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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SEP 27 1964

TO: Mr. J. Lee Smith

FROM: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: [Redacted] of Thomas, Joseph A. Hall and David T. [Redacted] the assassination of the late the assassin of President Kennedy

II. Who was the assassin of President Kennedy?

A. The place from where the shots were fired.

1. Eyewitness to shooting.

- a. Witness Howard Johnson saw at least one shot fired.
- b. Witness Robert Johnson saw gun barrel withdrawn into building.

- (1) Witness William heard Jackson explain about gun.
- (2) Witness Unferwed heard Jackson explain about gun.

- c. Witness Smith saw gun barrel being withdrawn.
- d. Witness Marshall saw gun barrel being withdrawn.
- e. To all of foregoing witnesses place gun barrel in the south-east corner of the building on the corner window facing south on the west to the top story?

2. Witnesses in building.

- a. Witness Herman looking out of fifth floor window heard shot from above.

3. Witness as before assassination seeing figure with rifle in window.

- a. Arnold Barkard
- b. Dan. Barkard

4. Physical evidence in building.

- a. Three rifle bullet shells found by south-east corner window on sixth floor.
- b. Boxes stacked as shield by south-east corner window.

(1) [Redacted] on stacked boxes?

5. Does the trajectory of each shot fit quite with these physical facts?
 6. Is there any evidence to the contrary to rebut these physical facts?
 - a. Contrary witnesses
 7. Positive Conclusion to Crime: The shots were fired from the south-west corner window of the sixth floor of the south side Texas Rock Depository building.
- B. The weapon from which the shots were fired.
1. A weapon was found on the sixth floor of the Rock building.
 2. The rifle bullet shells were found on the sixth floor of the building.
 3. Have the rifle bullet shells fired by this particular gun?
 - a. How good and accurate is test?
 4. Have bullets wounding Connally and Missing Kennedy fired from this gun?
 - a. Fragments from Connally - how good is test on fragments?
 - b. Fragments from Kennedy - how good is test?
 - c. The whole bullet found.
- (1) How is this bullet whole instead of fragments?
(2) What about the trajectory of the bullet in the angle of shooting - point of exit appears higher than point of entry.
5. How accurate is this rifle at a distance?
 - a. Where was the car when each shot was fired?
 - b. Were there any obstructions in the line of vision?
 - c. What effect does sighting for a specific distance have?
 6. How fast can this gun be operated accurately?
 - a. What is the effect of a telescopic sight?
 - b. What is the effect of changing targets twice -- Kennedy, then Connally, then Kennedy?
 - c. Moving target.

7. What do the following items indicate?
 - a. Introduction of a third person.
 - b. Introduction of another person.
8. Indicates something is being done. The murder weapon was a .38 Smith & Wesson .38 Smith & Wesson caliber .38.
9. Who owned the weapon from which the fatal shots were fired?
 1. Identification of weapon as to manufacture and serial number.
 2. Source of purchase.
 3. Purchase
 - a. Order
 - b. Payment
 - c. Shipment
 4. Identification of handwriting on purchase materials.
 - a. Fazio sources
 - b. Other sources
 - c. Not available in evidence?
 5. Use of alias by owner.
 - a. Decree in Willfield.
 - b. Other use of alias.
 6. Impressions on weapon - how complete and how accurate?
 7. Fingerprint on weapon - how complete and how accurate?
 8. Purchase of telescopic sight.
 9. Picture of Oswald.
 10. Where weapon kept?
 - a. Marvin Oswald's testimony.
 - b. Where found on block - identification of evidence.
 - c. Where found on block - identification of evidence.
 11. Relative conclusion to date - the owner of the weapon -
Was it the same person, Oswald?

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- D. The collection of Oswald, owner of the gun, prior to assassination.
1. Located in building from which gun shots fired.
 2. On Thursday night went to Irving from for the first time on an evening other than Friday.
 3. The curtain red string.
 - a. Origin.
 - b. Police.
 - c. Any evidence of curtain red in building?
 4. The brown sack and the return.
 - a. Discrepancies in color stories.
 - (1) Why did police show pictures sack first rather than original sack?
 - b. Length of sack and wire.
 5. Walking into the Texas School Depository Building with the brown sack.
 6. The clip board found on the sixth floor and the testimony of witness Miller.
 - a. Were there any prints on the clip board?
 7. The elevator conversation.
 8. Any other movements or activities in morning prior to assassination?
 9. Tentative conclusion to date: At the time of the assassination Oswald was in the Texas School Depository building and prior to the assassination was on the sixth floor; the assassination weapon was carried into the building by Oswald on the morning of the assassination.

D. Activities of Gansel in building after construction.

1. Persons observed in building.
 - a. Names of people there.
 - b. Order and address.
 - c. What work did it do there?
 - d. Contents of office locker.
 - e. Any package stored out - i.e. curtain rods?
2. Time between date and leaving building.
3. Time and direction of Gansel in leaving building.
 - a. Police lines.
 - b. The white I-95 stop.
 - c. Other facts.
4. Tentative conclusion to date: Gansel was the only building employee to leave the building shortly after the assassination and at no time after the assassination was he seen carrying a package such as curtain rods.

E. Activities of Gansel after leaving building.

1. The boarding of the bus.
 - a. The time and place of boarding.
 - b. Intent and direction of ride.
 - c. The testimony of the bus driver.
 - d. The testimony of the former landlady.
 - e. The dress and appearance of Gansel.
 - f. Other relevant facts - i.e. no package of curtain rods.
2. Going from the bus to the taxi.
 - a. The distance and route from the bus to the taxi.
 - b. The time.
 - c. Distance and route of cab.
 - d. Time to destination.
 - e. Statement of cab driver.
 - f. Other witnesses or sources.
3. The route from the departure from the cab to the house.
 - a. Time of arrival at house.
 - b. Actions within house.
 - (1) Time
 - (2) Any washing of hands or face
 - c. Departure and direction.

