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Mrs. LILLIAN BRANTLEY, 103 Highland Street, co-proprietor of Ray's Hardware Store in Dallas, Texas, attested to an entry in the books of the store which show that JACK RUBY purchased a Colt Cobra revolver from Ray's Hardware Store on January 19, 1960. The serial number listed was 2744 and RUBY gave the address of 3508 Oaklawn. It was her recollection that RUBY came to the store with a police officer whose name she does not recall. She also said the store records show that on May 10, 1963, a .38 Smith and Wesson Centennial revolver, Serial No. 13810, had been sent to Las Vegas, Nevada. JACK RUBY, when he called at their hardware store, said he had received a letter from a friend in Las Vegas who could not find a Smith and Wesson Centennial there. The friend, according to JACK RUBY, requested that RUBY find him one and forward it to him. The books show that this revolver had been sent to L. C. McWILLIE, 3040 Kishner Drive, Apt. 204, Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. BRANTLEY had marked "Void" over this entry in the books because the C. O. D. package sent to McWILLIE had been returned. The cost to Ray's Hardware Store was about \$7.00 and it was her recollection that it was sold to some other person. She knew RUBY by sight but stated she did not know anything about his background.

Records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, disclose the following toll charges from Shady Oaks Motel, RI 7-0065, 1512 Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, identifiable with BILL DEMAR:

DATE	PLACED	DURATION	PLACED BY	PLACED TO	NUMBER AND CITY CALLED
11/24/63	11:32 AM	3 min.	BILL DEMAR, Rm. 8	--	Evansville, Indiana, 476-7760
11/24/63	6:42 PM	56 sec.	" "	--	Arlington, Texas, CR 5-4891
11/25/68	5:40 PM	8 min. 21 sec.	" "	--	St. Louis, Mo. 231-7766
11/25/63	6:03 PM	3 min. 32 sec.	L. (?) DEMAR, Rm. 8	--	Evansville, Indiana, 423-7245
11/26/63	11:49 AM	4 min. 56 sec.	BILL DEMAR, Rm. 8	--	St. Louis, Mo. 231-7766
11/29/63	7:14 PM	2 min. 20 sec.	" "	Stage Loan Co.	Hollywood, Calif., HO 3-9047
12/3/63	5:48 PM	7 min. 24 sec.	BILL DEMAR, Rm. 10	--	St. Louis, Mo. 231-7766

Subpoena duces tecum for production of these records should be directed to R. A. BURROW, Chief Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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on 11/24/63 at Irving, Texas File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agents W. HARLAN BROWN and ALVIN J. ZIMMERMAN:um Date dictated 11/24/63

on 6/18/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agent W. JAMES WOOD/eah Date dictated 6/18/64

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Investigation has established subscribers to telephone numbers called by WILLIAM D. CROWE, also known as Bill DeMar, from Shady Oaks Motel, Dallas, Texas, in November - December, 1963, were as follows:

231-7766,
St. Louis, Mo.

WAYNE M. KELLER
Theatrical Agency
818 Olive St., St. Louis

HO 3-9047,
Hollywood, Calif.

Stage Loan Co.
1223 Vine, Los Angeles,
Owner, B. H. WENNER

CR 5-4891,
Arlington, Texas

Bull Pen Drive-In
Abrams, Arlington
(RALPH PAUL)

476-7760,
Evansville, Ind.

DAVID HOY, 1400 Adams
Ave., Evansville

423-7245,
Evansville, Ind.

WILLIAM D. CROWE
824 W. Idlewild Dr.
Evansville

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Investigation has established Dallas, Texas, telephone numbers reported to have been called by DAVID HOY, Evansville, Indiana, were listed to subscribers as follows as of November, 1963:

RI 7-0065, Shady Oaks Motel, 1512 Fort Worth Avenue

RI 8-9711, Dallas City Hall

DI 8-6350, KBOX Radio Station (Unlisted)

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An article appeared in the November 26, 1963, issue of the "Dallas Morning News," newspaper of general circulation, by KENT BIFFLE captioned "Memory Expert Interests Agents" with a subtitle "Saw Oswald In Club."

