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January 31, 1967. A colored woman of about 45 to 50 came to our house at about 11 o'clock in the evening after having phoned and described herself as a Navy nurse who wanted to talk to me. She had Livy pick her up in the Germantown area by car. She did not want to come without being picked up. What follows is her story.

"One day, after the assassination, Al Buchanan, a special agent for the FBI who is in this family went to visit his aunt. He went to this particular hospital. In this hospital the bathrooms and the hospital rooms are like an aisle. This was all part of his job. They are related (Buchanan and his aunt). Alexander Taylor, a Texas family, Johnson's lawyer. The office of the lawyer was in Detroit until Johnson appointed him after the assassination. Al Buchanan is related to him. This is a Houston family. Aunt, we will describe this woman in the hospital as "Aunt", who is an aunt to Al-Buchanan, saw Buchanan having target practice in Houston, at the family ranch. He said it was part of his job. He was asked about it by Aunt who was upset. He is with the FBI and was with the CIA in Ghana. You can see a picture of him. When an attempt was made on Nkrumah's life, he was hidden behind a car wearing a uniform. A short time before an attempt was made on Nkrumah's life, he went to Ghana and infiltrated the army there. Whether he hit the President is another matter. I can't tell you that. His uncle, a doctor in

Liverpool, Pennsylvania, died. He said before he died that he did not want Al Buchanan to set foot in his door again. The uncle has a son who is a Captain in the Army. All of them were in the Midwest during the month of August this past year. There were some contacts as a result of inter-marriages. The aunt, Louise, and Al, Al is actually not a relative, Aunt Louise did not want Al to come into her house. Walter asked what took place. I told him but not in details. He approached Louise about it. She's an elderly lady. She pretty much told him facts that had been said. She had been to Houston back in the summer or early fall in 1963. She asked Al, at Alexander's farm, when they were taking target practice there, he and five Caucasian fellows. She asked him what he was doing. That is, she asked him why they were taking target practice there; he and five Caucasian fellows. He said he was at the assassination but it was not necessary for him to fire a shot. In the beginning, Al was acting as a special agent for the FBI and then he went to Ghana. He is colored. They got the fellow who injured Nkrumah. It was a known fact that he was an American Negro who fired the shot. He was hiding behind the car. It was in Life Magazine. The picture was in Life Magazine. Another party who overheard Al speaking to Aunt Louise at the hospital told me that if you don't go to the government and tell them about this I am going to the FBI. She went to the FBI in Chicago. In the beginning they said they did

Al Buchanan and he was kidding. Later the FBI came in and checked the other nurses' shift in the county hospital in Chicago. And they checked the Demerol. They said that there was a shortage of Demerol. She said that she had just drawn it for a patient and that's why there was some missing. Then the FBI came in on inspection for the 3 to 11 shift. They don't come on the 3 to 11 shift unless they are posted. This girl had a terrific reputation. They didn't even test her to see whether she was taking the Demerol. She was on a visa from the Dominican Republic. She was on a visa for eight years. She wasn't positive but she felt that she could not go back to the Dominican Republic. She went to Nassau to make a contact for Haiti. No one has heard from her since. She has not made contact, although she boarded a plane for Nassau. She could be in Haiti, but no one has heard from her. I have my passport for France. I have plans to go to France the first part of next week. I have two younger brothers in the U.S. My parents are in their 70's. I am a citizen of the U.S. I nearly got it on the highway. In the state of Wisconsin, right outside of Milwaukee, I almost got it. I went there about two weeks before Christmas. It was the beginning of December, 1966. I was working in one of the small hospitals. A man who saw it said, "I saw that car in the afternoon." The man said that the car was at a farmhouse. I was driving on the road. His lights were blinding me. I had a rider. He rode a half mile with me.

