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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy (Robert A. Surrey)
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED May 13, 1964	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SAIC Sorrels, SA William Patterson, SA Roger Warner, SA John Joe Howlett and SA Gene F. Wofford		

SYNOPSIS

Robert A. Surrey, 3506 Lindenwood, Dallas, identified as person for whom Robert Klaus printed the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference my M/R dated 5-12-64.

Other Investigations

On 5-13-64, SA Wofford and SA Howlett interviewed Mrs. Ruth Klaus at her place of employment, Union Bankers Insurance Co., 2551 Elm St., Dallas. Mrs. Klaus agreed to accompany us to the Secret Service Office, Dallas, so that we might talk in private. This arrangement was also acceptable to her employer.

SAIC Sorrels and SA Howlett interviewed Mrs. Ruth Klaus at the Dallas Secret Service Office. Mrs. Klaus readily admitted that she and her husband, Robert Klaus, printed the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets at Lettercraft Printing Co., 2615 Oak Lawn, Dallas, late one evening. Mrs. Klaus said that she was unable to recall the date that the leaflets were printed and that she has been trying to remember the date for the last few days since we had been talking with her husband and she knew that we would more than likely be talking with her. Mrs. Klaus said that she did not see the copy that the text of the leaflet was taken from and that she only saw the negatives of President Kennedy's picture. Mrs. Klaus said that she did not know for sure where the negatives were made but assured that her husband had the negatives made at Monk Bros. as that was where they had most of the work done. Mrs. Klaus said that to the best of her memory they printed 10,000 copies of the leaflet. When they completed printing the leaflet she said they packed them into two boxes and left them in a storeroom at Lettercraft. She and her husband then went home and she said she never saw the

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leaflets again. However, she said she kept one sample copy which she later destroyed after the assassination. She said her husband talks very little and that he never told her for whom he printed the leaflets. She said that she asked him when she first saw the leaflet who it was for and her husband told her that it was none of her business.

Mrs. Klausé said that she did not know the price of the job but estimated it to be about \$60. She said a few days after they printed the leaflets that her husband gave her \$20. She said her reason for helping print the leaflets was because she needed the money and that she thought the "Wanted for Treason" leaflet was a joke until the President was assassinated.

While Mrs. Klausé was being interviewed at the Secret Service Office, Dallas, her husband, Robert Klausé, came into the office and said that he wanted to tell the story about the "Wanted for Treason" leaflet. Mrs. Klausé said that she did not want her husband to know that she had talked with us and she was escorted out of the office through a back door.

SAIC Sorrels, SA Patterson and SA Warner interviewed Robert Klausé in the Dallas Secret Service Office. Robert Klausé identified his customer as Mr. Robert A. Surrey, 3506 Lindenwood, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-7741. He said Surrey was a salesman for the Johnston Printing Co., 2700 North Haskell, Dallas, Texas, telephone TA 3-6191. Klausé said that Surrey came to him and said that he had a printing job that he wanted him to do for him. Klausé agreed to do the job for \$40 and Surrey provided two pictures from a magazine and the text copy on what printers call a "railroad board". Klausé was unable to make a negative of the magazine pictures and took them to Monk Bros. to be photographed. Klausé himself shot a photograph of the text copy on the camera at Lettercraft Printing Company. Klausé then made the plate from the negatives that Monk Bros. had made and the negatives that he had made. Klausé said that he printed the leaflets by himself late one evening, and Mr. Surrey picked the leaflets up the next evening.

Klausé said that Surrey told him that he, Surrey, had a customer who wanted these printed up and that he, Surrey, could not handle the job. Surrey never did name the individual for whom he was placing the order.

Robert Klausé said that the leaflets were printed about a week or maybe two weeks before the assassination and his wife, Ruth Klausé, said that it was about three weeks prior to the assassination. Efforts were made to more accurately determine the date, but Mr. and Mrs. Klausé were unable to do so.

Mr. Klausé said that to the best of his memory he printed 5,000 copies of the leaflet. Mrs. Klausé said that to the best of her memory they printed 10,000 copies of the leaflet.

The interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Klausé were recorded on a portable dictaphone and the belts are being held in the files at Dallas.

Mr. Robert A. Surrey is known to be associated with General Edwin Walker. Information at the [redacted] indicates that Mr. Surrey is an aide to General Walker.

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It is also reported that the pickat signs used when the Dallas Theatre Center was picketed in 1962 were made at the home of Robert Surrey.

Karen Surrey, daughter of Robert Surrey, presented a bouquet of flowers to Madam Ngo Dinh Nhu when she visited Dallas. This was supposed to be during an "American Day" celebration. The "American Day" celebration was to counteract United Nations Day.

The American Eagle Publishing Company published a book containing the news stories from the Dallas Times Herald and the Dallas Morning News. The back cover of this book contained a letter on the letterhead of "American Eagle Publishing Company" and was signed by Robert A. Surrey, President American Eagle Publishing Company. This book which sells for \$6.00 was distributed by the American Book Store Company, 6930 Snyder Plaza, Dallas 5, Texas.

The American Eagle Publishing Company is believed to be controlled by General Edwin Walker. Lt. Jack Revill, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, reports that he has received numerous complaints that the American Eagle Publishing Company is anti-Jewish, anti-negro, etc. Lt. Revill reports that some organizations from the opposite end of the spectrum try to keep tab on what the American Eagle Publishing Co. is doing. For this reason, it is possible that Mr. Surrey did not want to print the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets at the American Eagle Publishing Company.

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Investigation continued.

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