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Mexican Consulate at about 10 a.m. on the date she obtained her tourist card.

BARBARA BROOKE, 101 South Sylvan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, employed as a public school teacher in Columbus, advised SA LOREN BEDELL on November 25, 1963 that during Easter recess, 1963, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to visit friends and tour the city. She stated that on the morning of Saturday, April 13, 1963, while driving by the White House, she took two photographs, at which time there were pickets in front of the White House. She does not recall the purpose of the picketing, but thought it may have been a group in sympathy with CASTRO. On reviewing two photographs taken at Washington on that occasion, she noted one of the three pickets bore a strong resemblance to and might be identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She furnished two color slides showing views of the north front of the White House with three men carrying signs. Predicated on this information, investigation was conducted to determine the identity of any groups or pickets which may have been in front of the White House in the morning of April 13, 1963.

SA WALTER C. PINE, Protective Research Branch, United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C., advised SA HOMER R. HAUER on November 27, 1963, that a review of records failed to reflect specifically what, if any, groups appeared in front of the White House on April 13, 1963. PINE said his records showed that between April 10 and 18, 1963, a group of Iranian students intended to picket and in addition, a Peace Action Group was scheduled to conduct picketing in accordance with the Nuclear Test Ban.

SA HAUER reviewed the Journal of Communications and Records, Washington Metropolitan Police Department, on November 27, 1963, and it was noted seven members of a Peace Action Group picketed the front of the White House between 10 a.m., and 12 noon on April 13, 1963, and there were "no incidents". In addition, 15 members of an Iranian student group picketed the White House on April 13, 1963, from 10:40 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., with "no incidents".

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INVESTIGATION RE PURCHASE OF RIFLE

By communication dated November 23, 1963, the Chicago Office advised the rifle used to assassinate President JOHN F. KENNEDY was a 6.5 caliber bearing serial number C2766, marked 1940 made in Italy. This rifle is a bolt action type, and the word "Rocca" appears in a rectangle on plunger on rear of bolt. This rifle was equipped with a telescopic sight marked 010-Japan, and Ordinance Optics, Inc. - Hollywood, California.

This communication informed records of Klein Sporting Goods, Inc., Chicago, reflect this rifle sold to one A. HIDEELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. This rifle purchased with a money order in the amount of \$21.45.

Information regarding the transmittal of the money order used to purchase this weapon was set forth in this communication.

On November 24, 1963, SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM received from SA JOHN H. GRIMES, United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C., a United States Postal Money Order bearing number 2202130462 in the amount of \$21.45. This money order is made payable to Klein's Sporting Goods, is signed A. HIDEELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. This money order was issued on March 12, 1963 at Dallas, Texas, and is endorsed in favor of the First National Bank of Chicago by Klein's. This money order bears Klein's stamp number 509114.

This money order was turned over to SA JAMES T. FREEMAN at the FBI Laboratory.

By report dated November 27, 1963, the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised no latent fingerprints of value were developed on United States Postal Money Order Number 2202130462.

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Information received from NOELLER on November 26, 1963, had previously been furnished by communication dated November 22, 1963, from the Baltimore FBI Office. Based on this information, contact with HARRY GEIGLEIN, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., determined GEIGLEIN was unable to identify any White House guard from a description provided in this communication. GEIGLEIN stated that based on this description, specifically the age of the alleged White House guard, indicates this person would not presently be assigned as a guard.

On November 22, 1963, Mr. VIA, Manager of the Windsor Park Hotel, 2300 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., advised Mrs. ELLIS, a hotel telephone operator, had overheard a conversation between GRACE HALSELL, 2524 Green Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and an unknown individual. Mr. VIA identified HALSELL as being a guest in the Windsor Park Hotel.

Mr. VIA advised the operator overheard HALSELL say "Did they do it? Interesting, but I'll wait quietly until later."

