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Date 11/23/68

JULIA ANN MERCER, residence 5200 Belmont, Apartment 208, Dallas, Texas, no telephone, who is employed at Automat Distributors, 1720 Canton Street in Dallas, advised she was born February 10, 1940, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

She advised that at about 10:50 AM, November 22, 1968, she was driving a rented white Valiant automobile west on Elm Street toward the Triple Underpass below Houston Street and at a point about 45 or 50 feet east of the overhead signs over the right entrance road to the underpass, there was a truck parked on the right-hand side of the road, which truck blocked her progress for a few seconds until the lane left of her cleared and she was able to pass around the truck. This truck appeared to have the two right wheels up on the curb. The hood of the truck was open. On the driver's door the words "Air Conditioning" were printed in black letters and the words formed a half-moon shape. The truck was a green Ford pickup, with Texas license.

She advised there was a man sitting under the wheel of the car, slouched over the wheel. This man was wearing a green jacket and was described as a white male, who appeared to be about 40 to 45 years of age, and to be of heavy build.

Another man was at the back of the truck on the street and was reaching over the tailgate when she drove up. This man took out from the truck what appeared to be a gun case. This case was about 3½ feet to 4 feet long and about 8 inches wide at the widest point and about 3, 4, or 5 inches wide at the narrowest point. This case was brown in color and had a handle. The man took this out of the truck and proceeded to walk away and as he did the small end of the case caught in the grass or sidewalk and he reached down to free it. The man then proceeded to walk across the street and up the grassy hill toward the overpass. She said that is the last she saw of this person.

She noticed at the time there were three policemen standing there talking near a motorcycle on the bridge just west of her.

She advised that the man who took the gun case from the truck was a white male in his late 20's or early 30's, with

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dark brown hair, sun-tan complexion, about 5'9" or 5'10" tall, and weighed about 165 to 170 pounds. He was wearing what appeared to be a gray jacket with brown pants and a plaid shirt. He was also wearing a wool stocking hat with a tassel in the middle of the hat.

NEBCER advised she could identify this man if she saw him again.

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JULIA ANN MERCER, residence 5200 Belmont, Dallas, appeared at the FBI Office, Dallas, and she was shown a group of photographs which included that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD which was taken at New Orleans, Louisiana, August 9, 1963, New Orleans Police Department No. 112723. After examining the photographs Miss MERCER advised that it did not appear that any of these persons had been the person she had seen take what appeared to be a rifle case from the pickup truck at approximately 10:50 a.m. on November 22, 1963, on Elm Street near the Texas School Book Depository building. She was then shown the photograph of OSWALD separately and said that this did not look like the person who had taken the rifle from the truck.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JULIA ANN MERCER, Residence 5200 Belmont, Apartment 208, Dallas, Texas, who is employed at the Automat Distributors, 1720 Canton Street, Dallas, was shown a group of photographs which included a photograph of JACK RUBY. MERCER could not identify any of the photographs as being identical with the person she had observed slouched over the wheel of a green Ford pickup truck parked about 10:50 AM at a point near the place where President KENNEDY was assassinated on November 22, 1963.

She then was shown a photograph of RUBY, and she advised the person in the truck had a rather large round face similar to RUBY's, but she could not identify him as the person.

She then was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and she stated that OSWALD was of the same general build, size and age as the person who took a long package from this truck, but she also could not identify him as being the one who took the package from the truck.

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by Special Agent HENRY J. OLIVER AND LOUIS M. KELLEY: man Date dictated 11/28/63

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The following Wholesale Air Conditioning Parts Supply Companies in Dallas, Texas, were contacted by SA HENRY J. OLIVER on November 27, 1963. All persons contacted advised that they do not know of any air conditioning repairman who has a green Ford pickup truck which has air conditioning written on the doors in black letters:

Mr. JACK HOLUB, Manager
Harry Alter Company, Inc.
2332 Irving Boulevard

Mr. RAY HOLT, Office Manager
Barbeck Refrigeration Supply
1515 Edison

Mr. R. O. DEITRICH, Salesman
Central Engineering and Supply Company
1925 Cedar Springs

Mr. WAYNE WEBB, Manager
Climate Supply Company
2332 Valdina

Mr. L. E. CARROLL, Partner
Dallas Hermetic Company
1605 Dragon

Mr. HERMAN BUTCHER, Warehouse Manager
Electrical Supply Company
1101 McKinney

Mr. EDWARD PENNY, Salesman
Electromotive Corporation
1301 McKinney

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Mr. JIM PETERSON, Manager
Thermal Supply Company
333 Howell

The following companies were contacted by SA LOUIS M. KELLEY
on November 27, 1968:

Keller - Northrup, Inc.
4616 Travis

Knox Wholesale Plumbing Supply Company
5622 East University

Pamaco, Inc.
1714 S. Harvard

Snell Refrigeration Service
2900 Main

White O. E. Filter Service
1411 North Peake

Worthington Air Conditioning
Mercantile Dallas Building

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On December 8, 1963, EDWIN HULLERT, 107 South Edgefield, an employee for Norco Air Conditioning, 1526 Norrell, telephonically advised SA C. S. UNDERHILL that about 1:30 p.m. he observed a 1957 or 1959 green Ford pickup, Texas License 3J947, with "Air Conditioning" written on the passenger side parked in front of the Guthrey Club, Corinth and Industrial.

On the same date, SA's ROBERT E. BASHAM and VERNON MITCHEM attempted to locate this pickup in the vicinity of Corinth and Industrial with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's JAMES J. WARD and ROBERT E. BASHAM on December 9, 1963:

LORENE CROFTS, Dallas County Records, advised 1963 Texas License 3J947 was transferred from JAMES R. NIX to FRED LEETH, 1304 Arbor Vitae, Dallas, Texas, on October 16, 1963. She said this license is for a 1959 pickup, Vehicle Identification No. F10C0N27125.

Mrs. EILEEN LEETH and FRED W. LEETH, 1304 Arbor Vitae, Dallas, advised that he purchased a light green pickup, 1959 Ford, from a wholesaler who had repossessed the pickup from JAMES NIX when NIX went into debt. He said that the pickup has black lettering on the sides but runs straight across, and the name has been blacked out with black paint between "Air Conditioning" and "Dallas, Texas". It is noted that Mr. LEETH is a white male, 59 years of age, 5'11", 160 pounds, dark hair graying at the temples and base. He added that he has an employee, white male, 30 to 35 years of age, 5'7", dark hair, working for him, but they were working at BEN MITCHELL's place near Love Field on the morning of November 22, 1963, and that traveling to that area they did not use Houston Street or the Triple Underpass. He said he did not know of the assassination until completing the work at MITCHELL's place when he turned on the truck radio.