

Under date of March 16, 1964, the President's Commission advised that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND had appeared before the President's Commission on March 10, 1964, and testified concerning an individual who, according to ROWLAND, was standing behind the southwest window on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

In addition to this information, however, Mr. ROWLAND advised the President's Commission that approximately five minutes before the Presidential motorcade reached the corner of Elm and Houston Streets in Dallas, Texas, ROWLAND observed an "elderly Negro" at the southwest corner window, sixth floor, which is the window from which the shots were supposed to have been fired. Mr. ROWLAND stated that he might be able to identify the Negro person whom he saw, although he did not definitely say that he would do so. As a further description, ROWLAND stated that the person "was very thin, an elderly gentleman, bald or practically bald, thin hair if he was not bald, and wearing a plaid shirt."

The President's Commission letter stated that ROWLAND had indicated the plaid shirt was red and green and very bright colored so that is why he remembered it. He estimated the individual's age at "50, possibly 55 or 60." As to his complexion, ROWLAND stated it was "very dark or fairly dark, not real dark compared to some Negroes, but fairly dark. Seemed like his face was either--I can't recall detail but it was either very wrinkled or marked in some way." The President's Commission letter advised that during the course of his testimony Mr. ROWLAND also provided the President's Commission with certain information about himself. He stated that he has an IQ of 147 and that through his junior year in high school he had a straight "A" average, but he received "a couple of B's" in his senior year, and claimed that he received his IQ test in May, 1963. ROWLAND also indicated that he had attended W. E. Adamson High School and that his eyes were examined several months ago by a "firm of doctors" named Pina and Pina, and that he had "much better than" 20-20 eyesight. ROWLAND also advised the President's Commission he had been accepted at Texas A&M, Rice and OSU. He also testified that he had taken special courses in sound and study of echo effects at Crocker Fack in Dallas, Texas, and that his instructor was SAM FOSTER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA E. J. ROBERTSON on March 25, 1964:

At Dallas, Texas

Mrs. BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Retail Merchants Credit Association, 2112 Jackson Street, advised that a search of the files of this association failed to reflect any information concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND. Mrs. BELCHER stated she checked this name through their files under any possible different spelling and still failed to locate a record identifiable with this person.

Mr. J. G. VICKERY, Identification Division, Dallas Police Department, advised he searched his department's files and failed to locate any record identifiable with ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND.

Deputy Sheriff JAMES KITCHING, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, advised a check of the records of this agency failed to disclose any record concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND.

The indices of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect that at approximately 8:30 p.m. on May 12, 1963, Mr. THOMAS RAY WALKER contacted this office and furnished the following information:

He stated that on Tuesday, May 7, 1963, his daughter, BARBARA FAYE WALKER, returned home from school and left with a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. LONNIE ROSSEAU. BARBARA left against the wishes of her mother. Mr. WALKER stated he knew his daughter and a boy by the name of ARNOLD ROWLAND, 2746 Brooklyn Street, Dallas, were planning to be married, and Mr. WALKER had heard they were going to run away to Arkansas to be married. He stated the couple his daughter left their home with lived at 3602 Mt. Pleasant Street, Dallas, Texas. Mr. WALKER stated he called the ROSSEAU's on May 11, 1963, and asked if they knew the present whereabouts of his daughter. He was advised the ROSSEAU's had merely picked her up and transported her to the residence of a lady living at 2746 Brooklyn Street, who was a relative of ARNOLD ROWLAND. Mr. WALKER stated he was of the opinion his daughter was in Arkansas and requested FBI assistance in locating her.

It is to be noted ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND's wife is BARBARA FAYE ROWLAND.

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