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Memorandum

TO: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)(P) DATE: 12/27/76

FROM: SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: DALLAS

On 12/20/76, Ms. HELEN TOWNE, Secretary to W.O. BANKSTON, 4747 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas, telephone 233-1441, at the direction of W.O. BANKSTON, met with SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at the Office of Mr. TOM E. TURNER, Senior Vice President, National Bank of Commerce, Dallas, Texas. She had in her possession a folder of documents which she stated had been given to W.O. BANKSTON by Sheriff J.E. BILL DECKER prior to DECKER's death and had been maintained by BANKSTON in his safe deposit box at the National Bank of Commerce ever since. She stated Mr. BANKSTON had contacted SAC TED L. GUNDERSON in order to arrange for a review of the material by an FBI Agent familiar with the assassination investigation to determine if there was any information in the folder that was not known to the FBI.

This folder was found to contain copies of letters to various persons from Sheriff DECKER acknowledging receipt of donations of money to the widow of Dallas Police Officer J.D. TIPPIT, who was the Dallas Police Officer allegedly shot by OSWALD on 11/22/63. The remainder of the documents in this folder are identical to Warren Commission Exhibit No. 5323, made available to the Warren Commission by Sheriff J.E. BILL DECKER when he appeared before the Warren Commission to testify as reflected in Volume 12, pages 42-62 of the Warren Commission report. In the presence of Ms. TOWNE, each page in the folder was compared to identical pages contained in the Dallas copy of "Decker Exhibit 5323."

There was one page in the folder made available by Miss TOWNE which was not located in the Dallas copy of "Decker Exhibit No. 5323." This page is a supplementary investigation report by C.C. GENTRY of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office dated 11/22/63, which reflects that one

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BENNY JAMES, Route 6, Box 122A, Dallas, Texas, had called (no indication of whom he called) and stated O.B. CARRS, who worked for the Garland Auto Company, 2800 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas, was at the expressway (not further described) and shots came over his head and he looked back and saw a lot of people in the windows (not further identified). This report concluded by stating that according to JAMES, CARRS could tell more about what he saw.

A search of the Dallas files does not reflect any interview with O.B. CARRS.

Action: File for information and index.