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*Raymond Cummings*

The following information supplements that contained in memorandum dated March 9, 1967, at Dallas, Texas, wherein there was reflected information concerning Raymond Preston Cummings, received from William F. Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.

According to an article appearing in the "Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, on March 10, 1967, Cummings reportedly had stated that he picked up Lee Harvey Oswald, David William Ferrie, and an unidentified man in his cab early in 1963 and took them from near Jack Ruby's Oak Cliff apartment to Ruby's downtown strip club. The article continued that Cummings had reportedly stated he had earlier driven Oswald to Irving, Texas. The article reflected that Cummings reportedly contacted District Attorney James C. Garrison in New Orleans, stating he recognized a picture of Ferrie as the man in his cab.

The "Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, on March 11, 1967, reflected that Raymond Cummings had appeared before the press on March 10, 1967. In this article it was reflected that Cummings stated he recognized his passenger as Oswald when he saw pictures of him immediately after the assassination, but kept quiet until recently when he recognized a picture of the late David William Ferrie. This article continued that Dallas attorneys Frank Wright and Charles Tessmer had indicated they would accompany Cummings to New Orleans the following week where he would submit to a polygraph examination.

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This article continued that Cummings had first taken Oswald in his cab to Irving, Texas, at which time "Oswald" was "down on his luck", and had only \$1.45, which Cummings took and let his ride free for the remainder of the trip.

The article continued that Cummings was questioned by a battery of about twenty reporters. He indicated his second trip with Oswald was also in early 1963.

An article in the "Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, on March 11, 1967, quoted Cummings as stating he remembered Oswald as they were both ex-Marines and that he had, prior to driving Oswald to Ruby's club, driven him from downtown Dallas to Irving, Texas, for only \$1.45.

This article quoted Cummings as stating that he had remained silent about transporting Oswald almost three and a half years since the assassination because "there might be some danger to my family." He said he no longer was afraid of harm to his family "because I am very capable of taking care of myself. I have become much more capable."

This article continued that attorneys Tessmer and Wright mentioned above, and attorney Leo Rada in a statement had indicated they were retained by Cummings "solely to protect his civil and economic rights in view of his possible connection with the continuing New Orleans investigation."