF FACT LIFE CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPH ORIGINALLY OBTAINED, LIFE WAS NOT ASKED TO FURNISH COPY FROM THEIR PHOTOMAT. NO FURTHER CONTACT BEING MADE WITH TIMES, JOURNAL AMERICAN OR ASSOCIATED PRESS, UACB. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-14-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
VISUAL AIDS

Reference memo Rosen to Belmont 3-5-64.

Attached are three brochures which contain exhibits that photographically and diagrammatically depict locations, actions and things surrounding the assassination that the Presidential Commission has urgently requested of the Bureau to be available when certain witnesses are examined. Every effort was made to make these brochures as complete and adequate as possible by anticipating the needs of the Commission beyond their requests. For example, although no request was made for a basement plan, it was apparent that a plan would be needed to assist a material witness in describing his whereabouts in the basement area. These exhibits should adequately meet the needs of the Commission with respect to what happened at the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, and the Paine-Randle Homes in Irving, Texas.

Five copies of each brochure were delivered to Inspector Malley of the General Investigative Division for distribution. Additional copies of these brochures can be prepared in whatever number is desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.

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Enclosures
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Sent Direct)

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March 18, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed is one copy of a letter dated
February 27, 1964, Amarillo, Texas, and signed, "Edna
Adams, 1616 Taylor."

This letter was furnished to our office in
San Antonio, Texas, by Mr. Larry Temple, Administrative
Assistant to Governor John Connally, State of Texas,
Austin, Texas, on March 10, 1964. The letter was
addressed to "The Governor of Texas, Executive Mansion,
Austin, Texas."

In view of the information contained in the
letter of Edna Adams, no further action is being initiated
by this Bureau unless specifically requested by you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Moore

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Letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

On 3/10/64 the letter from Edna Adams, 1616 Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas, addressed to "The Governor of Texas, Executive Mansion, Austin, Texas," was furnished to the San Antonio Office.

The letter in substance claims Governor Connally of Texas is "godless" and claims Connally was boasting "how he got one President killed." Writer claims President Kennedy would have been alive today if he had not been forced to Texas because of the "politicking" of Johnson and Connally." The writer in substance claimed a trap was used by the Texas Governor and President Johnson to draw former President Kennedy to Texas. Bureau files are negative regarding the writer and dissemination is being made to Secret Service by the Bureau.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 3/15/64

FROM : W.V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At 6:25 p.m., 3/14/64, Extra-Duty Supervisor J.A. Reilly, on referral from the switchboard, spoke to the telephone operator in the Department. She advised she had a long distance call she believed from California and the caller refused to identify himself. She requested SA Reilly to listen to the call because she could not get rid of the caller and could not decide whether he was incompetent or drunk. She also advised he refused to speak to the FBI and told her he would hang up if she transferred call to Bureau.

SA Reilly listened to the one-sided conversation for several minutes until caller disconnected. The caller was undoubtedly intoxicated and was rambling about Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby. He stated he was convinced Oswald used narcotics and that Ruby killed Oswald to silence him. The gist of his rambling account dwelt on topics and suppositions which have been completely aired in the press.

Although the operator frequently requested his identity, the caller refused to furnish his name. He did remind the operator continually to remember to pass the "information" he was furnishing to the Attorney General.

When the connection was broken, the operator also advised the same person had called on a previous occasion and offered similar information.

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for information only, since the call was placed to the Department and the caller requested it be called to the attention of the Attorney General.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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