Mr. VIA said this call had been received at approximately 2:25 P.M., on November 22, 1963. He said he could obtain no further information from his telephone operator at this time. The above information was furnished to HARRY GEIGLEIN, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., on November 22, 1963. GEIGLEIN said he would immediately dispatch Agents to contact Mr. VIA and the telephone operator.

GEIGLEIN advised on November 23, 1963, his agents had checked out the above information and determined this call was local in nature. He said the comments reported above had been satisfactorily explained.

On November 23, 1963, information was received that one LIBERO PICCIARDELLI had defected during the Korean War and has a background similar to that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On November 23, 1963, EDWARD S. EPPS, Management Technician, Immigration and Naturalization Central Office, Washington, D. C., advised SA STUART W. ANGEVINE that

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WF T-4 said he was quite dismayed over President KENNEDY's death. WF T-4 stated he is going to attempt to obtain any information he can regarding this assassination and should he receive any information he believes of value he will furnish same to the FBI.

On November 29, 1963, an individual identifying himself as CARL ALBERT WILSON, 2409 Good Hope Road, "S. E., telephone number 582-3309, telephonically contacted the WFO of the FBI. WILSON said he is presently working at the Government Accounting Office Building, Room 216, telephone number 961-2554. WILSON related he had received a letter from his uncle, WILLIAM L. CHACE, 1442 Lee Road, Shreveport 6, Louisiana, wherein CHACE stated the assassination of President KENNEDY was the best news he had ever heard. CHACE also reportedly stated that if he had a suitable weapon he would have helped LEE OSWALD, JACK RUBY and one LEACHMAN (first name possibly WALTER) in the assassination.

Investigation to locate and further interview WILSON on November 29, 1963, by SA MICHAEL J. MC ARDLE disclosed WILSON was unknown at 2409 Good Hope Road, S. E., which is address occupied by Mrs. MARGARET FITZGERALD. WILSON is also unknown at telephone number 582-3309, which number is listed to one ROBERT S. MC GOVERN, 3107 W Place, S. E. Efforts to contact WILSON at Room 216 of the Government Accounting Office Building and through telephone number 961-2554 disclosed he is unknown at these locations.

On November 29, 1963, HARRY W. GEIGLEIN, SAC, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised that a telephone call had been received from LUKE MOORE, U. S. Marshal, Washington, D. C., in which MOORE stated that CLARENCE SWEETNEY had some information to report regarding ARTHUR JENNINGS GRIFFITHS, also known as ARTURO J. GRIFFITHS. Such call being reported by reason of the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, and remarks of violence to have been made by GRIFFITHS in July, 1963, that the Negroes should attempt to do to KENNEDY what the Puerto Ricans had attempted to do to ex-President TRUMAN.

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On November 29, 1963, U. S. Marshal LUKE MOORE, Washington, D. C., advised SAs GEORGE R. FLETCHER and ALBERT B. MILLER that he had been contacted this date by CLARENCE SWEETNEY, 1000 Newton Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

According to MOORE, SWEETNEY related that he had information that ARTURO GRIFFITHS was preparing to leave or had left on a trip which included Mexico and other countries. MOORE stated that SWEETNEY told him that he (SWEETNEY) wondered whether such trip by GRIFFITHS had any bearing on the assassination of the late President and that SWEETNEY wished the matter be reported to proper authorities.

MOORE stated that he telephoned U. S. Secret Service, and was advised that an FBI representative would contact him.

On November 29, 1963, CLARENCE SWEETNEY was immediately interviewed by Bureau Agents FLETCHER and MILLER. SWEETNEY related that GRIFFITHS had told him while passing on the street on Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, at Washington, D. C., that he (GRIFFITHS) was going to take a trip to Mexico, Ghana, and other countries unnamed. SWEETNEY advised that GRIFFITHS did not express any details, did not make any reference to the assassination and that he had no further discussion with GRIFFITHS. SWEETNEY stated that he recalled reading something about LEE OSWALD having been to Mexico and decided that the conversation with GRIFFITHS above should be reported.

The above results of the interview were telephonically communicated to SAC HARRY W. GEIGLEIN, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., on November 29, 1963.