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MEL AUDREY, Realtor, 311 South Bishop, telephone WH 3-8341, advised he overheard a conversation in the office of WALLER BOEDEKER, Vice-President, Boedeker-Verner Motor Co., 111 North Marsalis, on November 27, 1963, to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had, sometime (exact time not known) prior to the assassination of PRESIDENT KENNEDY, been in the premises of the Lincoln-Mercury dealer located at Industrial Avenue and Fort Worth Avenue (Downtown Lincoln-Mercury), attempting to purchase an automobile.

A salesman of this firm, whose identity is not known to AUDREY, was allegedly asked by OSWALD to drive him over Elm Street, a portion of the route proposed by the PRESIDENT'S Motorcade. It is AUDREY's impression OSWALD was allegedly shopping for a car and the purpose of this trip was to "try out" the car. He does not know whether or not the man allegedly identified as OSWALD ever drove this car.

AUDREY did not hear the name of the salesman allegedly contacted, but advised the owner or manager of the Lincoln-Mercury Agency is BILL JANIN, the son-in-law of MR. WALLER BOEDEKER, and that MR. JANIN will likely know the salesman's identity.

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on 11/27/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43  
 by Special Agent ALFRED C. ELLINGTON and Date dictated 11/28/63  
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