The article is concerned with the allegation of BILL CROWE, whose stage name is BILL DE MAR, to the effect that he had seen OSWALD in the Carousel Club at least once "eight or nine nights" before the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The article goes on to explain that CROWE selects persons in the audience at random to participate in his "memory act" and that he had stated OSWALD, he was sure, had participated in such an act.

The article goes on to relate that CROWE had telephoned his home town, Evansville, Indiana, after OSWALD's arrest to tell a long-time friend, a radio newsmen, that OSWALD had taken part in his act. DAVID HOY, News Director, Station WIKY, Evansville, is identified as the person called by CROWE.

HOY is quoted as stating that Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents immediately told CROWE to check out of his hotel in Dallas and go into hiding, that CROWE went into hiding so effectively that when the Secret Service wanted to quiz CROWE, they had to telephone Evansville and talk to HOY. HOY reportedly stated on first contact with Secret Service he did not know CROWE's whereabouts, but would inform them the next time CROWE called. It was reported CROWE called HOY on Monday, November 25, 1963, and later contacted Federal Agents in Dallas.

The remainder of the article is concerned with the description of CROWE's "memory act" and his acquaintance with RUBY.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not instruct or even advise CROWE to "go into hiding" and, accordingly, the allegation that such was the case appears to be a fabrication of either CROWE or HOY.

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DAVID EDWIN HOY, age 33, married, stated that his wife, SHIRLEY, and his three children reside at 1400 Adams Avenue, Evansville, Indiana. He stated that this is his permanent address and that he is presently employed in the entertainment field doing a "mind reading act" at Paul's Mall, 733 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts. He stated that he arrived in Boston, June 1, and will leave on the 16th for New York City. He stated that he never knew JACK L. RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and that the only time he was in Texas was September or October of 1963 in connection with the Texas Association of Magicians and he was at Fort Worth, Texas and later at Dallas.

HOY stated that he can recall making a prediction at this time that the city of Dallas would soon make some news. He stated he was merely referring to a controversy regarding an airport then going on between Dallas and Fort Worth. He stated that he has known WILLIAM CROWE also known as BILLY DEMAR, who is presently in the entertainment field doing a "ventriloquist act." He has known DEMAR since they attended high school at Evansville, Indiana and has been in touch with him off and on throughout the years. HOY stated that DEMAR, to his knowledge has been married and divorced, but his parents are still living in Evansville, Indiana.

HOY stated that he is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, North Carolina, and that he studied for the Baptist ministry. He stated that in 1963, he was news director for WIKY which is an AM and FM station in Evansville, Indiana. He was also engaged as a "stringer" for the Associated Press which means he would call into them any story that came to his attention that had more than local news value.

On 6/12/64 at Boston, Massachusetts File # BS 44-337
by SAS JAMES J. STRATFORD mod 111 Date dictated 6/15/64

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HOY stated that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, following the assassination of President KENNEDY, he was constantly on the air and spent most of the day at his home, and recalls seeing on television OSWALD having been shot by an unidentified man who was subsequently identified as JACK RUBY of the Carousel Club. He stated that his telephone number at his home is GREENLEAF (GR 6-7760) and that his business telephone for the radio station that employed him is HA 4-8324.

It is his recollection that BILLY DEMAR who was then playing at the Carousel Club at Dallas, Texas shortly thereafter, called him on the telephone as he knew he would be interested in the news story because he could describe what RUBY was like. He stated he recalls getting a brief description of RUBY from DEMAR in which DEMAR was very generous toward RUBY and thought he was a nice sort of person with an odd patriotic sense of values. He stated that he immediately telephoned his report that he received from DEMAR to the Associated Press in Indianapolis. He stated that he then recalled seeing DEMAR on television in which DEMAR alleged that he believed OSWALD was in the Carousel Club about eight days before. HOY stated he was shocked to hear this and his immediate reaction was that he could not understand why DEMAR had not told him this when he had a short time previously described RUBY. He stated he cannot understand DEMAR knowing that HOY was working for a radio station and being greatly interested in this type of news and still not telling him about it.

