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Mr. JOHN R. LIGOW, Assistant Principal, W. H. Adamson High School, 9th and Beckley Streets, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

Mr. LIGOW stated that a review of High School Pupil's Permanent Record, Dallas Independent School District, reflects that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was last residing at 1604 Carson Street, Dallas, Texas, and was born at Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 29, 1945. He entered the Dallas Independent School District from Salem, Oregon. These records further reflect that ARNOLD's father was ARNOLD PATRICK ROWLAND; his mother's maiden name was BERTIE M. BROWN, and her last known name was Mrs. CLYDE TIDMORE.

These records reflect that ROWLAND was given an IQ Test in 1959 and scored 109 on this test. In addition to the IQ Test, ROWLAND was given the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in the spring of 1963 and scored 127 on this test. Mr. LIGOW stated this test was given in two parts throughout the United States and those scoring sufficiently high grades on the first examination were subsequently given a second examination. He stated ROWLAND did not score sufficiently high on the first examination to qualify him to take the second examination. A third test, Iowa Test of Educational Development, was administered to ROWLAND while at Adamson High School, and he scored in the 94 percentile group of this examination.

Mr. LIGOW stated that Dallas Independent School District does not use a numerical system of rating students. He furnished the following ratings given by this school district:

- A - Excellent
- B - Good
- C - Fair
- D - Poor
- E - Poor Passing
- F - Failure
- G - Bad Failure

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Mr. LIGOW advised the records of this school district reflect the following grades for ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND:

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Subject	Class	1959			Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
		1st	2nd	3rd				
English	1				E	E	1/2	ROCHETT
Elementary Civics		B	B	B	B	B	1/2	REEVES
Algebra	1				C	C	1/2	WAITS
General Science	1					C	1/2	HEAD

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Subject	Class	1960			Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
		1st	2nd	3rd				
English	2	C	B	B	C	B	1/2	EWING
Algebra	2	E	E	C	A	D	1/2	DENSON
Spanish	1	F	E	F	F	F	no	MALLOW
General Science	2	E	F	E	C	E	1/2	FOSTER
Radio	1	E	A	C	D	C	1/2	CANNON
High School Information						D	1/4	MOSES
Military								
Absent			9	8	8			

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Subject	Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
			Report					
English	3	C	B	B	B	B	1/2	COLE
Geometry	1	B	A	A	A	A	1/2	COWGILL
Mechanical Drawing	2	A	A	A	A	A	1/2	J. MURRAY
Radio	2	A	A	A	B	A	1/2	CANNON
Typewriting	1	B	A	B	B	B	1/2	YORKUM
Physical Education						A	1/8	QUESENBERRY
Absent	3		2	1				

Date of Entrance 9-7-60

School Crosier Tech

Session 1961 Term Spring

Subject	Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
			Report					
English	4	B	D	A	B	B	1/2	EWING
History (World)	1	A	B	C	A	B	1/2	BROWN
Geometry	2	A	B	A	A	A	1/2	DEWSON
Radio	3	B	A	A	C	B	1/2	CANNON
Typewriting	2	B	C	B	B	B	1/2	YORKUM
Physical Education						B	1/8	QUESENBERRY
Absent	5		7	7				

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Session 1961 Term Fall

Subject	Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
			Report					
English	5	C	C	D	E	C	1/2	CHAPPELL
History	7	C	C	E	C	D	1/2	ROBBINS
Algebra	3			A	C	B	1/2	JENKINS
Chemistry	1			D	F	E	1/2	TILLEY
Physical Education						B	1/8	HALLMARK
Absent				5				

Date of Entrance 12-11-61

Mr. LIGON advised that ROWLAND had enrolled for the spring session of the 1962 class, but was dropped on March 19, 1962, for non-attendance of classes. He also enrolled for the fall term of the 1962 session, but was dropped on December 8, 1962, for non-attendance. No grades or credits for any classes were given ROWLAND during these two terms because of the lack of attendance.

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Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	8	D	C					RAYNES
World History	2	B	A					REGELSKY
Geometry	3	F	A					CONGILL
Photography	1	C	C					MURRAY
Physics	2	F	F					FOSTER
Physical Education								QUESENBERRY
Dropped 3-18-63								
Absent		13		3				

School Crozier Tech

Session 1963

Term Fall

Subject	Class	1st	2nd Report	3rd	Examina- tion	Aver- age	Credit	TEACHER
English	7	C					No credit	
Civics	3	B					No credit	
Algebra	4	F					No credit	
Public Speaking	5	A					No credit	
Dropped 11-21-63								

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Mr. LIGON advised that his records reflect ROWLAND attended Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas, during an unknown period of time, probably during the spring or fall term of the 1962 school year. Topeka High School transferred 1/2 credit for History 8 and 1/8 credit for Phys. Ed., to the Dallas Independent School District for ROWLAND.

Mr. LIGON stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was refused admittance into the Adamson High School for the spring session of 1963 because of his past record at this school. ROWLAND applied for admission at N. R. Crozier Technical High School for this session after being refused admission at Adamson High School and attended Crozier Tech for a short time during 1963.

Mr. LIGON stated that Adamson High School offered no special sound courses and to his knowledge neither did Crozier Tech. He stated he could not imagine any course of study in any of the high schools of the Dallas Independent School District doing research or special work in sound and study of echo effects.

