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Dr. JAMES WATSON LASSITER, M.D., 4708 Highland Terrace, Austin, Texas, was interviewed at Brackenridge Hospital, Austin, Texas, at which time he was advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to making a statement, the fact that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to Dr. LASSITER during the course of this interview.

LASSITER advised at the outset that he is not acquainted with and has never been acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He advised that these names were both unknown to him until the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

LASSITER likewise pointed out that he has no specific information whatsoever to indicate that either OSWALD or RUBY were a part of any organized conspiracy to assassinate the President. LASSITER pointed out that he himself has been very active in the John Birch Society in Austin, Texas, and that he has frequently been outspoken in his criticism of the KENNEDY administration during the tenure of his presidency of the United States. LASSITER further pointed out that it was his belief that KENNEDY has frequently associated with and encouraged individuals who are connected with the Communist Party and that for this reason he has been bitterly opposed to him insofar as his administration of the President's Office.

LASSITER denied that he at any time had made any statement that the assassination of President KENNEDY was a "legal execution." He advised that he is not in agreement with murder or assassination in any form, although he was frank to admit that he did not feel that the assassination of President KENNEDY was such a tremendous loss to the American people.

In conclusion, LASSITER admitted that he had no specific information indicating any conspiracy on the part of the communists or any other group to have President KENNEDY assassinated.

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Dr. OTTO BRANDT, JR., 1506 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas, advised that he was present in the "Doctor's Room" at Brackenridge Hospital, Austin, Texas, on November 22, 1963, at which time news came over the radio concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Dr. BRANDT advised that he cannot at this time recall the exact words used by Dr. JAMES W. LASSITER in discussing this assassination, but substantially Dr. LASSITER expressed the opinion that the assassination was not a big loss to the United States and that Dr. LASSITER was not concerned over the fact that the President had been assassinated. On the contrary he seemed to be somewhat pleased that President KENNEDY had been assassinated.

Dr. BRANDT advised that he cannot recall and does not believe at this time that there was ever any such phraseology used that the assassination was a "legal execution" or that LASSITER had ever made any remarks indicating that KENNEDY himself had been guilty of treason, although LASSITER did discuss the fact that KENNEDY appeared to have been sympathetic with the communist cause and also seemed to be of the opinion that in some ways KENNEDY was a part of an international communist conspiracy.

BRANDT does not recall LASSITER making any statements whatsoever indicating that he knew or had ever heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD who was later mentioned as the assassin of the President.

BRANDT likewise added that at the time of the assassination that there was no mention or discussion concerning JACK RUBY as such and that his name apparently was not known to Dr. LASSITER as of November 22, 1963, and he has not heard Dr. LASSITER at any time mention JACK RUBY since the assassination.

Dr. BRANDT pointed out that LASSITER is a very capable doctor and is highly regarded in the medical profession in Austin, Texas.

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