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Re: DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH B. KILLGORE:

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On November 28, 1963, WILLIAM FRANK POWELL, Weeks Service Station, 3649 Gulfway Drive (Highway 87), Port Arthur, Texas, advised that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, about 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM, three men in a light blue 1961 Comet Station Wagon, stopped at the station. The motor was not running smoothly due to oil on the spark plugs, and they purchased a new set.

The driver was described as a white male in his early 20's. He was 5 feet, nine or ten inches tall, weighed 130 to 140 pounds, with light brown hair, cut short.

One of the other passengers met this same description. The third passenger was described as a white male, age 35 to 45 years. He was five feet, ten inches to six feet tall, heavy build, dark hair.

POWELL stated they did not disclose their origin or destination. These men watched television for a short time, believed to be after the actual murder of OSWALD. POWELL advised they seemed to be in somewhat of a hurry. He does not recall the direction they went when they left the station.

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LOIS WESTON, Aircraft Registration Branch, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reviewed her files under registration number 8293K and advised this registration number is issued to a Stinson 150 aircraft with serial number 108-1293. This aircraft was registered to DAVE W. FERRIE, 1302 Clay Street, Kenner, Louisiana, on May 8, 1947. The latest registration records in file list FERRIE as the registered owner. His last address recorded in the file is 704 Airline Park Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana.

WESTON advised that an application for airworthiness certificate dated April 7, 1961, is contained in the file and this certificate, according to regulations, would be valid as long as the aircraft is operated in accordance with operating regulations. There was no particular expiration date listed on this certificate and there is no information available in FAA files which would indicate that this aircraft is no longer airworthy. WESTON added, however, that in the event FERRIE had not complied with FAA regulations his aircraft would not be airworthy but it is not necessary that this information be recorded in the FAA files.

On 11/29/63 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma File # OC 89-41
by SA O. JOE FAIRES/plm Date dictated 11/29/63

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This is not the only plane to which Ferrie had access. However, the Commission conducted no investigation of that, either.

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Other Individuals and Organizations Date December 10, 1963
 Other Individuals and Organizations Date
 Involved or Interviewed

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JOHN COPORAN, News Director, WDSU-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that WDSU-TV, shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY, received a series of anonymous type calls linking DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mr. COPORAN stated that through inquiry with the New Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, he also determined that that agency was conducting inquiries regarding DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE's activities and subsequently he interviewed FERRIE at the New Orleans Police Department, First District, where he had been placed in custody by the District Attorney's Office. Mr. COPORAN stated he developed considerable background information which included information that FERRIE was interested in hypnotism, but found no information which would in any way connect FERRIE with OSWALD, except pure speculation.

Mr. COPORAN advised that a TV news report from Dallas had alleged that an entertainer whose name he, COPORAN, did not recall, had been quoted as stating that OSWALD had been seen in the night club operated by JACK RUBY. COPORAN recalled the news story had reported that the night club entertainer was a mind reader or had a mind reading act. COPORAN advised that he furnished the news story regarding DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE to NBC News in New York with the comment that he did not believe it worthy of additional news coverage and to his knowledge the story had never been carried by NBC news staff on a national program.

COPORAN advised that subsequent to his interview with DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, he, COPORAN, talked with BOB MULHOLLAND of the NBC News who was in Dallas, Texas, covering the OSWALD news story and he, COPORAN, commented to MULHOLLAND on the TV news report that a night club entertainer had alleged that OSWALD had been in the night club operated by RUBY. COPORAN stated that he and MULHOLLAND speculated as to the possibility that the night club entertainer and DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE of New Orleans could have had a mutual connection; however, this was pure speculation and he was merely tying in his knowledge of FERRIE based upon his interview with him

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On 12/10/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064
 by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY /cjo Date dictated 12/10/63

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on November 25th or 26th, 1963, and the news report that COPORAN stated he heard involved a mind reading act at RUBY's night club.

JOHN COPORAN advised that he had no knowledge of any connection between DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no knowledge of any connection between DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and JACK RUBY or DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and BILL DEMAR. He stated he had no knowledge of any connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY or BILL DEMAR.

COPORAN confirmed that his discussion with BOB MULHOLLAND of the NBC news staff in Dallas, Texas, was mere speculation on his part in an effort to develop a possible connection between these individuals.

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"New Orleans, Louisiana
"December 10th, 1963

"I, DAVID W. FERRIE, hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY, who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1955, or thereabouts, I assisted, for a time, the Moisant Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, at Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana, though I cannot establish through personal records or recollection the exact dates of this connection. I have no records, or recollection, to my knowledge, to show that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was, or was not, a member of this particular unit of the Civil Air Patrol. To my best knowledge and belief I do not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and have no personal recollection of ever having met him. If I did ever meet him it was very casual and to my best recollection have definitely not seen him in recent years.

"In the last fifteen years, I have been in Dallas, Texas, very infrequently. Usually I only stopped at the airport. I have not frequented any night clubs in the city of Dallas in the last fifteen years. To my knowledge, I have never met JACK RUBY who, I understand, from public sources, operated a night club in Dallas, Texas. I have seen a photograph of JACK RUBY, and I do not recognize this photograph to be a person with whom I am acquainted.

"I have been asked if I am acquainted with BILL DE MAR. I am told that he operates a mind-reading act at the Carousel Bar in Dallas, Texas. I have never known of this person, and to my knowledge, have never met him.

"I know of no connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD, JACK RUBY, or BILL DE MAR, and I have never been connected with any of them insofar as I know.

"During the time that I was connected with Civil Air Patrol, in 1955 or thereabouts, there was a limited amount of fire-arms training given ordinarily to the advanced students. This training was primarily on safety features and safe handling of a gun. A student of a CAP Squadron that had