Mr. LIGON stated he had two students accepted by Rice Institute out of the entire class graduating in 1963. These students learned they had been accepted by Rice about two weeks prior to graduation from high school and both students were outstanding in citizenship and scholastic accomplishments. He stated he seriously doubted that Southern Methodist University, Texas A & M, or Rice Institute had accepted ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND for admission into the respective institutes inasmuch as he has not graduated from an accredited high school in the state of Texas.

Mr. LIGON advised he had counseled ROWLAND while he was attending Adamson High School on various occasions because of his absenteeism from this school. He stated he learned from contact with ROWLAND that he (ROWLAND) would not hesitate to fabricate a story if it was of any benefit for ROWLAND to do so; Mr. LIGON gave as an

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example an incident that occurred while ROWLAND was attending Adamson High School. ROWLAND drove a Volkswagen automobile to school and on occasions parked in the teachers' parking area. This Volkswagen automobile was repossessed by a finance company one afternoon during school hours and after school ROWLAND reported to Mr. LIGON that his car had been stolen. He asked Mr. LIGON what action he was going to take regarding the theft and Mr. LIGON advised him that since it was his (ROWLAND's) car he should report it to the police and that he was welcome to use the school telephone to make this report. ROWLAND used the telephone briefly and then left Mr. LIGON's office. Mr. LIGON stated he thought the conversation was very short for such an incident and therefore he (Mr. LIGON) called the Dallas Police Department Auto Theft Bureau and asked if they had received a report from anyone at Adamson High School reporting the theft of a vehicle. Mr. LIGON stated he was advised that the Police Department was aware that a finance company in Dallas was repossessing a Volkswagen from this school's parking lot but that there was no theft and they had received no calls from ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND or anyone else at the school concerning the Volkswagen.

Mr. LIGON stated ROWLAND was not a problem student in that he caused trouble or agitated other students, but he did request almost on a daily basis special privileges and seemed to have the attitude that he was superior to most of the teachers and all other students. Mr. LIGON stated he advised the Secret Service Agents attempting to locate ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND just prior to his appearance before the President's Commission that anything ROWLAND might tell the President's Commission would be questionable. He stated he so informed the Secret Service Agents based on his past experience with ROWLAND.

Dr. WALTER J. E. SCHIEBEL, Principal, N. R. Crozier Technical High School, Bryan and Live Oak Streets, Dallas, advised this school had no records concerning ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND although he did attend this school. Mr. SCHIEBEL advised that all records pertaining to ROWLAND had been transferred to the W. H. Adamson High School, 9th and Beckley Streets, Dallas. He stated Mrs. EDITH McKISSOCK, Dean, Crozier Tech, had counseled ROWLAND and she would be able to furnish firsthand information concerning his veracity and reputation.

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Mrs. EDITH McKISSOCK, Dean, N. R. Crozier Technical High School, Bryan and Live Oak Streets, Dallas, advised she had counseled ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND while he was attending Crozier Tech during the fall term of 1960, spring term of 1961, and the spring term of 1963. Mrs. McKISSOCK stated ROWLAND entered Crozier Tech during the spring term of 1963 after being refused admittance at Adamson High School in Dallas. She stated he had few friends at Crozier Tech and was generally regarded as a "lone wolf." She stated from her dealings with him she determined he could not be trusted and would not tell the truth regarding any matter. She stated he was a conniver and prevaricated whenever it was to his advantage to do so. She described ROWLAND as a smooth talker who dressed above his apparent means.

Mrs. McKISSOCK stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND took no special courses in sound and study of echo effects at Crozier Tech while attending this school.

Mr. SAM FOSTER, 2729 Overcrest, Dallas, was interviewed at the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and furnished the following information:

Mr. FOSTER stated he was a teacher of physics at Crozier Technical High School in Dallas and had so been employed for over 20 years. He stated he remembers that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was a student at Crozier Technical High School having transferred to this school from Adamson High School in Dallas. Mr. FOSTER stated that ROWLAND attended the spring session of his physics class as a regular student during the 1963 term. He advised that this was the regular classic physics class taught in regular high schools throughout the State of Texas and was not any special course or class. Mr. FOSTER stated that part of the subject matter covered in this class was a section on sound, but this was very basic study and in no way consisted of special study of sound and echo effects. Mr. FOSTER stated that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND took no special course from him nor was he enrolled in any special class studying sound and echo effects. He stated that ROWLAND did not pass the regular physics course at Crozier Technical High School.

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Mrs. POLLY REDFEARN, Chief Clerk, Registrar's Office, Southern Methodist University, advised that a check of the records of this institution failed to disclose any information pertaining to ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND. She advised that if ROWLAND had applied for admission to this institution, she would have a record of the application and a file concerning ROWLAND. She further advised that ROWLAND could not have been accepted by Southern Methodist University without first having graduated from an accredited high school in the State of Texas or from a high school outside the state and completing Southern Methodist University examinations for admittance. She stated that in no event could ROWLAND have gained admittance to this University without a high school transcript which had not been filed with this University.

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Dr. JOHN E. FINN, partner, Finn and Finn-Optometrists, Fidelity Union Tower Building, 1507 Pacific, Dallas, Texas, advised that a check of the records of this firm covering the past 15 years fails to reflect any information indicating that ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND had ever been examined by this firm. Mr. FINN advised that a record is kept on each patient examined and had ROWLAND been examined, his name would be in the files of this firm.

Dr. FINN stated he was at a loss to explain how his firm's name had been obtained by ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND, but stated that his firm was housed in a central location in Dallas and was generally known by most residents of this city.

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