Nothing happened then. When I discharged the rider, the other car forced me off the road. They were making inquiries around the neighborhood. They were asking neighbors, "Did I talk a lot? Am I sociable?" Then a director of nurses talked to me and said, "Were you in any trouble? I had several inquiries about you. The inquiries were about your disposition and temperament." I have told this to an auxiliary bishop. That is, I have told this to an auxiliary Catholic bishop. He got me to sign an affidavit. I told him to hold this affidavit. One member of the same family, the family about which I am speaking, asked me whether I would like to go to Jamaica and work for the American consul. They offered me \$3,000.00 and a job. I asked, "Why Jamaica?" She said because your father came from Jamaica. They got it confused. He came from the Dominican Republic. The farm address is right outside of Houston. All you have to do is ask who the colored millionaire from Texas is. His son is one of Johnson's aides. He has forbidden any of his servants on the farm to talk to anyone. He is the colored legislator who was elected in Texas. They are in the same family. They were using the farm for target practice. There is a person in Dallas. I contacted her. Buchanan came out there to her house. He came there an hour after the assassination with two other white fellows. They were brought there by a police officer. He was there around 3 o'clock. He was not in Texas after sundown. He flew into the Midwest. He got

out into Chicago about 6 o'clock that evening. The body was out in Andrew's field, and he was in the room shortly after the body arrived. She's about 34 and she has three little small children. I left a note in the safe deposit box. It was a question. I did have some knowledge of the President's assassination and that somebody was involved. I have a child, and I got the child out of the country. This person in Dallas, her husband works for the Post Office. They will crucify him. She asked, how come he picked on her to visit? Her sister worked for this lawyer in Detroit. He visited her in Dallas. This was in August. She met him in August. Kennedy did not schedule his trip until October. Someone called her husband right after the assassination and when Buchanan came in he asked for her husband. In the Chicago area, Al Buchanan came into the hospital room when Mrs. Kennedy was getting off the plane with the President's body. The fellow from the Post said when was this nurse discharged? I said in Illinois. The Saturday Evening Post was involved. When the President appointed Taylor, well it is a known fact, that Buchanan is related to Taylor. Buchanan's sister was in LA. Her name is Deborah Taylor. She was an R.N. But she has no Bachelor's and no Master's. A department in the State Hospital skipped her Master's and appointed her as head of the department. Why did they make an R.N. without a Bachelor's or Master's the head of the department? At the house in Dallas

where the men came after the assassination, one was tall, blond, sharp features. She said, before they came, everyone was excited. This girl in Dallas works at Parkland. When she went to work that night one of the nurses said to her that the night before a colored CIA man and a Caucasian went there. They asked about her. The night before the assassination another Caucasian came who was in his 40's and asked at her home whether Al was there. They questioned the neighbors. She asked, "Al who?" That night she went to work after Kennedy expired. One of the white nurses said, "I didn't know Kennedy had any colored Secret Service agents with him." In South Dakota, Al Buchanan was in South Dakota for quite a while. Walter came from Houston. He is deceased. He was a Vet. He asked, "No wonder the son of a bitch kept running down to the Dakotas." When Al came into the house after the assassination, that is in Dallas, he had a porter's uniform on. The feeling is that, a girl in Dallas anyways said, some of the cops were informed. The cops held Al, let him go. Some of the press must have noticed this. They arrested Al at the scene of the assassination. A man coming from work at the post office, lived along distance away. He said the police had him. Al Buchanan may have had other names. He is 26, 27 or 28 years of age. Questioning around the Dallas Post Office you would learn a lot. This girl in Dallas and her husband have separated. They separated because her husband won't tell her why

Al asked for him. Rita is my name. Inez (this is the woman in Dallas) said her husband knows something. She is a nurse. After the assassination, at Christmas time, he gave his mother a color television set and has one for himself. Buchanan changed his clothing at the house in Dallas. An elderly Caucasian man came to the door before Al got there. It was just after the assassination. Al changed his clothing. He changed his clothing at Inez's house. The elderly Caucasian man came to Inez's house just after the assassination occurred. The husband of Inez denies that Al had clothing in the house. Cops on the motorcycles at the scene of the assassination grabbed Buchanan and the white fellow right after the assassination. George said, "Why didn't you get her?" (Mrs. Kennedy) She said, that is, Inez said that they believe that the Caucasian who came there looking for Al was involved. The rifles were taken in a stationwagon. They made a breakdown of the guns in the alley which leads from the house. That is, they broke down the guns. There is a big tree there in the yard. They made the breakdown of the rifles under the tree. Two of them were in the back yard. They had on raincoats. There is a 10 minutes walk from where the President was killed to this house. It is the first colored neighborhood that you would come to from the assassination site. The cops caught Buchanan on the assassination sight under the fire-escape. The name of the person in Dallas, the woman about whom I'm talking, is Inez Robertson. Chuck Robertson, her husband,

