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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED 5-11-64	Robert Klause
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA John Joe Howlett and SA Gene Wofford		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation has not yet positively identified printer and/or financier of "Wanted for Treason" leaflets. Investigation continued.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to my M/R dated 5-12-64.

Other Investigations

On 5-11-64, SAs Howlett and Wofford interviewed Henry Davila of 8815 Beckley View, Dallas, at his place of employment, Etheridge Printing Company, 1812 N. Field Street, Dallas. Mr. Davila said that he went to work for Lettercraft on November 23, 1963, and worked until January 23, 1964. While he was working there, he said, that to the best of his knowledge, Lettercraft did not have any kind of type-setting device nor did they have any kind of letter press proofing press. However, he said while he was employed there, there were several different occasions upon which type could have been used and a letter press proofing press could have been used. Due to this fact, he says that he does not believe they had this kind of equipment. He said this work was farmed out to other printing companies while he worked there.

Mr. Davila was shown the "Wanted for Treason" leaflet and he said that in his opinion, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mercar or Mr. Bill Eason would not have printed this type of literature. He also said that while he was employed there he does not recall Lettercraft printing any kind of political leaflets or material. He said that Robert Klause was interested in a "fast buck" and he would not put it past Robert Klause to have printed the leaflet. He said during his employment, he did not see any material, scrap, etc., or hear any conversation

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that would indicate the leaflet was printed at Lettercraft.

Mr. Davila could not name any type setting company that set type for Lettercraft while he was working there as his job was printing.

Mr. Davila was asked if he knew of any friends of Robert Klause that were also in the printing business and he said that he knew of no real close friends, however, there was a man from Fort Worth whose name was Dally or something similar to that.

During my interview with Mr. Monk of Monk Brothers, Mr. Monk mentioned a Delbert D. Dally, who approached Mr. Monk about doing some work on credit and said that he was a friend of the people at Lettercraft. Mr. Dally produced a card showing a Fort Worth address and also showing the address of Lettercraft at 2615 Oak Lawn, Dallas.

Mr. Davila was asked if the person's name could be Delbert Dally and he said that that sounded like the name. Mr. Davila also said it was his understanding the man was from Fort Worth, Texas.

SA Wofford and I both got the impression that Mr. Davila may know something that he is not telling us. Extensive efforts were made to convince Mr. Davila that any information he gave us would be in confidence and that he need not worry. Mr. Davila said that in his opinion if the leaflets were printed at Lettercraft, there was a good possibility that Mr. Bill Eason would know something about them. Mr. Davila said that Bill Eason had mentioned to him that Robert Klause had worked on a couple of jobs off hours and had also cheated Lettercraft on some of the jobs printed there. Mr. Davila said that he did not think Bill Eason would have anything to do with printing the leaflets, but there was a good chance he might have observed some scrap, etc. ✓

Mr. Davila was asked that if in his opinion did he think that Robert Klause would have printed the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets? To this, Mr. Davila said, "I think you should talk to him again." ✓

On 5-12-64 SA Wofford and I interviewed Homer Dwight Hatcher at his home, 2652 Ann Arbor, Dallas. Mr. Hatcher said that he had worked for Lettercraft approximately two weeks and at the time he worked there he and Robert Klause were the only printers. To the best of Mr. Hatcher's memory, this was in September or October of 1963. At the time Mr. Hatcher worked there, he said they had one or two small presses and that Lettercraft was a small kind of fly by night printing company. Mr. and Mrs. Mercar wanted Hatcher to take over the printing angle of the business and free Bob Klause to sell and do the camera work. Mr. Hatcher said that he was not happy with the small business and quit after about 2 weeks. Mr. Hatcher said that at the time he worked for Lettercraft, they did not have any kind of type-setting device or letter press proofing press. The

"Wanted for Treason" leaflet was shown to Mr. Hatcher and he replied that while he worked at Lettercraft, on one or two occasions he had run some scratch pads using the identical paper. The paper is 9" x 12" and 4 scratch pads are printed per page and later cut and glued into scratch pads. Mr. Hatcher said that he ran 6,000 or 8,000 sheets. Mr. Hatcher said that he had not been employed at Lettercraft long enough to really get to know Mr. and Mrs. Mercer and Robert Klause, and could not render any opinion. Mr. Hatcher said that he was also very busy printing during the time that he worked there and that he did not know anything about any of the type setting companies that Lettercraft used, or any of the friends of Robert Klause or Mr. and Mrs. Mercer. Hatcher could furnish no additional information of value in this investigation.

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Investigation continued.

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