

Date 2/25/64

Mr. HAROLD RAY RUSSELL was interviewed at the Villa Motel, Tyler, Texas, at which time he gave the following story:

RUSSELL stated he is a used car salesman and was working for JOHNNY REYNOLDS, 500 East Jefferson Street, Dallas, on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. He stated about 2:00 P.M. he was standing on the lot and heard some gunshots coming from the direction of Patton Street, which is near the car lot. He stated he started up Patton Street, and, as he did so, saw a white man wearing a jacket, color light blue, and light slacks, bareheaded, coming down Patton Street and, while hurrying down the street, was ejecting some shells from a revolver which he had in his hand. He stated the man unloaded the gun, jammed it in his pants under his belt and disappeared down Jefferson Boulevard. RUSSELL stated he continued up Patton and came to the scene of the shooting and later discovered this was the shooting of Officer TIPPET of the Dallas Police Department.

RUSSELL stated while at the scene some police officers asked him if he had seen who had done this or if he knew anything about the shooting, as he told them about seeing the man running down the street with the pistol. He stated the officers, whose names he did not know, put him in a patrol car and had him point out the area where he had last seen the man with the pistol. RUSSELL stated at this point he left the officers and then went in a nearby drug store and then went about his business and thought no more about it. He claimed he was previously interviewed by an FBI Agent at the lot, but could not recall the Agent's name or what he looked like.

RUSSELL stated about one month ago WARREN REYNOLDS, brother of the lot owner, was found shot to death at the car lot. RUSSELL stated after that he began to get worried about what he had seen, because WARREN REYNOLDS had also seen what he had seen the day of the President's death and had gone in the direction where the man with the pistol had gone when he had disappeared on Jefferson Street and had followed the man

on 2/23/64 at Tyler, Texas File # DL 100-10461
 by Special Agent WARREN A. LARSON and ALAN L. MANNING/ds 221 Date dictated 2/23/64

DL 100-10461

with the pistol down the street.

RUSSELL stated last Monday JOHNNY REYNOLDS fired him and told him he was firing him because "he did not want to find him shot on the lot like WARREN REYNOLDS". RUSSELL stated he did not question REYNOLDS and left the lot, but since then has worried that someone is out to shoot him like REYNOLDS because of what he saw. RUSSELL stated he had not received any threats of any kind and did not know if his life was in danger, but was worried about it because of what he saw.

RUSSELL stated he is out of work and is in Tyler looking for a job. He stated he did not have any permanent address but could be located through VIRGINIA LAWRENCE, 113 East 7th Street, Tyler, Texas, phone 3-0761.

RUSSELL produced a Texas driver's license which gives his description as follows:

Name	HAROLD FAY RUSSELL
Born	October 15, 1911
Residence	247 Marsalis Avenue, Dallas, Texas
Height	6'1"
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
License Number	0061101

He produced his Social Security Card with number 444-09-4710. His hotel registration shows the following: HAROLD RUSSELL, 101½ South Clinton, Dallas, driving a Buick, Oklahoma license MU 0451, registered in the motel February 21, 1964. There was one in the party.