4. Tests with specimens with Walker's light.
 - a. Time
 - b. Distance
5. Tentative conclusion to date: Could was attempting to leave the scene of the crime.
- II. Review of Officer J. D. Wright
 1. Cab driver, M. W. Ferris, seen murder and identified Could in police line-up.
 - a. Not exactly sure of later identification from picture.
 2. Mrs. Helen Walker seen murder and identified Could in police line-up and from picture.
 3. Dr. Egan states there were three bullet wounds (and fourth missing bullet) - only one bullet given to FBI.
 - a. No ballistic identification from pistol.
 - b. Were any other bullets?
 - c. Any cartridge shells?
 4. Time and location of murder.
 - a. Had there been any broadcast yet for apprehension of Could?
 5. The murder weapon.
 - a. Ballistic reports inconclusive.
 - (1) Report says one bullet would be identifiable.
 - b. Paraffin tests.
 - (1) Would pistol firing result in positive paraffin test on both hands?
 - (a) Where was Could's left hand when he fired the pistol shot?
 - (b) Would reloading weapon put nitrate on left hand?

- (a) What portions of Gusselson on positive results of previous tests between white shirt and pistol case?
- (b) Why no positive previous tests from shirt?

- 6. Other evidence - identify and name of parcel to "L. H. Smith, P. O. Box 2155."
- 7. Tentative conclusion to date: Oswald murdered Officer Tippit in an attempt to evade arrest.

X. Flight and Apprehension in Kramo Theater.

- 1. How and when entry into theater.
 - a. Time
 - b. No witnesses
 - c. Actions - e.g. Reloading weapon after emptying it in public view.
 - d. Other relevant facts - e.g. Dismissal of music, removing of jackets.
- 2. Entry into the theater.
 - a. Purchase of tickets?
- 3. Apprehension in theater.
 - a. Movements of Oswald in theater.
 - b. Identification and arrest of police.
 - c. Resistance to arrest of Oswald.
 - (1) Pulling trigger - indentation of shell.
 - d. Removal to station.
- 4. Tentative conclusion to date: Oswald went to the Kramo Theater to hide out after the shooting of Officer Tippit.

XI. Interrogation of Oswald at Dallas Police Station.

- 1. Interrogation
 - a. Time, manner and number of interrogation sessions.
 - b. Persons present.
 - c. Persons responsible.

2. Other Investigations by Dallas Police

- a. Interviews and eye-witness identification
- b. Release of Oswald's papers
- c. Other
- d. Research work

(3) Why check negative?

- 3. Comparison of statements of Oswald in interrogation with other evidence - i.e., certain red story, ownership of gun, alleged 5-minute conversation with woman before going home, waste taken to theater, etc.
- 4. Tentative conclusion to date: Oswald reportedly lied in interrogation.

II. Miscellaneous Evidence and Recirculations

1. Source of photo.

2. Question of feasibility of photo within 10-15 span.

- a. Laboratory report re IR analysis of motion picture films of assassination.

(1) Speed of car by comparing movement of known length of portion of car with fixed point.

(2) Time sequence between second and third shots through comparison of frames per second.

3. Other similar notes:

- a. General Walker attack.

(1) Mr. letter

(2) Statements by Marina Oswald

- b. General Eisenhower threat?

4. See clothing.

- a. Recirculations in statements of witnesses in color of shirt.
- b. Buckle versus regular shirt.
- c. Jacket.

5. Possible inferences from Oswald being only
employee housing building.
 - a. Possible inferences from flight and route taken.
 - b. Statements of bus - inconsistent.
 - c. Route of flight.
 - d. Indirect route to theater.
6. Accuracy of telescope and lens.
 - a. Claimed sighting of lens at 100 yards. What
effect did this have at 50 yards?
 - b. Shifting of target.
7. Refutation of allegations.
8. Additional statements which should be obtained.
9. Tentative conclusion to case: Whatever inconsistencies
seen thus far are not sufficient to rebut conclusions
heretofore reached beyond reasonable doubt.
10. Tentative Conclusions (the following tentative conclusions
are made beyond a reasonable doubt).
 1. The shots were fired from the Texas School Book
Depository building and in particular from the south-
east corner window of the south side of the building
on the sixth floor.
 2. The weapon used to fire the bullets was a rifle
determined to be a 6.5 millimeter Franchises-Garcose
bolt-action clip-fed rifle, Serial No. 02736, equipped
with a telescope sight of Japanese manufacture.
 3. The assassination weapon was owned by Lee Harvey Oswald
and his fingerprints appear on the weapon.
 4. At the time of the assassination Lee Harvey Oswald
was in the Texas School Book Depository building and
prior to the assassination was on the sixth floor.
 5. The fingerprints and palm prints of Lee Harvey Oswald
appear on the assassination weapon and the proper means
of identification.

6. Joe Harvey Oswald is the only building employee who left the building after the assassination.
 7. Joe Harvey Oswald married Patricia J. D. Hickey.
 8. Joe Harvey Oswald is the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.
- W. Limitations of analysis of area of inquiry of Haines, Joseph A. Lull and David W. Eskin.
1. In this particular section we are not analyzing motive.
 2. In this particular section we are not analyzing whether or not there were any other persons, groups, or any group outside of the country involved in the assassination.