works at the Post Office. My name is Rita Rollins. The next street and not going through the under-pass but going to the side of under-pass, you would run into that neighborhood. It about six blocks from the assassination site. There is a large tree in the backyard. She, Inez Robertson, actually saw them make a breakdown. (of the rifles) This tall man with long grey or white hair. He was in the station-wagon. There is a luggage rack on the station-wagon. One of the fellows was so tall that he was holding onto the top of the station-wagon. It was a Rambler station-wagon. This fellow with the mixed grey hair carried them to the airport. Buchanan also went to the airport. This tall man had been around Dallas the day before the assassination. Buchanan had on a blue blazer and grey trousers. Chuck Robertson stutters. This episode has caused friction between Chuck Robertson and Inez Robertson. He is not in Dallas now. She is in the Northeast now, in a Northeastern state. Her aunt and mother live there now. Taylor had an interest in Haiti. I don't think Asia fits into this assassination. It could. It depends on what interests are in Asia. You have to look to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, this fits. After the Bay of Pigs, this is when it started. Buchanan met his aunt in a hospital. It is one of the Catholic hospitals, one of the two hospitals. The one with private rooms. Newman testified about the Negro. Shortly after the assassination, Buchanan was in the

hospital and was arguing about the assassination. Aunt Louise said to him that he was down at Houston with the men conducting target practice. She said she had seen all those white folks shooting. When I said that the President was assassinated she asked where. I said in Texas. She said that if it had rained he would have gotten it in Austin. Buchanan was possibly involved in the assassination attempt on Nkrumah.

February 1, 1967. Rita Rollins makes this statement before Sylvia Meagher, M.S. Arnoni, Livy M. Salandria, Chris Kefalos and Vincent Salandria.

"I am resettling in France. I am concerned for my life because of that car trying to over-run me that afternoon. He didn't stop. He tried to force me off the road. I made certain that the rider was out of the car. This occurred back in December of 1966. Something did occur prior to that. I had an offer. The offer was would I like to work in Jamaica. The offer was to go to Jamaica. They offered me \$3,000.00 for clothing before the accident. Two weeks after the accident the person who made the offer, they are in politics, they come from the Detroit area. I had a special patient in the hospital. She was a member of a well-to-do Negro family. They stem from doctors and lawyers and people from high government positions. Some time after the Kennedy assassination, about four hours after, aunt Louise, she's an aunt to Al Buchanan, they involved themselves in this argument. There was another nurse there. She said, "Did you hear anything?" This other girl revealed that they know this Buchanan and two other white fellows took her home. This Caucasian fellow came before Buchanan arrived with the other men.

He asked, "Is Al there?" Nothing else was said. Al Buchanan had on a porter's suit when he came to Inez Robertson's house. There are other things, Chuck Robertson, received a telephone call. What it was about I don't know. When Inez left Dallas she made a contact with Abraham Bolden. My priest said somebody will have to know about this. If there is a critic who will know about how to put a finger on this material, there is nothing financial involved. You might think that someone paid me to tell you this, but this is not the case. There are two people involved. (At this point, we all told her that the more she says the safer she will be.) I don't know whether anybody involved worked in the Texas Book Depository. (This was in answer to Sylvia's question.) There are some people in Dallas who know about this. I heard the name Harold Norman in a conversation. He said he ran downstairs. They used a colored person. Amos Euins. I don't know anything about threatening phone calls. I understand he had his eyes examined and he had an eye disease. I was asked to make a contact with Salandria because he was working on the government involvement. I was asked to give it to him so it could be exposed. Buchanan is still around. Remember Nkrumah? He was actually one on the firing line. Inez showed me. He was standing on a slope. His nose is extremely straight, and he can be identified by this characteristic. (Sylvia asked, "Did you have any training in public health nursing?) She

