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In the Summer of 1963, I was an advisor to the local Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Wheeling West Virginia. In July a white woman (whom I had seen at meetings at our local American Association Chapter for the United Nations and Human Rights) and a Negro woman visited me and sought my help to build a NAACP Youth Council in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

From this day on both women were in and out on work on the March on Washington <sup>part</sup> organization of a local Congress of Racial Equality Chapter.

I learned during this time both women had connections

with the underworld. The white woman, Jackie Snodgrass of Martin's Ferry, had casually mentioned a cousin here would be coming up from the South, and would need an apartment and asked if I would show him some rooms I had available.

In the second week of October she brought "her cousin" to my place to look at the apartments.

She introduced him to me as Lee Oswald. The man was NOT the real Lee Oswald.

I noticed this man was NOT interested in renting. I had a feeling they came for other reasons.

The woman told me her cousin was active in the Civil Rights Movement in

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the South. She also informed me she was going to take him to the CORE meeting that week.

Hawes, the man she took to this meeting was introduced as Herman. I was not at this meeting but learned he was a "rough, cowboy, character" in appearance.

No more was mentioned about "this cousin" until Nov. 20th, a group of us were discussing the arrest of our local CORE chapter a Negro, Lee Johnson.

At this meeting the Negro woman, Thelma Wheeler, Martins Ferry, Ohio, wanted so much to tell me something but seemed extremely frightened.

Jackie Snodgrass was not at this meeting at the re-

genings, until Linda Johnson  
(Wife of Lee) Buddy part, this  
went to the phone and  
called her to come down which  
she did.

It was after this meeting  
Jackie Suddgrass said to  
me she would be going to  
Louisiana next week (would  
be Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>) to see her cousin  
Lee.

Two days later President  
Kennedy was assassinated.

Thelma Wheeler (the Negro  
woman who had first come  
with Jackie Suddgrass to get  
me to help in organizing the  
"Youth Chapter in Martin's Ferry")  
called me to tell me.

Jackie Suddgrass was in  
the hospital had a nervous  
breakdown and a "guard"

was stationed at Lew doan, around  
the clock.

Ground the middle of  
December (1963) Linda Johnson  
called me asking if I would  
testify at her husband's trial.  
She then asked if I wanted  
to go to look to "Jackie". Linda  
was calling from her place.  
We exchanged a few words in  
which she told me she had  
been very ill but was feeling  
better.

I haven't seen her or talked  
to her since.

In January (1964) a local  
underworld figure (Paul  
Honkisch, a person that  
Jackie Indegrow called a  
friend and whose wife, Pat,  
was Jackie's close friend)  
was entering his car when  
a bomb exploded, ripping off

both legs but not killing of  
him.

Seeing his picture in the  
paper that day I recognized  
him as the man Jackie Snodgrass  
introduced to me as Lee Oswald.

A newspaper account of  
the story stated "a woman's  
friend told police Paul Hankin's  
was hounded because he would  
not go to Louisiana in  
November." The woman mentioned  
was Jackie Snodgrass who  
was constantly at the hospital  
with the wife of Hankin.

Some interesting obser-  
vations I had made re-  
lating the months from July  
through August.

(1) Jackie Snodgrass was  
very interested in securing a  
good attorney.

(2.) She and Thelma Wheeler in November, 1963 made several attempts to see me to tell me "something".

(3.) Thelma Wheeler (a guest at a luncheon in Trotter's Ferry) said "on my work I hear many things - even things I should not hear."

(4.) Thelma Wheeler was under a lot of tension saying she wanted to tell me "something" but was scared and was crying for days.

(5.) Jackie Snodgrass warned Thelma Wheeler to keep her "mouth shut" and threatened her with selling dope. This was also on Nov. 25th.

(6.) Around 10 p.m. Nov. 25th - Jackie Snodgrass called me saying "Thelma better keep her mouth shut on

(7.) DISASTER would fall  
on ALL of 45. This puzzled  
me - I thought Shelma Wheeler  
had information which would  
help acquit the CORE chair-  
man, Lee Johnson, but had  
found. He had been accused  
of robbing a bus driver  
on Nov. 4, 1963 of \$40.00.

(8.) Jackie Snodgrass and  
a small friend, Jimmie Matchum  
whom she had brought to  
the local Unitarian meetings  
had warned me the FBI  
had been watching my house,  
would have pictures of  
the house in the paper,  
pictures were taken of  
people coming and going.  
This was when we were  
working on the March on