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DON FONTE, 526 Madison Street, Apartment 7, New Orleans, furnished the following information to SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE while on Eastern Airlines Flight 503, from Atlanta, Georgia to New Orleans, Louisiana.

FONTE stated that he is a dental student in New Orleans and could be contacted by telephone at 523-4567.

FONTE stated that his fiancée, VERONA HALEFAX, a student at Newcomb College, New Orleans, was telephonically contacted by her sister, JOAN, a short time after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and JOAN related that LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY had been seen together in New Orleans.

FONTE stated that his fiancée was to meet him at the New Orleans Airport when the flight landed and that SA BOURQUE could talk to her then about this matter.

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VERONA HALEFAX was interviewed by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE at New Orleans International Airport concerning information she received from her sister about the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

VERONA stated that her sister, JOAN, a student at Tulane University, New Orleans, had called her a short time after the assassination of President KENNEDY and told her the following information:

JOAN stated that a friend of hers by the name of KLAUS WINKELMANN has an acquaintance who supposedly is a homosexual, his name unknown to her.

JOAN stated that this homosexual had known and slept with both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY at separate times. JOAN also stated to her sister that this homosexual had known OSWALD and RUBY to be together on occasions.

VERONA stated that this was all the information she had except that she thought KLAUS WINKELMANN was either a graduate student or on the faculty at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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JOAN HALEFAX, 317 Dorris Street, New Orleans, was contacted concerning information she related to her sister about LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

JOAN stated that what she told her sister, VERONA, was more or less hearsay rather than fact. She said that KLAUS WINKELMANN, a friend of hers, who is on the faculty at Tulane University, mentioned to her something to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY were seen together in New Orleans by an alleged homosexual and that this homosexual was reported to have slept with both OSWALD and RUBY.

JOAN stated that the way the story went, the homosexual involved was on the staff of the Art Department, Newcomb College, New Orleans, but she could not recall his name.

JOAN stated that if there actually was a homosexual on the Art Department Staff, he would most likely be known by a FRANKLIN ADAMS who is also on the Art Department Staff, Newcomb College.

JOAN stated that this was all she knew about this matter and doubted if WINKELMANN knew any more than she.

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FRANKLIN ADAMS, 2427 Camp Street, New Orleans, stated that he knew of no one on the Art Department Staff who is a homosexual, or of anyone who might know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK LEON RUBY.

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KLAUS WINKELMANN, 530 Royal Street, New Orleans, was contacted concerning information he may have about a homosexual who was alleged to be on the staff of Tulane University and was reported to have known and slept with both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY in New Orleans.

WINKELMANN stated that he is on the faculty at Tulane University, New Orleans, and is an instructor in the French Department.

WINKELMANN stated that he does not know anyone who is a homosexual, nor does he know anyone connected with either OSWALD or RUBY.

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KLAUS WINKELMANN, 530 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was recontacted concerning information he may have connecting LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

WINKELMANN stated that the first time he was contacted concerning this matter he was so taken by surprise, that he just did not know what to say.

WINKELMANN stated that he received information connecting OSWALD and RUBY with an alleged homosexual from a friend of his by the name of ROBERT HELLER while they were eating lunch at the Tulane University cafeteria.

According to WINKELMANN, HELLER said he was called on the telephone by a ROBERT BIENVENU who stated that he had seen OSWALD's picture in the newspaper and knew him to be the same person he had slept with the night before. HELLER told WINKELMANN that BIENVENU's exact words were, "Hey, guess what? I think I slept with OSWALD last night".

WINKELMANN stated that BIENVENU was a graduate student at Tulane University and thought him to be teaching somewhere in Norfolk, Virginia.

WINKELMANN said this was all the information he knew about this matter.

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ROBERT HELLER, 4703 Freret Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning information he may have connecting LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY with an alleged homosexual in New Orleans.

HELLER stated that he received the information from a friend by the name of SHELLY ESTRIN, Calhoun Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 895-5577.

HELLER stated that SHELLY told him that she called ROBERT BIENVENU long distance to Newport News, Virginia, one night shortly after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and that BIENVENU said he thought he had slept with JACK RUBY quite some time ago.

HELLER stated that there was nothing in the conversation about BIENVENU seeing OSWALD and RUBY together in New Orleans. In fact, there was only mention of RUBY in their conversation.

HELLER stated that he knew for a fact that the allegation that ROBERT BIENVENU is a homosexual was true.

HELLER further stated that he did not know the exact address of BIENVENU but thought he was teaching somewhere in Newport News, Virginia.

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Miss SHELLY ESTRIN, 541 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning her telephone conversation with ROBERT BIENVENU.

Miss ESTRIN stated that a few days after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, she had a long distance telephone conversation with ROBERT BIENVENU who was then in Newport News, Virginia, and noticed that BIENVENU seemed quite intoxicated at the time.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU was very fond of President KENNEDY and this was why she thought BIENVENU got intoxicated.

Miss ESTRIN stated that in their conversation, BIENVENU stated that he thought he had slept with JACK RUBY some time ago. No mention was made of OSWALD.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU left New Orleans about 1961 and doubts if he has been back here since that time except maybe for just a short visit.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU now lives at 10 Milford Road, Newport News, Virginia.

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JAMES ROBERT BIENVENU, 10 Milford Road, Newport News, Virginia, who was born December 13, 1936, Opelousas, Louisiana, and is currently employed as a Junior Pipe Designer by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia, advised that he had never met, had never seen, and had no knowledge of either RUBY or OSWALD prior to the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

BIENVENU related that several days after the assassination he had a long telephone conversation with his friend, Miss SHELLY ESTRIN of New Orleans, in which the two of them talked at length about the assassination. BIENVENU said he does not recall exactly what comments were made during this conversation but knows that he had been drinking at the time and was drinking during the conversation. He said to his knowledge he did not make any such statement that he had slept with RUBY sometime ago and made no mention of OSWALD.

BIENVENU advised that Miss ESTRIN had telephoned him and told him that she had been contacted by the FBI and that she had related to them what was said during the telephone conversation in November, but she did not state to him all that she had told the FBI in New Orleans.

BIENVENU said that he and Miss ESTRIN were graduate students together at the Tulane Graduate School and were quite intimate friends. BIENVENU stated that he was last in New Orleans area in July or August of 1963, upon leave from the U.S. Army. He said at that time he stayed with his friend JOHN JOERG, 109 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, who is a teacher at Loyola University. BIENVENU said he was discharged from the service in September of 1962, after having served with the USATC, Fort Gordon, Georgia. He said he has been employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia, since November 11, 1963.

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He related that his home address is 4466 South Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the home of his mother, Mrs. GEORGE JOSEPH (Patricia Lee) BIENVENU.

BIENVENU further related that to his knowledge he had never been in Dallas, Texas, except on one occasion.

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