

July 17, 1952

Mr. C. F. Hansson  
Chief of Police

Subject: J. D. Tippit, Police Applicant

Sir:

The following report of investigation is submitted for your information.

H. M. Bryson, Farmer, Rt. 2, Bogata, Texas:

I have known J. D. Tippit for about two years. He was renting a farm from me in 1951 and 1952. In 1951 he raised a fair crop but in 1952 it was very dry and we didn't get to plant until June. J. D. left here about June 1, 1952 before planting time. He is an honest boy, pays his bills, and takes care of his family. J. D. is a fairly good worker and takes care of his equipment. The Tippets had no family trouble while they lived here. The boy has a temper but he knows how to control it. J. D. is a likeable boy but never has a great deal to say to anyone.

Margaret Mengel, Personnel Manager, Sears Roebuck & Company:

J. D. Tippit was employed here on two occasions as an insulation installer. The dates of employment were: March 23, 1948 to May 2, 1948, (He resigned to take other employment), May 17, 1948 to September 6, 1949 (He was laid off due to reduction of the force.) Tippit's work was satisfactory and there were no complaints on his work.

Connie Smith, Secretary, Dearborn Stove Company:

J. D. Tippit was employed by Dearborn as a shipping helper from November 9, 1946 to March 19, 1948. Tippit was a good worker, prompt, and reliable. He was laid off in a slack period and did not return.

Alfred Robinson, Farmer, Rt. 2, Bogata, Texas:

J. D. Tippit has been a neighbor of mine for many years. The Tippits are a nice family, respectable and upright. J. D. is an honest, hardworking, and sober boy. He has never had any trouble of any kind. J. D. is a quiet fellow and has very little to say. I don't believe he is shy or bashful, as he will speak up to anyone if he believes he is right.

W. L. Gasway, Farmer, Rt. 2, Bogata, Texas:

J. D. is a good worker, honest, dependable, and capable. I have known the boy for ten years and have found him a very likeable boy. J. D. has a good service record in the army. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division

and made numerous jumps in Europe. J. D. is a little nervous still and is startled by any loud unusual noise. J. D. and Marie have been married for four years and they get along very well together. They have the usual family arguments but nothing serious. J. D. has a good sense of humor and likes to be friendly with people. He has a bit of temper but never lets it get out of hand. I have seen J. D. drink some but it was before he was married. He doesn't drink at all now.

Paul Hill, Gin Operator, Fulbright, Texas:

I have known J. D. Tippit for about 20 years. He is from a fine family and is hardworking boy. J. D. is honest, pays his obligations, is even tempered, and was never in trouble here. He is a likeable boy and he tends strictly to business. J. D. is a quiet boy and says very little.

E. W. Verner, Minister, Commerce, Texas:

J. D. was a member of my congregation for several years and I believe he is a fine boy. I would say he has average intelligence, is capable of meeting the public, and is a level headed fellow. He is likeable, has a clean cut appearance, and has little temper.

M. H. Brumley, Patrolman, Dallas Police Department:

I have known J. D. Tippit for many years and I went to grade school and high school with him. J. D. was a very shy and bashful boy when he was going to school. He had several fights in school with people who mistook his shyness for fear. After J. D. won a few of these fights he had no further trouble. He had a good record in the paratroops during the war and he got over being shy in the service.

J. D. Tippit has no police record in any of the towns in which he has lived. The Retail Merchants Association of Dallas and Clarksville report that J. D. Tippit has a very satisfactory credit rating with one exception. Tippit has owed an account at the Walker Appliance Store of Clarksville, Texas, since September 11, 1949. The amount past due since that date is \$17.50.

Tippit completed the eighth grade of school at Fulbright, Texas. He attended two years at the Veterans School of Clarksville, taking auto mechanics and general shop training.

Respectfully submitted,

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