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Mrs. MILDRED LANE LONGWORTH, wife of ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, 214 Chickasaw Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, owners from 1961 to present of Peanut Shoppes (2), Chattanooga, Tennessee, was interviewed and categorically denied any knowledge of assassination of President KENNEDY, any knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, JACK RUBY, or any knowledge regarding plans or reported discussions regarding plans for assassination of President KENNEDY or anyone. She denied being in Washington, D.C. since January, 1963 when she visited her uncle, THOMAS J. JACKSON, retired U. S. Army Captain, then a patient at Walter Reed Hospital. At that time she stayed with JACKSON's wife two weeks, at 6204 Wedgewood Road, Bethesda, Maryland. In February, 1963 she traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, contacted an individual regarding small business loan from the U. S. Government. She reported she has not been out of Hamilton County, Tennessee since February, 1963.

Mrs. LONGWORTH denied making any statements that she had been in Washington, D.C. recently, that she had attended a meeting in which persons were assigned to kill President KENNEDY or any government official; denied stating she has any knowledge or of having heard of any discussions of any plans regarding assassination, denies any knowledge of meeting or plans of meeting for the purpose of discussing assassination of anyone.

Mrs. LONGWORTH stated during July, 1963 she purchased outside flashing sign for Peanut Shoppes, Chattanooga, from JOHN R. ROWE, 3600 Ridgeview Drive, West Birmingham, Alabama, a salesman for Superior Outdoor Display, Inc., 1251 Gaylor Street, Long Beach, California. Her first contact with this man was one evening and second contact the following day when signs purchased, both July, 1963. She states she has had no prior or previous contact with this individual. During one of these two meetings they discussed civil rights program, U. S. Supreme Court decisions, and U. S. Government administrative policy with which both disagreed, especially concerning use of Federal troops and the rushing of the civil rights program. ROWE reportedly made several statements the exact wording not recalled, but in substance that he had talked to a number of persons and the feelings were strong enough against the administration over civil rights that it would be possible if enough people were willing, to run the risk, to get rid of Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and Chief Justice WARREN. He reportedly made the specific statement, "You know the best news I

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could ever hear would be that two of the KENNEDYS had been killed in an airplane crash going to the funeral of the third KENNEDY". She did not recall ROWE making any statements regarding individuals being assigned to kill the President or that a meeting had been held or even planned for such assignments. He did state that if enough men were dedicated enough to run the risk that assassination of the KENNEDYS and Justice WARREN could be accomplished. He also made the statement that he had discussed the fact of assassination of the KENNEDYS with a number of persons and it should, and could, be done. Mrs. LONGWORTH stated she was not involved in any way and had no knowledge regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY, any plans of such assassination and had never heard any statements regarding such and positively had never made any statements that she had information regarding such plans or activities. She described JOHN R. ROWE as a white male, 45-55, 6'1", slender build, no additional descriptive data known, and states she doubts she could recognize him if viewed again.

She did state that since the conversations with JOHN R. ROWE she had made the statements on several occasions to members of her family and possibly a few friends, whose identity she could not recall at time of interview. These statements were in substance that she had heard there was a move made to try to get a number of people who would be willing to try to kill a number of top government officials including Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and Chief Justice WARREN. She did not recall if he included President KENNEDY in this or similar statements. She also stated she had made the statement she believed because of the many hard feelings over civil rights matters that the KENNEDYS and Chief Justice WARREN may be assassinated. She has remarked that it could happen and that it had been discussed, however, she positively states she had no facts or basis for making such statements, did not know of such plans or discussions, except those set forth above. She described herself as not being an extremist, but believing in the basic program of the administration. She stated she personally believes the civil rights program is being pushed too fast, that equal rights are deserved but Negroes are demanding and pushing matters too fast and the principal trouble is attributed to agitators. She admitted making some very unwise, unfounded statements in the past, as set forth above. She stated she has never written letters to government officials, business leaders or news media, except for



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one poem which was written to the editor of the Chattanooga News-Free Press, a daily publication, Chattanooga, Tennessee. This poem was written on the night Alabama Governor GOERGE WALLACE was forced by U. S. Government troops to move from the entrance of the University of Alabama. This poem was written under a name other than her own. A copy of this poem was turned over to interviewing Agents. This poem is set forth as follows:

"SHADES OF LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

"Little Johnnie Kennedy's come to our house to stay  
To sit in judgement and chase the cares away  
of all the Kneegrows in our town, and bring them in to Tea,  
so that we can see what we missed in the color that we be  
and hear tales of integration they have brought about.  
The federal troops will get us all ---  
If we don't watch out.

