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SUBJECT:

IDENTITY OF THREE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE "THE THREE TRAMPS," FROM THEIR APPEARANCE IN PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THREE NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHERS AS THEY WERE ESCORTED BY DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS TO THE DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOLLOWING THEIR APPREHENSION IN A BOXCAR IN THE RAILYARD BEHIND DEALEY PLAZA SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

THESE MEN WERE MYSTERIOUSLY RELEASED WITHOUT ANY RECORD OF THEIR ARREST. THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATION AS TO THEIR IDENTITIES AND THEIR ROLES ON THAT DAY.

(1) CHAUNCEY MARVIN HOLT

THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE OLDER-APPEARING MAN WEARING A HAT AND CARRYING A PAPER BAG. A LAW ENFORCEMENT FORENSIC ARTIST HAS PERSONALLY STUDIED HOLT AND CONCLUDED THAT HE IS INDEED WHO HE CLAIMS TO BE. HOLT IS A

SELF-DESCRIBED "CAREER CRIMINAL" WHO WAS ALSO AN EMPLOYEE OF CIA PROPRIETARIES, BEGINNING WITH THE INCEPTION OF THAT AGENCY.

HOLT'S TALENTS INCLUDE BEING AN ACCOUNTANT, A PILOT, AN ARTIST, AND A MASTER FORGER. HE PREPARED SOME OF OSWALD'S "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA" HANDOUTS AND WAS PRESENT AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON ONE OF THE OCCASIONS WHEN OSWALD DISTRIBUTED THAT LITERATURE IN NEW ORLEANS. HIS ROLE IN DEALEY PLAZA WAS ALSO IN THE CAPACITY OF DOCUMENT AND I-D PREPARATION. HE ARRIVED THAT MORNING IN THE OLDSMOBILE STATION WAGON THAT WAS OBSERVED BY LEE BOWERS, WITH THREE COMPANIONS FROM ARIZONA, TWO OF WHOM WERE KNOWN MAFIA ENFORCERS. HOLT BROUGHT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF I-D WITH HIM, INCLUDING SECRET SERVICE PINS WITH CURRENT COLOR CODES. A SUPPLY OF HANDGUNS WAS ALSO IN THE VEHICLE. THESE SUPPLIES WERE DISTRIBUTED BY ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING HOMER ECHEVERRIA AND ORLANDO BOSCH.

HOLT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME KIND OF "INCIDENT" WAS TO BE STAGED WHICH WOULD BE BLAMED ON PRO-CASTRO FORCES, IN ORDER TO FAN THE FLAMES AGAINST CASTRO. BEYOND THAT, HE KNEW LITTLE. WHEN THE SHOTS RANG OUT, HE WAS BEHIND THE SIDE OF THE PERGOLA NEAREST TO THE DEPOSITORY. HE DID NOT SEE KENNEDY OR CONNALLY GET HIT.

HOLT IMMEDIATELY RAN TO A BOXCAR AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO. THERE HE MET THE OTHER TWO "TRAMPS," WHOM HE HAD MET EARLIER, AND, IN FACT, WERE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE TO WHOM HE PERSONALLY DELIVERED I-D AND HANDGUNS. ALL THREE HAD TREASURY DEPARTMENT I-D'S ON THEM. WHEN THE DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS OPENED THE DOORS, THEY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS UNDERCOVER FEDERAL AGENTS. THIS EXPLAINS WHY THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE UNDER ARREST--THEY WEREN'T. THEY WERE MERELY BEING ESCORTED FROM THE SCENE. AS TO THEIR CLOTHING, HOLT SAYS THEY WERE ALL TOLD TO WEAR WORK CLOTHES, AS IF THEY WERE RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

ONCE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEY WAITED WHILE CAPTAIN WILL FRITZ WAS CALLED TO COME OVER FROM DPD HEADQUARTERS. HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE GORDON SHANKLIN SHOWED UP AND HAD THEM RELEASED. THIS EXPLAINS FRITZ' SUBSEQUENT REMARK TO REPORTERS INQUIRING ABOUT THE TRAMPS, SAYING THEY WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE FBI ABOUT IT.