HOY stated that he thinks that BILLY DEMAR is the type of person who can be described as a "hard luck guy" and is perhaps extremely naive. He stated he then called the Associated Press who requested that he follow through with DEMAR and that if the story of OSWALD being at the Carousel Club was true, it would be a great development.

HOY stated he kept close to the telephone throughout November 24, 1963, and made a great many calls from his home and received many calls at his home during the afternoon and evening of November 24, 1963. He said he could not recall exactly who called him and who he called, but does know that he reached BILLY DEMAR about 1:00 p.m. and asked him if he really meant what he said about having seen OSWALD. His best recollection is that DEMAR replied, "DAVE, I think I saw him, I do not forget faces."

HOY stated he told DEMAR that he should go into hiding because he was in a dangerous position if, in fact, there was a compact between OSWALD and RUBY and other members of the underworld. He told DEMAR that he should immediately contact the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Secret Service and give them full details and request their protection. He stated subsequently during the afternoon of November 24, 1963, he had other conversations with DEMAR. On more than one occasion he tried to reach DEMAR on the telephone, but was unsuccessful. He stated that sometimes he believes that this OSWALD's alleged appearance at the Carousel Club was the figment of DEMAR's imagination, and subsequently as a result has questioned DEMAR very closely regarding it. DEMAR, however, still believes he saw OSWALD. He stated that he understands that on June 9, DEMAR appeared before the Warren Committee and his version of the incident is that OSWALD held up or mentioned a strange object. HOY states he seriously questioned what DEMAR actually saw.

HOY stated that the Secret Service contacted him on the telephone on November 25, 1963, and he recalls telling them that DEMAR was in hiding in Dallas and that he did not know his actual whereabouts, but if DEMAR contacted him, he would advise the Secret Service where to reach him.

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He believes that on the following day when he did hear from DEMAR, he called the local office of the Secret Service and furnished them with DEMAR's address. HOY stated that he himself is extremely interested in Extra Sensory Perception, but does not profess to have any ability at it and tells everyone, "I am a fake". He said apparently people do not believe him, and his act that he is performing now has met with good success. He stated that he has been in the entertainment field since January and intends to give show business a try.

HOY stated he has a background in magic, and has some ability as a Magician. He stated that he recalls that on Saturday, November 23, 1963, his boss insisted that he make a telephone call into Dallas and attempt to get a "Beeper" which he described as a telephone type of recording regarding anything of news value out of Dallas. He recalls that in this regard he made two telephone calls about 2:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon of November 23, 1963 to KBOX, Dallas, Texas, and that he was unsuccessful in obtaining a "Beeper."

HOY believes that he called Dallas, Texas, on November 24 at about 11:45a.m. It was after DEMAR had first called him and prior to DEMAR's statement on television regarding OSWALD. He stated the subject matter of OSWALD had not come up at this time. He merely got more background on RUBY and DEMAR's observations of what it was like in Dallas on this sad occasion. He stated he cannot remember how many telephone calls he had with him after this or how long this call was, but doubts he talked at 11:55 a.m. for sixty minutes with BILL DEMAR. He stated that throughout the day he was calling New York City and Indianapolis. He stated that about 1:50 p.m. he was in a telephone conversation with DEMAR and that this he believes was after DEMAR's appearance on television at which time DEMAR mentioned OSWALD.

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He believes that after 7:00 p.m., on November 24, 1963, he was talking with DEMAR as he was worried about his safety and during this time he obtained more information about RUBY and Dallas which he subsequently used in his news contacts. He stated that he recalls also that after 8:00 p.m. he talked to a Sergeant at the Dallas Police Station and suggested that possibly BILLY DEMAR needed police protection, but he does not know the Sergeant's name with whom he talked. He believes the officer was not interested in what he had to say. He stated that he was talking with MARTIN ANDERSON of the Associated Press of Indianapolis, Indiana on November 24, 1963, and talked to him on more than one occasion and furnished to him all of the information he was able to obtain from his source at Dallas, Texas, which was BILLY DEMAR.

HOY stated his mind always goes back to the first time that DEMAR talked to him on the telephone and he is unable to understand why DEMAR did not at that time tell him about OSWALD. He stated he questioned DEMAR about it very carefully and DEMAR stated, "I did not think it was very important."