Now, Johnnie's a good boy and believes in EDUCATION  
especially if you are Black and want integration.  
But if you are poor and white, then you should know  
the chances are good you won't get to go  
'cause Mamma and Papa have taxes to pay, round about  
and the feds will get you too ---  
If you don't watch out.

An onct there was a time, when if you tried  
real hard and somehow managed to put aside  
a little money now and then, and hid it away  
the time would come when you could say  
"take this here money, Son, find what it's all about"  
But now the feds will get you ---  
If you don't watch out.

An' onct, when you made a little money  
and didn't try to live on milk and honey  
you could save a little for a rainy day.  
Now it rains all the time, 'pears it's here to stay.  
So no college for mine, or mine to come about  
'cause the feds will get us all  
If we don't watch out.

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So, Son, don't be Governor, you might get shot  
or stepped on, or even demoted and what  
good is a Governor? He has no right to decide  
all the poor guy can do is struggle, and then abide  
by a decree sent from little Johnnie, the lout-  
That the feds will get him too ---  
If he don't watch out.

No need to have ambition or try free enterprise  
'cause little Johnnie will see that if we tries  
the Tax Collector will find a way -  
He will come to our door and say  
"Won' do no good to plead or shout  
'cause we feds will get you  
If you don't watch out.

Now the moral to this tale is that we  
struggle and work to keep some people free  
and pay taxes so that we may know  
we're helping our Johnnie to bestow  
largess to those who agitate and shout  
'cause the feds won't get them, they  
don't need to watch out.

Now woe is me, alas, alack  
I was born white instead of black.  
Now is the time we "whites begin our decline  
and if she is lucky, a kneegrow will marry Caroline.  
I hope our black friends don't find me out  
'cause the NAACP will get me  
If I don't watch out.

Connie Federick"

The following descriptive data concerning Mrs. LONGWORTH  
was obtained through interview:

Name	MILDRED LANE LONGWORTH, aka Mrs. ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH
Race	White
Sex	Female
DOB	December 14, 1911
POB	Columbia, Tennessee



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Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium, stocky
Father	WILLIAM JESSE LANE, deceased
Mother	JINMIE JACKSON LANE, deceased
Brothers	None
Sisters	Mrs. DAVID PRICE 904 Carolyn Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, formerly employed Field Secretary, U.S. Tennessee Senator, ESTES KEFAUVER, at Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. HAROLD V. MANN (JESSIE), Grays Lake, Illinois; Mrs. ED BROWN (WILLIE MAE), 1407 Meridian Street, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. BETTY VAUGHT, Lake Haven Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
Husband	ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, born November 26, 1911, Nashville, Tennessee, married Nashville, Tenn. January 1, 1935.
Children	MICHAEL K. LONGWORTH, age 25, 214 Chickasaw Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee; ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, JR., 5607 Clements Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee; DENNIS ALLEN LONGWORTH, age 12 214 Chickasaw Drive;
Residence	1947 to present - 214 Chickasaw Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Education	High school credits but did not graduate; attended Draughn's Business College, Nashville, Tenn., 1929-30
Employment	Co-owner Peanut Shoppes, Chattanooga, Tenn., October, 1961 to present; Two locations: 617 Market St., and 5951 Brainerd Road, both Chattanooga, Tennessee.



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Husband employed 1936 to 1961, Planters Peanut Company.

Mrs. LONGWORTH advised she has never been arrested and has never been fingerprinted.