answered, "Yes, I did." They know I know about the conversation Buchanan had with Aunt Louise. I saw him there. I know what he said. (Arnoni asked, "How do you explain that you are not now worried about your death?) I thought it was a dead issue until the incident back in the fall. Inez left Dallas. There was a doctor who was in Detroit who was also in the family who visited me in late August. He approached me and asked whether I really heard this man. Doctor Wabron is Al's nephew. Doctor Wabron died from a heart-attack. At the time he died he was very distressed. His son is a Captain in the Army in the East here. Pretty soon after I had this offer about Jamaica. Same person who made the offer on Jamaica job asked, "Did you speak to Mark Lane?" There was this target practice in Houston. On an estate owned by a Negro, a large estate. I know about the target practice from Inez Robertson. I met Inez about a week after the assassination. She was visiting Aunt Louise in Milwaukee. She seems to be frightened. She left Dallas for those reasons. She made some form of contact with her husband. I also know the nurse that the Secret Service man was dating. He would know how the money was planted, etc. There is also the feeling that there is an Army Captain who is also a go-between with the Secret Service. The Secret Service will tell you things about the Captain which I could not tell you. Alexander Taylor is the man who owns the farm outside of Houston. Aunt Louise said in the

argument five or six fellows were target practicing. (Sylvia asked, "Were there any Cuban exiles involved?) No, but there was a Haitian involved. He was framed after Dallas. Inez would talk to us. The Secret Service agent will talk to you. The conversation with Al, Aunt Louise approached him about, "What were all those white folks doing there at the time of the killing?" There was a radio report that a colored man may have killed Kennedy. Al came in. I didn't see how he could arrive from Dallas in Milwaukee. He came in about 6:60 or 7:00 P.M. to Milwaukee. This hospital had two patients to a room. Aunt Louise had no children. She had only Al as a nephew. He had lived in Texas and gone to Detroit. ("Who knows of your coming to speak with Vince?" asked Arnoni.) In Philadelphia, a Catholic Monseigneur. ("Other than in the city?" asked Arnoni.) A reporter in Chicago and another ex-Secret Service agent, Inez outside of the city. I came because we heard about the McGinnis article. A reporter in Illinois decided that after questioning the man in the farm house after I was almost driven off the road. This reporter is concerned that they may try it again. Buchanan was a special agent in the FBI. He worked out of the Detroit area. The reporter knew he was in Ghana. They found a person who worked in the Peace Corps in Ghana and they questioned him. He lived in the Chicago area. If you thought I would be safe here, I would be willing to stay a few weeks before I went to France.

Buchanan had a blue blazer and light grey trousers. He was a mcdium build, five foot nine, in the late 20's, straight, an extremely straight nose. He is sallow-colored, tan tint to him and coarse hair. You might take him for a foreigner. The nose gives him away. There was an attempt on Nkrumah's life after Kennedy's assassination. Walter the reporter said this. A reporter friend told me that Jones Harris is a government man. If anything happens to me the bishop will wait a reasonable time and then reveal the story. We can make an appointment with Inez for you, an appointment with the agent and an appointment with the relatives. Al said, "That was my job." And what were you doing with those white men, asked Aunt Louise. "That was my job", said Al. The other nurse relieved me after I went off-duty. It was Friday, 6:30 or 7:00 in the evening. I'm a private nurse in the room. Another patient is in the room. She had just been back from surgery, this other patient. The two patients are in bed and this man arrived and this conversation with Aunt Louise began. I was in the bathroom at this time. The bathroom is part of the room, but you can't see your patient from it. You are not in view of the patient in the bathroom. The other nurse came on duty at 10:16 P.M. I was in the bathroom washing utensils. While you are still on duty he arrives. The patient is in the other bed and was practically out, that is unconscious. She just came in from the operation. Aunt Louise slept during

most of the evening. He read, that is Buchanan read. Buchanan sat there for more than three hours. At the time of the discussion I knew to a degree that they were talking about the assassination. Inez called me and told me what she knew. Inez said it was impossible to complete the story because one link was missing. It could be perfect if one more link were formed.

February 2, 1967. The following represents notes taken during the course of a telephone conversation with Lola Belle Holmes on February 2, 1967 at approximately 4 P.M. in the afternoon. Lola Belle Holmes was still purporting to be Rita Rollins.

