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JOHN WESLEY PENNINGTON, 405 North Clinton Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that he is retired.

Mr. PENNINGTON advised that sometime between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, 1963, his wife, GEA, and he had taken some wash to the Tidy Lady Laundrette, 1227 Davis Street, which is located at the northeast corner of Davis and North Clinton in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, Texas, approximately two blocks from their place of residence.

His wife and he were the only individuals in the laundromat, which is a self-service, coin-operated establishment.

After they were inside the laundromat waiting on their wash, an unknown individual drove up alone in a light-colored station wagon, year and make unknown, and parked on the east side of North Clinton Street, just north of the Davis - Clinton intersection, and by the side door of the laundromat.

This unknown person hurried around the corner onto the north side of Davis, walked several feet, turned around, entered the laundromat, and went directly to the pay phone located inside this laundromat. He did not appear to notice the PENNINGTONS sitting in the laundromat.

This individual made a local telephone call, spoke briefly to some unknown person, and left the laundromat walking at a quick pace, crossed Davis Street, and headed south on North Clinton Street. He did not re-enter his automobile.

Mr. PENNINGTON stated he did not overhear any of this person's telephone conversation. Mr. PENNINGTON stated that he mentioned to his wife that the man acted as if he were in some kind of trouble.

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He advised that he paid no particular attention to this incident until shortly after he arrived home when he received a long distance telephone call from his daughter in Phoenix, Arizona, asking him if they heard about the assassination of President KENNEDY. Up until this telephone call, Mr. PENNINGTON stated that neither his wife nor he had heard the news of the assassination.

Later when his wife and he had viewed the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television, they commented that OSWALD appeared to be the same person they had seen at the laundromat on Friday, November 22, 1963.

Mr. PENNINGTON stated the person they saw at the laundromat, who they believe was possibly identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was wearing a medium brown jacket with dark brown vertical stripes, closed to the collar, and dark pants. He does not recall whether the jacket was a zipper or button-up style. The individual wore no hat.