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JUNE 27, 1968 Statement of Laural Ecke, NF, age 21, residing 728 Dumning St., Apt 401, relative to the Attempt Murder of Darryl Gerstenschloger, NM, 29, of 729 Dumnime St., Apt401, which occured at about 9:20PA, June 27, 1968, at 1205 Bourdon St. 1993 - 1993 - 1994 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994 - 1994

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Darryl and I have lived together for the past two years. Last might he started hitting me and wouldn't let me out of the house. We woke up at about 5:30PM, this evening and he started hitting me sgain, and telling me that if he can't have me, no other man can, and if he can't haveme, the only way I would leavehim would be in a pine box. He kept it up and I climbed out of the window and went downstairs to my friends apartment. Her name is You Strickland She had her boyfriend there I don't know his name. Then out of the window and went downstairs to my friends apartment. Her name is Kay Strickland. She had her boyfriend there, I don't know his name. Then Darryl came down the stairs and walked into Kay's apartment. He started hitting me. Kay tried to stop him, but he had a knife. He kept putting is to my throat. He tried to get me to go upstairs by putting the knife in the back. Then Layton, John Whalen, and Kay's brother inlaw, whose name I coart know, came to the apartment. I went over to Layton. Darryl jumped on Layton and put the knife to him. Layton didn't fight back. I jumped in between them and tried to stop them. Darryl hit me a few more time and the layton that if he can't have me, no man can have me. Also, if he Ilayton because I didn't want any further trouble, and I hoped they would call the which is in Number 303. They looked at me and I was cut and everything They wanted to know where the knife was and who did what, and did I want is press charges against Barryl. They talked to him. Kay and Layton Walkely press charges against Barryl. They talked to him. Kay and Layton Wants press charges, but wouldn't unless I did, and I told them and the police that I didn't want to. I did so because I was afraid of what he would do when he got outof jail. The police could have arrested him if I wanted that I didn't want to. I did so because i was alraid of what ne would deal when he got outof jail. The police could have arrested him if I wanted, I knew I would be dead if I did anything. I left Darryl in Kay's aparta and went down thethe street and met Layton and John. We talked to the police. When the police left, I went with Layton to his Bouse. John with home. We were there for no more than ten minutes when Darryl came. Ha knocked on the door and I let him.in. Darryl told Layton that he has relief to kill Layton and I so that Layton couldn't have me. Then Darryl statted hitting me and Layton didn't do anything, he just sat there. Darryl were hitting me and started hitting him, and told him to stand up, calling w him a coward, and everything, trying to provoke him. Layton stood up. The Darryl ran into Layton. This happened as I was on the stairs, enhoute to call the police. Then I saw blood. I went over to Darryl and he was bleeding from thestomach. I stayed with Darryl. John came if and he called the police. At this time I would like to state that Darryl has held me by force for two years. I have told Darryl that if I had to marry Layton to get away from him, I would. I was with if I had to marry Layton is and a correct to the was blood on this knife. I picked up the kn fe and movel the way, in the kitchen. This statement is true and correct to the besting is allow on this knife. I picked up the kn fe and correct to the besting is and made point and statement is true and correct to the besting is and made point and is and free will.

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Statement of one JOHN E. WHELAN WM 25, residing 428 Hillary St. relative to the attempt marder of one DARRYL GERTENSCHLOGER WH 29 residing 729 Dumaine St. which cccurred at 1205 Bourbon St. at 9:20PM 6/27/68 and handled under item 1-21947-63.

. At about 6:00Pm June 27, 1968 I and Layton Mattens were going to the residence of Kay Strickland at 728 Dumaine St. apt#303. As we approached the door of her apartment we saw Laural Ecke back out of the door on to the balcony. She was crying, bruised and had blood on her hands, and face. She went over to Layton Martens and cried on his shoulders. Then Darrly Gertenschloger came through the door followed by Kay Strickland and pulled a knife from his pants pocket. He then moved the two towards the corner of the three story balcony and pointed a knife approximately 2 in chest from the neck of Layton Mattens. He bagan to scream threats upon Layton Martens life and all of the other persons . at the scene. Layton said nothing to him, he then hit Layton on the head and said "Say something" Laural and Kay then tried to pull Darryl away from him. He then struck and threatened Lautal with a knife. Both of the girls managed to pull Darryl away from Layton and brought him inside of Kay's apartment. Layton and I then want o unstairs to the gate. When we walked through the gate shere was scheone outside and he asked "Do you know anything about whats going on upstairs", I said Yes, and he said we called the police. Then Layton and I waited for the police toa arrive. Car 106 arrived at the corner of Dumaine and Royal Sts. and walked to the gate of the apartment building. They went upstairs and stayed for about 15 minutes. When they came down they were accompanied by Laural Ecke. The officers told us what had happened and asked if we wanted to prefer charges. And we said no. I then went home and Layton and Laural walked to his apartment at 1205 Bourbon St. I called Layton about an hour later, as he had requested, and Laural said to ask Kay to get her purse for her. I then went to Kay's apartment, it was open and vacant. After this I went to Layton's apartment on Bourbon St. I knocked on the door and he quickly pushed the door open and said "I think hes dead". I caw Darryl Bertenschlorer lying on the floor in the same position as he found by the police concers. Laural had the knife and they were both arking me what to do to help him. I went to the icebox to get some ice and leaten then nut it on Darryl's head. Darryl was smiling. ice, and Layton then put it on Darryl's head. Darryl was smiling. Us are trying to help you, is what Layton said to Darryl. I called the police and they told me that they had already called the police. After about 10 minutes B Fifth District car came. Then numercas police cars came and then they look Darryl to the hospital. Then I was brought here to the First Di trict to make a statement.

