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On the evening of June 4, 1964, Father JOSEPH DREW, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Richardson, Texas, telephonically advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that on the Monday or Tuesday following the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, a member of his parish, whose name he cannot now recall, told him that approximately two years prior to the assassination he (the unidentified parishioner) had been in attendance at a party at an unknown location in Richardson, Texas, which was attended by the owner of the Texas School Book Depository and his wife. Father DREW stated that this unknown parishioner told him that either the owner of the Texas School Book Depository or his wife had made a remark at this party to the effect, "It would be a good thing if President KENNEDY got shot."

Father DREW stated he wrote the unidentified parishioner's name on a piece of paper which he cannot now locate. He stated that as he recalls, the name of the owner of the Texas School Book Depository began with the letter "C". The name "CASON" was mentioned to Father DREW, and he stated that sounded like the name mentioned by the unidentified parishioner.

Father DREW stated that immediately after being told by the unidentified parishioner about the foregoing statement, he telephonically contacted the Dallas Police Department and told them about it, and that in the event they desired to check into it, they should recontact him. He stated that he was not recontacted by the Dallas Police Department and, therefore, did not think this to be of any significance to the investigation.

Father DREW stated, however, that he has thought of this on several occasions during the past few months, and that recently, as a result of the violence occurring in the New York area, as well as the fact that he frequently preaches about his concern about people's lack of concern, he felt that he should make it known to the FBI.

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Father DREW stated he would make every effort to determine the identity of the parishioner who furnished him the information and if he could do so, he would contact SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING.

It should be noted that previous investigation has established that JACK CHARLES CASON is the President of Texas School Book Depository. The May 1964, Dallas Telephone Directory reflects JACK CHARLES CASON has an office at 411 Elm Street, the address of Texas School Book Depository in Dallas, Texas, and a residence address of 4015 Druid Lane, telephone LA 6-5979, Dallas, Texas, and a residence address at Lewisville Lake, Lewisville, Texas, telephone KE 9-2859.

Date 6/11/641

JACK CHARLES CASON, President, Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), 411 Elm Street, advised he resides at 4015 Druid Lane, telephone LA 6-5979, Dallas, Texas.

CASON was informed that an allegation had been received that he and his wife had attended a party in Richardson, Texas, approximately two years prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and it was at this party that either he or his wife made a remark to the effect "It would be a good thing if President Kennedy got shot." CASON responded to this by stating "That's a damn lie." Further, he stated he did not make such a statement at a party anywhere and his wife did not make such a statement at a party in Richardson or anywhere else. CASON advised he has the highest respect for the office of President of the United States and stated he respected President KENNEDY. He said he did not always agree with some of the policies of President KENNEDY but added he did not always agree with some of the policies of former President EISENHOWER. He said he is strongly opposed to any type of violence. He said he registers any type of disagreement he has by fighting with "ballots and not bullets."

CASON related he is a former Commander of American Legion Post No. 53, Dallas, Texas, and considers himself a patriotic citizen who upholds our democratic principles.

Regarding the above allegation, CASON stated if whoever made this allegation would do it publicly he would have them in court for making a slanderous allegation.

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On June 10, 1964, Father JOSEPH DREW, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Richardson, Texas, telephonically advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that he had determined the identity of the unknown parishioner to whom he referred in his telephone call to SA GEMBERLING on June 4, 1964.

Father DREW stated that the previously unidentified parishioner is TED TAYLOR, 924 Meadow View Drive, Richardson, Texas, telephone AD 1-0483. Father DREW stated that Mr. TAYLOR would be willing to talk to an FBI Agent in the event it was so desired.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/18/64

M. THEODORE TAYLOR, 924 Meadow View Drive, telephone No. AD 1-0483, advised he is employed as an editor by the W.H. Freeman Company, San Francisco, California. He stated this employment requires that he travel approximately four days out of the week.

TAYLOR advised he was formerly employed by McGraw Hill Company as their Southwest representative. He said his office was in the Texas School Book Depository building.

TAYLOR advised that in the Spring of 1961, the President of McGraw Hill Company was visiting Dallas and the Texas School Book Depository building. He said JACK CHARLES CASON, President of the Texas School Book Depository, held a dinner in honor of the President of McGraw Hill Company at CASON's residence on Druid Lane, Dallas, Texas, and invited all of the employees of McGraw Hill Company to this dinner party. TAYLOR stated the CASONs are very conservative people and the topic of conversation was directed along these lines. He said they discussed foreign aid, politics, and other related subjects. He said after all had consumed several cocktails, Mrs. CASON made a remark to the effect that someone ought to shoot President KENNEDY. TAYLOR stated this was an irresponsible offhand remark and believes it was uttered without serious intent that such a thing should happen. He stated he does not believe Mrs. CASON would take any positive action in this regard or enter into any type of conspiracy with anyone else concerning this.

TAYLOR stated Mrs. CASON gives the impression of being a theatrical type person and in his opinion is considered "flighty" by her husband, JACK CHARLES CASON. He said that during the course of the dinner party Mr. CASON would moderate her expressions on many occasions and on many subjects. He said Mr. CASON spent considerable time "smoothing feathers ruffled by her rash remarks."

TAYLOR stated he does not know nor has he ever had any contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. Further, he stated he had no information which would assist in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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by Special Agent A. RAYMOND SWITZER:sm Date dictated 6/17/64