HOLT AND THE OTHER TWO MEN ALL HEADED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS WHEN RELEASED. HOLT HIMSELF CAUGHT A RIDE TO REDBIRD AIRPORT WITH GENE BRADEN, WHO WAS RELEASED ABOUT THE SAME TIME. THERE HOLT MET ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS FROM ARIZONA, WHO HAD A PIPER COMANCHE PRE-FLIGHTED AND READY TO GO. THEY FLEW BACK TO PETE LICAVOLI'S "GRACE RANCH," ONE OF THE MAFIA'S SOUTHWEST HEADQUARTERS.

HOLT IS THE FIRST CREDIBLE PERSON TO EVER COME FORWARD AND SAY THAT HE WAS IN DEALEY PLAZA, AND WAS A MEMBER (ALBEIT UNWITTINGLY) OF THE CONSPIRACY. MUCH OF HIS INFORMATION HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN REVEALED, AND YET MUCH OF IT HAS BEEN INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED. HIS STATED REASON FOR COMING FORTH NOW AT THE AGE OF 70 IS TO TELL THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY. HE ALSO FEELS THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID--A PATSY--AND THAT HE GOT A "RAW DEAL." HOLT DOESN'T THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR HIS CHILDREN TO SUFFER UNDER THE STIGMA OF A LIE.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING CHAUNCEY M. HOLT MAY DO SO BY WRITING HIS ATTORNEY:

MARVIN PETERSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
1200 TRAVIS STREET, SUITE 2020
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

(2) CHARLES FREDERICK ROGERS

ROGERS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE SAME FORENSIC ARTIST AND PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES AS THE SHORT MAN IN THE "TRAMP" PHOTOS COMMONLY KNOWN AS "FRENCHIE."

ROGERS WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA IN 1956, WHEN HE WAS EMPLOYED BY SHELL OIL, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PHYSICIST. HE WAS A TALENTED INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS A GEOPHYSICIST, NUCLEAR

PHYSICIST, LINGUIST, CRYPTOGRAPHER, MATHEMATICIAN, SHORTWAVE RADIO EXPERT, PILOT, AND EXPERT MARKSMAN. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING WWII AS A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. A MEMBER OF MENSA, HE WAS EASILY IN THE GENIUS RANGE OF INTELLIGENCE.

ROGERS PARTICIPATED IN CUBAN AND SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICAN OPERATIONS FOR MANY YEARS. HE KNEW AND FLEW MISSIONS WITH DAVID FERRIE. HIS EXACT ROLE ON NOV. 22, 1963 IS NOT KNOWN, BUT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OSWALD PRIOR TO THAT DATE, AND STRONGLY RESEMBLED OSWALD. HE WAS VERY LIKELY ONE OF THE OSWALD IMPOSTORS.

HOLT HAD KNOWN ROGERS SINCE 1959, BY THE NAME OF "RICHARD MONTOYA."

AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, THE FBI WAS INVESTIGATING AIRFIELDS IN THE NORTH TEXAS AREA FOR ANY LANDING OR REFUELING RECORDS OF A "CHUCK ROGERS," ACCORDING TO REPORTS OBTAINED BY THE FOIA. HE WAS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION.

A YEAR AND A HALF LATER, ROGERS' PARENTS, WHO LIVED IN HOUSTON, WERE FOUND MURDERED, BUTCHERED, AND STORED IN THEIR REFRIGERATOR. ROGERS, WHO MAINTAINED A RESIDENCE IN THE UPSTAIRS FLOOR OF THEIR HOME, WAS THE ONLY IDENTIFIABLE SUSPECT, BASED ON EVIDENCE COLLECTED AT THE SCENE. HE APPARENTLY MADE A NARROW ESCAPE FROM THE HOUSE WHEN POLICE

WERE CALLED TO THE HOUSE BY A CONCERNED RELATIVE, AND DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY. NO MOTIVE COULD BE DETERMINED FOR ROGERS TO MURDER HIS PARENTS. HOWEVER, THE MOTIVE IS NOW KNOWN. HIS PARENTS HAD DEDUCED THAT HE HAD BEEN A PARTY TO THE ASSASSINATION, AND HE KILLED THEM TO SILENCE THEM.

