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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

On December 27, 1963, Mary Sue Brown, 6106 Singing Hills Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, stated that about three weeks ago, an individual named Richard Carr who resides on North Bishop Street, Dallas, Texas, had told her that Lee Harvey Oswald had not assassinated President Kennedy. Carr is a friend of Mrs. Brown's sister, Elsie Johnson, who resides at the same address as Mrs. Brown. A friend named Holly Jordon also heard this individual make this statement concerning the fact that Oswald did not assassinate the President.

According to Mrs. Brown, Carr was making an application for a job at a building which was under construction near the court house at the time President Kennedy was assassinated. Carr told her and the others that he was about five hundred yards from the place where the President was assassinated and that he had seen the individual who fired the gun from the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building, and that it was not Oswald. He said this individual wore a hat, horn-rimmed glasses, and was of athletic build. Carr told them that there was a Negro man with a gray-colored car waiting for this individual after the assassination, and that the man who did the shooting got into this gray car. Carr told Mrs. Brown and others that there were four or five other steel workers on the building under construction near the place where the President was assassinated, and that they likewise saw the assassination.

Mrs. Brown stated Carr was sober at the time he made the statement and although she did not know him well, he did not seem to be a braggart or to be joking when he told the aforementioned story.

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Richard Carr

On January 4, 1964, Richard Randolph Carr, 738 North Bishop, advised that on the morning of November 22, 1963 he had taken his wife and child to the Parkland Hospital, arriving there at approximately 11:30 A.M. He advised he left his wife and child at the Parkland Hospital and proceeded to the downtown area of Dallas, Texas, attempting to locate employment. He advised that shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, he was attempting to locate the foreman in charge of the steel construction at the new court house presently under construction, located at the corner of Houston and Commerce Streets, Dallas, Texas.

Carr advised he made inquiry with one of the employees and they informed him the foreman was on the ninth floor, at which time he, Carr, started walking up the steel stairway of the building under construction and when he reached approximately the sixth floor, he looked toward the TSBD building and observed an individual described as a white male, wearing a hat, a tan sportcoat, and wearing glasses, looking out of the top floor window. A few minutes later, he heard sounds which he believed to be backfire of an automobile and shortly thereafter heard a second sound, and, looking toward the triple underpass, he saw several individuals falling to the ground. Carr advised he did not look at the TSBD again and immediately proceeded down the staircase with intentions of going over to the triple underpass to see what had happened. Upon reaching the ground, Carr advised he proceeded to the Houston Avenue and Commerce Street intersection, at which time he observed an individual who he believed to be the person he saw earlier on the top floor of the Texas School Book Depository building.

Carr advised he did not walk over to where he had earlier seen people falling to the ground, mainly due to the large crowd. He stated he then went to his personal residence, 738 North Bishop, and did not know of the Presidential assassination until he reached home at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Carr advised that from his location on the steel structure of the new court house building, it would have been

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impossible for him to observe the lower floors and entrance of the TSBD, and that from his position he could only see the top floor and roof of the TSBD and the ground area surrounding the triple underpass.

Carr denied making any statements to the effect he had observed an individual fire a gun from the TSBD on November 22, 1963 and he also denied observing anyone leaving the entrance of the TSBD and getting into a gray car.

On January 4, 1964, personal observation by Bureau Agents of the TSBD from the steel structure of the new court house presently under construction at the corner of Houston and Commerce Streets, Dallas, Texas, reflected that it was impossible to observe the southeast corner window of the TSBD from where the assassin fired at President Kennedy. From the ninth floor of the steel structure, the seventh floor and roof could be observed, however, the window from which the assassin fired at the President could not be observed. The lower portion of the TSBD could not be seen, however, the area near the triple underpass between Elm and Main Streets, could be observed.

This would then indicate that an individual reportedly on the sixth floor of the steel structure could not have possibly observed the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

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