"Q" denotes questions by Patn. Lorenza Knight and "A" denuese answers by John Whelan.

"Q" Why weren't charges placed against Darryl Gertenschloger as result of the first incident?

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"A" I felt that it should be left up to Layton to press the charges since he was the party most concerned, Hohn Idward

page two of statement of John E. Whelan "Q" Had Larryl Gertenschloger ever threathened you or any of the others any time in the paso? нди хов. "Q" What was the naturo of theod threats? "A" He told Layton that is was a marked man, about three or four times both in my presence and in Laural's presence. "Q" Do you know the reason that Darryl went to Layton's house tonight? "A" To get Laural, I would assume. "Q" Is this statement true and correct to the best of your knowledge? MAN Yes. "Q" Is there anything you wish to add, change or delete from your statement? Not at this timE.X XXXXX Eonn E. Waslan 428 Hillarý The above statement was typed by Patn. Simon A. Haydel Jr. in the First District Police Station in the presence of Patn. Lorenza Knight and was completed at 11:15PM June 27, 1968. Loren: a K. Knight

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

DATE: 6/28/68

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SA CLEMENT J. MOOD

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE: LAYTON MARTENS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. JOHN E. WHELAN, 428 Hillary St., New Orleans, La., whose phone number is 866-7609, who is employed by the New Orleans Juvenile Court System, contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI at 1:10 P.M., 6/28/68, and advised that LAYTON MARTINS was involved in a police case during the evening of 6/27/68, wherein MARTINS stabbed one <u>DARRYL GERSTENSCHLOGER</u> as a result of a neighborhood dispute which infolved a so-called "love triangle" over the affections of one LAURAL ECKE. The stabbing occurred in the French Quarter and according to the news account, appeared to have been an act of self-defense.

Mr. WHELAN stated that LAYTON MARTENS is currently indictment in local court by District Attorney JIM GARRISON, stemming out of GARRISON's investigation of captioned matter. The indictment is on a charge of perjury.

WHELAN stated that right after the stabbing incident, but before the police had taken MARTENS in to the Central Lockup, MARTENS asked that WHELAN make certain that the U. S. Attorney at New Orleans, the FBI, and MARTENS' attorney, MILTON E. BRENNER, offices at 1304 NBC Building, home phone TW 9-5887, home phone 524-1171, were notified of his being arrested by the police, and being placed in local custody. He stated that he has already notified the USA by letter, and that he notified BRENNER early this morning of the arrest and BRENNER claimed he was going to try to get MARTENS out on bond on the local charge.

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He stated that MARTENS in the past had told him that during 1962, MARTINS was employed by the FRD (Revolutionary Democratic Front), which he thinks was a CIA project and that although MARTENS did not tell him exactly why he wanted this notification passed on, he believes that MARTENS may possibly have been apprehensive at the time of his arrest that something unusual might happen to him also while in custody, as a result of MARTENS past involvement with GARRISON. Mr. WHELAN stated that when MARTENS asked him to tell the FBI, his attorney, and the USA about the impending custody, they were in the presence of police officers and that possibly MARTENS at that time did not want to be more specific. MARTENS is supposed to have told WHELAN that the Agent to notify had a name beginning with a "C" or "K" and although the name was mentioned at the time, WHELAN now does not recall the name.

Mr. WHELAN stated that he was also picked up along with LAURAL ECKE and taken to the First District Police Station, where they gave statements to the police about the stabbing incident last night. He furnished copies of the statement of LAURAL ECKE and his statement, which are attached to this memo for our additional information.

WHELAN claimed that he is afraid his being a witness to the stabbing may adversely effect his own employment profession with the New Orleans Juvenile Court. WHELAN also mentioned that recently he has made application to the CIA for employment in view of his own Russian language ability and that he is also concerned less his being a witness islast night's stabbing may adversely effect his future employment by the CIA. WHELAN stated that This is another reason that he wanted to contact the FBI and be placed on record with having furnished the information in this memo and the copies of the statements attached.

WHELAN promised to notify us in the event he later learns from MARTENS or others anything about last night's stabbing incident which might be within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction. He said that if MARTINS gets out on bond, he may have occasion to talk to him in greater detail and that if there is any allegation in connection with the incident to indicate a possible FBI violation, the FBI will be notified.

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The foregoing is for the information of the Supervisor of Squad 4, who is following captioned matter and also to make certain that all the names mentioned in this memo and the attached signed statements are indexed so that the substance of this information is available for future reference.

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