HPD DID NOT ACTIVELY PURSUE THE CASE AFTER ABOUT A WEEK, WHICH IS SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY. THEY DID, HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT ROGERS BE ENTERED BY THE FBI INTO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION COMPUTER (NCIC) WHEN IT TOOK EFFECT IN 1967. THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WAS INCORRECT, AS THEY LEARNED TO THEIR SURPRISE FROM J. R. CRAIG AND P. A. ROGERS A FEW MONTHS AGO. NOR IS HE ON THE NCIC TO THIS DATE, AS THE FBI WILL NOT ENTER HIM DESPITE REQUESTS TO DO SO. HE IS STILL FREE TO WANDER ABOUT, AS HE HAS BEEN FOR 26 YEARS.

ANYONE WISHING TO CONTACT CHARLES ROGERS MIGHT WELL BEGIN BY CALLING CIA HEADQUARTERS IN LANGLEY, VIRGINIA. HE IS APPARENTLY ALIVE AND WELL AND MAY STILL BE ON THEIR PAYROLL. HE HAS BEEN SEEN SEVERAL TIMES SINCE HIS PARENTS' MURDER, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS CIA OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE CAPTURE OF CHE GUEVARA, THE PHOENIX PROGRAM, AND THE IRAN-CONTRA ARMS NETWORK. HE MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN JAMES EARL RAY'S MYSTERIOUS HANDLER, AND PERHAPS THE TRUE ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(3) CHARLES VOYDE HARRELSON

THE TALL YOUNG "TRAMP," AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED, IS INDEED CHARLES HARRELSON, THE CONVICTED HIT MAN. HE WAS 25 AT THE TIME AND ON PROBATION IN CALIFORNIA FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

HOLT SAYS THAT IN ADDITION TO PREPARING I-D'S, THE PROPRIETARY HE WORKED FOR IN CALIFORNIA HAD DELIVERED A LARGE VARIETY OF SPECIALLY LOADED AMMUNITION TO A GUN SHOP IN DALLAS, IN WHICH HARRELSON WAS A PARTNER.

WHEN HE MET HOLT THAT FRIDAY MORNING, HARRELSON INTRODUCED HIMSELF BY HIS REAL NAME. HOLT ALREADY KNEW OF HIM BY REPUTATION.

AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING, HOLT WAS UNAWARE OF EITHER ROGERS' OR HARRELSON'S WHEREABOUTS. HOLT RECALLS BEING IRRITATED BY HARRELSON'S SEEMING NONCHALANCE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY WERE IN.

OF COURSE, HARRELSON HIMSELF HAS SAID HE SHOT KENNEDY--BUT LATER RECANTED AND POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF COCAINE WHEN HE MADE THE STATEMENT. IN SPITE OF THAT, HE CONTINUED TO DROP HINTS ABOUT THE MATTER FOR A WHILE.

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT HARRELSON IS A CAREER CRIMINAL WHOSE SPECIALTY WAS MURDER-FOR-HIRE.

HARRELSON AND ROGERS KNEW EACH OTHER AS FAR BACK AS 1940, WHEN HARRELSON WAS A TODDLER AND ROGERS A COLLEGE FRESHMAN. THEY HAD MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES IN THE HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS AREA.

ANYONE WISHING TO CONTACT CHARLES HARRELSON MAY REACH HIM AT MARION FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, IN MARION, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE IS INCARCERATED FOR LIFE BECAUSE OF HIS CONVICTION FOR ASSASSINATING FEDERAL JUDGE JOHN H. WOOD JR. BY SHOOTING HIM IN THE BACK WITH A RIFLE.

CONCLUSION:

THE "THREE TRAMPS" WERE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT HAPPENED IN DEALEY PLAZA, JUST AS MANY RESEARCHERS HAVE SUSPECTED. THEY PROVIDE MANY MISSING PIECES TO THE PUZZLE OF THE CONSPIRACY THAT TERMINATED THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND BY EXTENSION, THE LIVES OF OTHERS AS WELL, INCLUDING LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JOHN R. CRAIG AND PHILIP A. ROGERS DO NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE PRIMARILY RESEARCHERS INTO THE ASSASSINATION, BUT RATHER, AUTHORS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THIS INFORMATION THEY HAVE UNCOVERED, THE CREDIBILITY OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN TESTED, THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THIS SYMPOSIUM, WHICH THEY REGARD BOTH AS AN HONOR AND A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY. EVERYONE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE

PRESENTED WITH THE EVIDENCE AND EXPERT TESTIMONY ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 8:00 P.M.

WE JOIN THE ASSASSINATION SYMPOSIUM IN DEMANDING THAT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL
INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY SO THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN JUDGE THE TRUTH
FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.