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On November 27, 1963, ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, SR., 816 Chickamaugan Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised interviewing agents that he and his wife, MILDRED LAKE LONGWORTH, same address, have been the co-owners and managers of Peanut Shoppes (two) from August, 1961 to present. He advised that they are located at 617 Market Street and 2051 Brainerd Road, both Chattanooga, Tennessee. He advised that prior to the purchase of Peanut Shoppes that he worked from 1936 to August, 1961, with Planter's Peanut Company, the majority of this time at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He advised the personnel employed at both of these businesses consists primarily of he, his wife, and his two grown sons, ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, JR., and MICHAEL K. LONGWORTH. He advised they have two other regular employees, one Mrs. WILLIE WILSON, a salesman, and one BETTY BASS who has worked part-time for them both as Planter's Peanut Company and later as Peanut Shoppes.

Mr. LONGWORTH stated he had no information concerning the assassination or planned assassination of President KENNEDY, November 22, 1963. He had never heard plans for assassination being discussed and was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He advised that his wife has not been out of Hamilton County, Tennessee, since approximately February of 1963. At that time she visited Nashville, Tennessee, a small loan office, the U. S. Government, and in January, 1963 she visited an uncle of hers, Washington, D. C. With the exception of the above travels she has not been out of Hamilton County for a period in excess of one year. He stated that to his knowledge, she has never made any statement that she had recently been to Washington, D.C., that she had attended a meeting which persons had been assigned to kill President KENNEDY and Attorney General KENNEDY and that to his knowledge she had no information concerning such plans or meeting.

He did state that a sign salesman, JOHN R. ROWE, Birmingham, Alabama, had sold he and his wife a flashing light sign in July, 1963, and reportedly had made statements to his wife that it would be possible for President

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KENNEDY, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and Chief Justice WARREN to be assassinated. He reportedly said that feeling was so high in the south over the civil rights program that it would be entirely possible for this to happen. He stated he has heard his wife repeat these remarks that she had heard from JOHN R. ROWE. With the exception of the above he stated he could furnish no information regarding this matter.

Mr. LONGWORTH stated he was married to MILDRED LANE January 1, 1935, Nashville, Tennessee. He advised that he was born November 28, 1911 at Nashville, Tennessee.



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MICHAEL K. LONGWORTH, 214 Chickasaw Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised he is 25 years of age, resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, SR., at the above address. He advised he is employed working in the Peanut Shoppes, (2), Chattanooga, Tennessee, owned and managed by his parents. He stated he could furnish no information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, November 22, 1963, does not know and has never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY prior to newspaper reports concerning the above. He stated he has never heard any statements made regarding the planned assassination of the President or any one else. He advised his mother has not been out of Hamilton County, Tennessee, since February of 1963.

Mr. LONGWORTH stated he has never heard his mother make any statements that she had attended any meetings in which planned assassination of the President had taken place. He has never heard his mother make any statements indicating she had any knowledge concerning such planned meetings or any thoughts along those lines. He stated that a salesman JOHN R. ROWE reportedly had visited at the company store in July of 1963 and talked to his mother on one or two occasions concerning the sale of a sign. After he had departed he has heard his mother state that this individual advised that feeling was very strong in the south over the civil rights program and it would be possible for certain individuals to assassinate JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, and Chief Justice WARREN. He stated these statements made by his mother did not indicate that this salesman had any information concerning such but was only stating that it would be possible due to the feeling of the people in the south. He advised he could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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On November 27, 1963, Mrs. WILLIE C. WILSON, widow ROBERT CECIL WILSON, 1046 King Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised interviewing Agents she has been employed as a salesperson with the Peanut Shoppes, Chattanooga, Tennessee, from August, 1962 to present. She advised her supervisors are Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, SR.

She stated she has never heard Mr. or Mrs. LONGWORTH make any statement concerning planned assassination of the President, has never heard them make any statements indicating they had any such information and has never heard either of them make any derogatory statements concerning President KENNEDY, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, Chief Justice WARREN, or other U. S. Government officials. She stated she could not furnish any information relating to assassination of President KENNEDY, plans for such assassination, or discussions concerning such an event.

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