"They know full well what is going on. The government expects the Warren Report to be blown. Is the New York Times interested in an interview with you? The reporter from the Midwest is on his way East now. He knows how to get in touch with you. They are going to push it. This family is going to push the investigation. They tried to locate the other party (Salandria --I don't know the meaning of this.) They had an artist draw a picture to show it to Inez. The telephone truck. Did they tell you about the telephone truck? (Salandria -- During the course of one of the evenings when Chris Kefalos and my wife, Livia Salandria, brought Rita Rollins to her home in Germantown, Philadelphia, a telephone truck involved itself in stopping abruptly. The driver apparently was calling attention to himself and the truck. Then it proceeded to go around the block in a rapid pace and again stopped abruptly at the house next to where Lola Belle Holmes had come out. The driver then emerged from the truck with a flashlight that was lit and he proceeded to go into the house next to the one which Livia and Chris had seen Lola

Belle emerge from on another evening. Lola Belle Holmes then proceeded to panic, to show great excitement and hysteria.) If you drop out, they're afraid somebody will blow it. If someone drops out then everybody will drop out. They know I have made the contact. They know I made the contact. There's also a photograph somebody made. Nobody knows how to do-it. Material has been missing from the Archives. They knew of this photograph in the Archives. They were told it was there as late as last week. It was there until Monday. A person was getting some information and then went to take it out of the file and found it was gone. It was there Monday and all at once it was removed. (I suggested to Lola Belle Holmes that she relax and wait until they got further information, in so far as they could not be certain that the material was being stolen from the Archives. You should know that by this time Sylvia Meagher, Arnoni and Salandria had arrived at the conclusion that Lola Belle Holmes was not what she appeared to be, and I was endeavoring to lead her on.) Will this all be worth it? Is it really worth it? Why must some people get hurt? Why didn't I think of this before? His suggestion was that when I talked to the Times reporter I should tell them that some information was taken out of the Archives. I feel that we are right on the threshold. But I'm going to drop it. Let them get their just desserts in the hands of God. The Times is so interested in you. Inez is interested.

In a way I feel this way about it. What is there to gain in all honesty? What would we hope to gain? We only hope to gain a lot of aggravation. I am dropping out. Basically, what can be done? I don't see it. At the beginning I did. I told the reporter in Toronto, why not let the Toronto people drop it? They cannot call the press conference. They want somebody big. Mark Lane is out of town. The people who are sponsoring the investigation feel that I made a deal. They feel that I didn't go through with the whole interview. They feel that I didn't go through with the complete interview and the research had been done. They want to know what the idea is in why I was reneging. They feel that someone talked to me and said to forget it. They have put investigators on it. They paid about \$12,000.00. I will tell you that a very wealthy family in the Midwest is interested. They are staunch Republicans. They are going to put the money in for me to double-check. They want to give me as much money as you need to do the double-checking and see the press. They are willing to put out the \$12,000.00. (Salandria directed a question to her: "Will you find out how much they will give me? I will handle the investigation. They want a press conference. Find out how much they are willing to give me for the press conference and the investigation.") They know how these things have been checked out but they want them double-checked by you. The Canadian newspaper is becoming very restless on it. They want the story to break.

One of the reporters is the son of the publishers in the Midwest. They are willing to give money. (Rita Rollins then proceeded to tell me that a reporter from the Midwest would be here the following day to see me. He will talk to me.) They don't want any money. They will pay you for the double-checking. They will put out the money, for you."

This is the end of the telephone interview with Lola Belle Holmes. However, she thereafter called Sylvia Meagher in New York about 6:30 P.M. Sylvia Meagher then called me and advised that she told Lola Belle Holmes that she was a very brilliant woman, but that she should go back to her employers and advise them that she had not fooled us.

About one month and a half later, following February 2, 1967, at about 10:45 in the evening, Lola Belle Holmes rang the bell to my home and barged in. She then told me that I had almost gotten the assassination right but that I was wrong in assuming that the CIA was involved in the assassination. In fact, she said, the CIA was helping Garrison in New Orleans. She informed me that the real perpitrators of the assassination were in fact Hoover and Johnson. I suggested to her that her outfit, the CIA, did it. Incidentally, she introduced herself now as the person who had appeared on the Ed Harvey show. The person who did appear on the Ed Harvey show was Lola Belle Holmes. I told

her that the FBI very likely did not have the style necessary to perform the assassination. I informed her that Michael Paine certainly was not the FBI type but rather belonged to the outfit she was working for at this time; that the CIA did it and that she should reconcile herself to that idea and perhaps provide some balm for her conscience by accepting the thought that the Plans Division did it and if she were not in Plans then she was not immediately involved in the assassination. I was looking closely for a reaction from her when I went on in this fashion and she merely shrugged her shoulders and did not agree or disagree and soon thereafter she left.

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