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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPES TWO SEVEN LAST.

THE TWO EIGHT SIXTYNINE ISSUE OF THE TIMES PICAYUNE,
A MORNING NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., CONTAINED
AN ARTICLE REGARDING THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE TRIAL
OF CLAY L. SHAW.

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UPON CROSS EXAMINATION AND QUESTIONING BY THE DEFENSE,
VERNON WILLIAM BUNDY TESTIFIED THAT HE IS PRESENTLY TAKING
METHADONE TREATMENTS FOR A NARCOTICS HABIT AND THAT HE HAS
BEEN AN ADICT FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE
OBTAINED THE MONEY FOR THIS HABIT FROM MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND
THROUGH EMPLOYMENT AND AFTER QUESTIONED BY THE DEFENSE ADMITTED
HE OBTAINED MONEY BY STEALING AND THAT HIS HABIT COST HIM
BETWEEN FIFTEEN AND TWENTY DOLLARS PER DAY. IT WAS BROUGHT
OUT IN THE TESTIMONY THAT BUNDY, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, HAD
PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT AND WAS GIVEN A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE.

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BUNDY TESTIFIED THAT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WENT TO THE LAKE FRONT WHERE HE SAW SHAW AND ^{Oswald} DAVID FERRIE, HE SPENT THIS EVENING AT HIS RESIDENCE WITH HIS BROTHER. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS SEATED ON THE SEAWALL AT THE LAKE FRONT ABOUT FIVE OR TEN MINUTES PRIOR TO THE BLACK CAR DRIVING UP. HE THEREAFTER OBSERVED A MAN GET OUT OF THIS CAR AND AT THIS POINT IN THE TRIAL REQUESTED THE JUDGE FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION TO SHOW HE KNEW THAT IT WAS SHAW WHO HE OBSERVED AT THE LAKE FRONT. HE ASKED THAT SHAW WALK FROM THE BACK OF THE COURTROOM TOWARDS HIM. AS SHAW CAME TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE COURTROOM, BUNDY LOOKED AT THE FLOOR. BUNDY, AFTER THIS DEMONSTRATION, TESTIFIED THAT DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION "I WATCHED SHAW'S FOOT THE WAY IT TWISTED. THAT IS THE FOOT THAT WAS TWISTED THAT DAY." BUNDY CONTINUED "THIS IS THE ONE WAY I IDENTIFIED THIS MAN THE NEXT TIME I SAW HIM." BUNDY TESTIFIED THAT ON THE DAY HE WAS AT THE SEAWALL, THE TWISTING OF "HIS FOOT HAD FRIGHTENED ME."

BUNDY STATED THAT THE REASON HE WENT TO THE SEAWALL INSTEAD OF STAYING INSIDE OF HIS HOME TO ADMINISTER THE DRUG

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WAS THAT HIS MOTHER WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL IF HE HAD TAKEN DRUGS.

THE SECOND PROSECUTION WITNESS IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION IS IDENTIFIED AS CHARLES I. SPIESEL, TWO FIVE FIVE WEST TWENTY-THIRD ST., NEW YORK CITY, AN ACCOUNTANT. SPIESEL TESTIFIED THAT DAVID W. FERRIE INTRODUCED HIM TO SHAW IN JUNE, SIXTYTHREE, AT WHICH TIME THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF HOW TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SPIESEL TESTIFIED HE MET FERRIE AT A FRENCH QUARTER BAR AND FROM THERE HE AND FERRIE'S GROUP WENT TO A PARTY IN A BUILDING. SPIESEL TESTIFIED HE RECOGNIZED FERRIE AS A MAN WITH WHOM HE HAD FLOWN DURING THE WAR. AT THE PARTY, FERRIE INTRODUCED HIM TO SHAW AND LATER IN THE EVENING, DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT KILLING PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THAT SHAW SEEMED AMUSED BY THIS CONVERSATION, BUT AT ONE POINT, ASKED FERRIE IF THE ASSASSIN COULD BE FLOWN AWAY FROM THE SITE OF THE ASSASSINATION TO SAFETY. 163

SPIESEL TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE ASSASSINATION AT THIS PARTY, BUT DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ASSASSINATION, IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THIS
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COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH A HIGH POWERED RIFLE AND TELESCOPIC LENS. SPIESEL TESTIFIED THAT THERE WERE POSSIBLY TEN OR ELEVEN PEOPLE INCLUDING SHAW AT THIS PARTY BUT THAT SHAW WAS THE ONLY ONE HE REMEMBERED BY NAME. SPIESEL TESTIFIED THAT HE REMEMBERED SHAW BECAUSE FERRIE TOLD HIM SHAW MIGHT BE INFLUENTIAL IN SPIESEL SETTING UP A BUSINESS IN NEW ORLEANS.

UPON CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE, SPIESEL ADMITTED HE FILED A SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLAR LAW SUIT IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AGAINST A NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIST AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK CLAIMING THEY HYPNOTIZED HIM AND HARASSED HIM OUT OF BUSINESS. HE TESTIFIED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY BECAUSE HIS FATHER WAS DOING UNDERCOVER WORK FOR THE FBI. SPIESEL TESTIFIED THAT HYPNOSIS WAS USED ON HIM DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT BUT THAT HE HAD NOT RECENTLY BEEN BOTHERED WITH PEOPLE FOLLOWING HIM AROUND AND TAPPING HIS TELEPHONE. SPIESEL STATED THAT HIS RECENT TROUBLES ARE FROM MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WHO KEEP CALLING HIM AT HOME. SPIESEL DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER TRIED TO SELL HIS STORY OF THE FRENCH QUARTER PARTY TO ANY NEWS MEDIA.

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SPIESEL ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A DOCUMENTARY PROGRAM BUT REFUSED TO DO SO UNLESS HE WAS PAID MONEY.

THE CROSS EXAMINATION OF SPIESEL IS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE MORNING SESSION OF THE TRIAL ON FEBRUARY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.

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