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TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: Wm. C. Boxley

RE: LARRY CRAFARD: References to BOEING Insurance; UNION DRILLING CO.,

1. LARRY CRAFARD's entire testimony is textbook quality for any intelligence service's course in "Resistance to Interrogation." It is a classic in the art of selective recall.

2. Attached are a few examples of facets which fascinate me in his testimony, although all 200 pages of it are full of them. On the whole, CRAFARD seems extremely sharp at detecting and avoiding the nuances of HUBERT's questions. His handling of the English language is nothing less than expert for a lad who barely compiled three years of high school and who was given a "general under honorable conditions" discharge out of the Army--from Germany, after 13 months service--in ~~1950~~ 1959 when H.O.W. Bockelman was leaving Germany for an intelligence assignment in the U.S., etc.

3. CRAFARD is able to remember job details in his past which no other itinerant I've ever known could recall; at the same time he appears able to anticipate HUBERT's heading into an area where a memory blackout would seem beneficial to him.

4. On the whole, CRAFARD appears to me to be travelling in the off-beat church league, perhaps as a courier or better. He refers to his church several times in the testimony, and once identifies it as the General Assembly and Church of the First Born in Dallas. (Naturally, no such church is listed in the 1963 Dallas telephone directory). He hits all the key spots in his travels--from West Coast Washington to Long Beach to Dallas to Memphis. He seems to maintain fantastic communications for a drifter relying only on what friends write relatives who write to him.

5. HUBERT calls recesses and then goes off the record at two or three key points in the testimony, but overall, CRAFARD has to pull HUBERT out of more holes than HUBERT does CRAFARD. e.g. when GRIFFIN asks of UNION DRILLING COMPANY'S predecessors "Were they Michigan companies or were they people--" CRAFARD rescues him with a quick "Michigan companies. Period." and GRIFFIN recesses until the next day (Last page of Volume 13).

6. What CRAFARD's role may have been is impossible to speculate, but on the facts of his testimony it appears at least as interesting as JACK LAWRENCE'S. He actually was unaccounted for during the morning of the assassination until God-knows-when in the afternoon, for there is only his word, and possibly that of ANDY ARMSTRONG, Jack RUBY'S faithful slave. And, one of the most unbelievable elements of his testimony covers the period of 1 to-3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning Nov. 23, when he allegedly kept the phone tied up talking to a female he'd never seen or heard from before. Could this have been cover to have accounted for the telephone having been busy that length of time in case reporters or others may have tried to call RUBY and learned it was busy, while RUBY was supposed to have been out of the club? We don't REALLY know where CRAFARD was ALL DAY AND NIGHT Friday Nov. 22. He got away before he could be questioned by any Dallas police or newsmen--and he did not surface until the FBI talked with him in Michigan on Thanksgiving Day.

7. Finally, his hitch-hiking toward Florida from Clare, Mich. and being picked up by an unknown benefactor who gave him lodging and a job right there in Michigan until the RUBY trial is too Horatio Alger. And then he gets mixed up on why he went back to Dallas in time for the RUBY trial.....