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Mr. NORMAN SIEGEL, Manager, Carpet Engineers of Dallas, 2006 South Beckley, telephone WHitehall 3-7371, home telephone ADams 5-0607, advised that BERNARD D. WEISSMAN had answered an advertisement in the newspapers and had been employed by Carpet Engineers about November 6, 1963. SIEGEL stated that WEISSMAN had applied for a position as salesman for the firm and with him was WILLIAM M. BURLLEY, who was likewise employed by the firm as a salesman. He understood that WEISSMAN and BURLLEY had served in the United States Army together and had recently come from New York City. WEISSMAN and BURLLEY worked for the Carpet Engineers up to and including November 22, 1963, but did not report for work thereafter. SIEGEL said that as salesmen, they went out together on appointments but did not make any sales while working for the company. When WEISSMAN made application for a job, he requested that his phone number not be given out to anyone and SIEGEL said that he heard from someone, whose name he does not recall, that WEISSMAN was engaged in politics. WEISSMAN received telephone calls every day from a man who gave his name as LARRIE SCHMIDT. SIEGEL stated that to the best of his recollection, WEISSMAN was attending a sales meeting at 2006 South Beckley on November 22, 1963, from sometime in the morning until about 12:00 Noon. At noon on Friday, the men came out of the sales meeting and someone asked WEISSMAN if he had paid for the full page ad which had appeared in "The Dallas Morning News". WEISSMAN acknowledged that he had inserted and paid for it. SIEGEL did not know of any other income that WEISSMAN or BURLLEY had but remembered that on that morning, WEISSMAN received a telephone call and when the operator told the caller that WEISSMAN was tied up in a conference, the individual left a message to the effect that LARRY JONES had called and wanted to meet him (WEISSMAN) where his brother hangs out for lunch. It was believed by SIEGEL that this was just a few minutes before President KENNEDY was assassinated and when the message was called to the attention of WEISSMAN, WEISSMAN said something like "Somebody is crazy, I don't know anyone named LARRY JONES".

It was SIEGEL's recollection that WEISSMAN attended all of the sales meeting on that date but he said that WILLIAM M. BURNEY did not come into the Carpet Engineers office on Beckley until about 2:00 PM on November 22, 1963. BURNEY did not attend

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the sales meeting that morning.

SIEGEL said that FRANK DIMARIA, the Sales Manager for Carpet Engineers of Dallas, had gone out to WEISSMAN's and BURNEY's apartment and picked up a kit which had been issued to them by the company. It was his recollection that DIMARIA had told him that WEISSMAN and BURNEY had 2 or 3 other people in the apartment when he came out and picked up the kit.

SIEGEL recalled that WEISSMAN listed employment with Great Books, 300 Madison Avenue, New York City, and requested the company not to check on this employment because he said he was still working for them and they owed him money. He said he was afraid he would not get his money if they knew he was employed elsewhere.

SIEGEL stated that he had no knowledge that either WEISSMAN or BURNEY were acquaintances of JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SIEGEL made available verifax copies of WEISSMAN's application for employment which is dated November 6, 1963, and signed by WEISSMAN. WEISSMAN's Social Security Number is listed as 113-28-1879 and his residence shown as 4618 Reiger, Dallas, Texas. He was born November 1, 1937, and stated he was a United States citizen. His employer was listed as Carpet Engineers, Inc., 2006 Beckley, Dallas, Texas, and his position was salesman. He listed his marital status as married and stated that he held no interest in real estate. His personal property consisted of a 1957 Ford convertible automobile, valued at \$675.00. There were no debts or liabilities listed and he said he did not have any private income. He said he had been in the costume jewelry business working on the party plan but had been drafted in the United States Army. WEISSMAN had never been bankrupt or insolvent according to his application, and had never been in arrears or default in a previous employment. The application showed that he had never been discharged from any position but had been bonded while employed by the Underwood-Olivetti Corporation, and the Great Books of the Western World. He did not know the names of the surety companies. He listed his wife as JANE WEISSMAN, Rural Free Delivery 4, Jefferson Valley, New York, and stated from June, 1956 to December, 1957, he was employed by the Nuclear Development Corporation, White Plains, New York, as a model and tool maker by Dr. A. E. SUROSKY.

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He was terminated because of a layoff. In January 1957 to July, 1961, he was employed by the Jayne Williams Company, Inc. and American Sellers of Music, Inc. as President and Sales Manager, at 1108 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey, and 160 Banner Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. He left this employment because he was drafted. He listed employment from June, 1960 to July, 1961 with the Underwood-Olivetti Corporation, Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, as a sales supervisor, under FRANK SELLERS, Sales Manager, but was drafted. He served in the United States Army from August, 1961 to August, 1963, being discharged. From September, 1963, to October, 1963, he was employed by Great Books, 300 Madison Avenue, New York City, as district manager under ART GARDINER. He left this employment to re-locate in Dallas. He listed his military service discharge as being honorable, attaining the rank of Corporal, E-4, MPC (Military Police), Serial Number US 51474607. His references were LARRY SCHMIDT, insurance salesman, 5735 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and SOL WEIL, President-Owner, Swiss Knitting Mills, 5 Stanwix Street, Brooklyn, New York.

He made an application again on November 6, 1963, listing the person to be notified in case of accident as HARRY WEISSMAN, 439 South Columbus Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, telephone MO 4-6984. WEISSMAN signed an agreement on November 21, 1963, to pay Carpet Engineers, Inc., 345 North Cannon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, the sum of \$300 for one complete kit and samples. He also signed a sales executive agreement which is in blank and not signed by the company. His Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate reflected that WEISSMAN had one dependent.

WILLIAM M. BURLEY likewise signed application for employment on November 6, 1963, with Carpet Engineers, Inc., listing his Social Security Number as 218-30-6968. He was married and had four persons to support. He gave references as LARRY SCHMIDT, 5735 Gaston, Dallas, and BERNARD MAIER, 6018 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, phone ME 3-8095. In case of accident, MARY BURLEY, 724 East Morehead, Charlotte, North Carolina, phone ED 2-8410, was to be notified. His wife was listed as WINIFRED BURLEY, 7039 Conley Street, Baltimore, Maryland, phone 282-0454 and his

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children were listed as BILL, DAVE and MELANIE. WILLIAM M BURNLEY served in the United States Army as a policeman at \$122.50 per month from August, 1961, to August, 1963, and was discharged. From June, 1959, to August, 1961, he was employed by the Albright Boat Company, Pineville, North Carolina as sales manager at \$200 per month. He left this employment because he was drafted. From September, 1958, to June, 1959, he received \$150 per week while sales manager of the West Toledo Marine, Toledo, Ohio, leaving for a better position. From September, 1956, to September, 1958, he received \$150 per week as district manager for the Trojan Boat Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, leaving there because of a pay cut. He worked for the Fuller Brush Company, Baltimore, Maryland, as a salesman at \$125 per week from August, 1953, to August, 1958, leaving because he wanted to travel. In another application for a surety bond, to the Fidelity Insurance Company at 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, he stated his residence was 4618 Apartment 7, Reiger, Dallas, Texas. He was born July 17, 1935, and is a United States citizen. He listed his father's name as WILLIAM M. BURLEY, 729 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and his mother, MARY M. BURLEY, of the same address. WINIFRED BURLEY, his wife, was listed as residing at 7039 Conley Street, Baltimore, Maryland. He likewise had filed an Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate and a sales application agreement which was in blank.

The verifax copies of the applications for employment, employees withholding exemption certificates, and sales executive agreements of BURLEY and WEISSMAN have been retained in this file.

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