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00206: 15(or16), 17- Green pickup truck

First, I know of no reason to take the Julie or Marcus statement to Garrison as the literal truth. I just do not know why anyone would have immediately, as soon as she was in the sheriff's office, have had the knowledge to get about making her statement deceptive. I am not saying it didn't happen. I just don't see how at that early time anyone with evil intent would have known to do it with her statement.

With these reports, having located a green pickup, the agents seem to have believed the thing to do was not to interview the owner unless there are unlocated reports of such an interview.

There are other interests in a pickup truck that I may recall inaccurately. One had to do with the Sports Arms affair, and I think this one also led to a point where an individual had applied for a job and never to have returned. That may be a different one, and it is my recollection he also left some personal property there. This seems to have been a non-household would. I saw that report very early and did not get a Xerox.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE T. BINNEY, at Dallas, Texas:

On December 27, 1963, a review of the records of the Texas Highway Department, revealed that 1963 Texas license 3J 947 was issued to FRED LEETH, 1304 Arbor Vita, Dallas, Texas, on a 1959 Ford pickup.

On December 30, 1963, Sergeant M. A. SUTHERLAND, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, Record Bureau, advised that a review of records of his department revealed no record identifiable with FRED LEETH, 1304 Arbor Vita, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Merchants Retail Credit Bureau of Dallas, on December 30, 1963, advised that records of her office reveal that FRED W. LEETH, 1304 Arbor Vita, Dallas, Texas, has been known to her office since October 7, 1946. His credit record was checked last on January 20, 1956, at which time his employment was listed as the Leeth Company, self-employed in the refrigerator and airconditioning business. He was previously employed as of 1946 with Southern Refrigeration Company. His previous address was listed as 417 Lancaster, Dallas, Texas. His wife's name is EILEEN LEETH. As of 1956, FRED W. LEETH was 51 years of age. Mrs. BELCHER advised that records of her office revealed no derogatory information regarding Mr. or Mrs. FRED W. LEETH.

Date December 24, 1963

Mr. J. D. LeFLORE, Joe Hoppe Company, 3108 Live Oak, stated he was recently contacted by an Agent of the Dallas FBI Office, at which time the Agent made inquiry regarding a green pickup truck that was observed stopped in front of the Texas School Book Depository building shortly before the Presidential Motorcade arrived at that location on November 22, 1963.

Mr. LeFLORE said neither he nor other persons at the Joe Hoppe Company could furnish information at that time, but since that time they have been on the lookout for a green pickup with the words "air conditioning" on the side in black letters in the shape of a crescent. He said such a vehicle was observed by a Mr. FOSTER who works in the company's Parts Department on December 22, 1963. The vehicle was a Chevrolet pickup, was parked at Beckley and Brookhaven, and has 1963 Texas license 3J 947.

Mr. LeFLORE said he has no additional information regarding the pickup, but was reporting the above for any value it might be to the investigation being conducted.

on 12/24/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
 by Special Agent EMORY E. HOETCH/pm *EMH* Date dictated 12/24/63

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