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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

ROBERT TAYLOR, Grand Prairie, Texas, during past week visited mother at Harveys Lake, Pa. TAYLOR reported to have stated that prior to assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, he fixed a car for individual believed to be OSWALD and in lieu of payment of bill received a rifle similar to rifle used in assassination. TAYLOR still has possession of rifle. TAYLOR en route to residence, arriving late evening, 12/10/63.

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DETAILS:

Corporal ROY PETERS, Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming Barracks, Wyoming, Pa., advised SA CHARLES T. ADAMS that his sister, Mrs. MARGARET RYAN, an employee of the Food Fair Store, Kingston, Pa., informed him that a fellow employee, Mrs. KAY GIBSON, was heard to make remarks that her brother, ROBERT TAYLOR of Fort Worth, Texas, knew OSWALD and purchased a rifle from OSWALD prior to the assassination of the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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Mrs. ROSE TAYLOR, mother of ROBERT TAYLOR, High Street, Harveys Lake, Pa., on December 9, 1963, advised SA CHARLES T. ADAMS that her son, ROBERT, and his wife have been visiting her for the past week. She stated her son and his wife arrived a week ago Sunday (December 1, 1963) to do some deer hunting. She advised her son left Friday, December 6, 1963, for his home, Box 125 "G", RD #1, Grand Prairie, Texas. She stated that last evening, December 8, 1963, she received a telephone call from her son from St. Louis, Mo., advising his car had broken down and that he needed money for repairs. She stated her son indicated that after necessary repairs, he would arrive home in the late evening hours of December 10, 1963. She advised her son is 47 years of age, married, has three children, and works as a mechanic in an automobile garage, place not known.

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Mrs. KAY GIBSON, RD #1, Dallas, Pa., advised that her brother, ROBERT TAYLOR, and his wife have been spending the week at her mother's residence, Mrs. ROSE GIBSON, Harveys Lake, Pa. She stated her brother, whom she calls "BOB" but who also uses the nickname of SLIM, stated that prior to the assassination of the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, an individual drove into the garage where he is employed as a mechanic for repairs. Mrs. GIBSON continued that according to her brother, after the repairs were made, the individual did not have money to pay the bill and sold her brother a rifle for \$12.00, the bill being \$9.40.

She stated her brother informed her that after the assassination of the late President KENNEDY, he observed LEE OSWALD's photograph in the newspapers and recognized OSWALD to be the individual who sold him the rifle. According to TAYLOR, OSWALD lived within walking distance of the garage where he was employed.

Mrs. GIBSON advised she did not know the name or the location of this garage, but it was in a small town between Irving, Texas, and her brother's place of residence, Grand Prairie, Texas.

She advised that the rifle, when purchased by her brother, did not have a scope on it, but he subsequently mounted a scope on this rifle. To the best of her knowledge, he still has this rifle.

Mrs. GIBSON stated according to her brother, OSWALD's wife has walked past this garage where he is employed on one or two occasions. At the time of the car repair, OSWALD was accompanied by another male, name unknown, and the car in question was a late model car, no further descriptive data known to Mrs. GIBSON.

She stated OSWALD was not personally known to her brother, and he did not know OSWALD's name at the time of the car repair and purchase of the rifle.

On 12/9/63 at Kingston, Pa. File # Philadelphia 105-9958

by SA CHARLES E. ADAMS /dfb Date dictated 12/9/63

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