HOY stated that he considers DEMAR a reliable person who would not invent a story merely for publicity. He also recalls a Dallas newspaper calling him November 24, and 25 and asking him questions about BILLY DEMAR, his real name, his background and where he was. He stated that he is quite certain that BILLY DEMAR took his advice and got in touch with the Secret Service who suggested to him he change his hotel location, but that DEMAR did not immediately abide by their suggestion.

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Records, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Evansville, Indiana, reflect the following calls made on November 24, 1963 from telephone number Greenleaf 6-7760, which was issued to DAVID E. HOY, 1400 Adams Avenue, Evansville. Calls were to be billed to telephone number Harrison 4-8284, which was issued to radio station WIKY, 1162 Mt. Auburn Road, Evansville, Indiana.

Call from Evansville by DAVE HOY to Dallas, Texas, telephone number RI 7-0065 at 11:45 AM for 47 seconds.

Call from same party to same number at 11:46 AM for one minute.

Call at 11:55 AM from same party to same number for sixty minutes.

Call at 1:50 PM for two minutes, fourteen seconds.

Call at 7:12 PM, person-to-person, from same number and billed to same number for BILL DE MAR, Dallas telephone RI 7-0065. (Notation by operator, "Line busy again. Customer requests take line. Emergency call."). Call for period of two minutes, fortythree seconds.

Call at 8:12 PM to BILL DEMAR, name crossed out and call changed to Police Department, Homicide, telephone number RI 8-9711, Dallas, Texas, for a total of four minutes.

On November 23, 1963, two calls, station-to-station, were made from radio station WIKY, telephone number Harrison 4-8284, to KBOX News, Dallas, Texas, telephone DI 8-6350 at 2:30 PM, and 3:00 PM for a total of 28 seconds and one minute respectively.

The above records are available only by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to JOHN STREET, Manager, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, 133 Northwest Fifth Street, Evansville, Indiana.

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by SA JAMES ROBERT DUYALL :kam Date dictated 6/11/64

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Date June 13, 19641

DALE BURGESS, Associated Press, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he recalled receiving a telephone call from DAVID HOY, Radio Station WIKY, Evansville, Indiana, on November 24, 1963. He recalled that he was working from noon until 8:00 p.m. that Sunday and that the call came to his attention shortly after 12:00 noon on this date. He stated the call was probably collect, as 99 per cent of the calls received by Associated Press are collect. BURGESS recalled that HOY indicated that he had some information from an individual by the name of DEMAR who had called him concerning OSWALD's arrest. He believed the gist of the matter was that DEMAR believed that OSWALD participated in a memory act which had been conducted by DEMAR at the Carousel. BURGESS recalls that HOY indicated that the Carousel Club at Dallas, Texas was owned by JACK RUBY.

BURGESS stated that he released the information on the Associated Press Wire and that he believes it was subsequently used in an Associated Press story which was released from Dallas shortly thereafter.

Mr. BURGESS advised he had no further information in his possession concerning this matter.

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MARTIN ANDERSON, Associated Press, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he had never talked to DAVID HOY on November 24, 1963. He stated that he knew that HOY was a newscaster with WIKY in Evansville, Indiana.

Mr. ANDERSON believed that in all probability DALE BURGESS took the original call from HOY and that in all probability, the call was collect as this is standard procedure among those in the news media to do so.

ANDERSON stated that whatever information HOY had made available to BURGESS was released by the Associated Press in Indianapolis and in all probability had been used in an Associated Press release originating from Dallas, Texas.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas
June 13, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated May 28, 1964, the President's Commission advised that it had information that EARLENE ROBERTS, who was the manager of the house on Beckley Street in which LEE HARVEY OSWALD lived at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY, may have been in San Antonio, Texas, on November 21, 1963, at the time President KENNEDY visited that city.

On June 8, 1964, Mrs. GLADYS JOHNSON, 1026 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, and proprietor of the rooming house located at that address, advised that EARLENE ROBERTS was formerly employed by her as a housekeeper at that address and was so employed on November 21, 1963.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that EARLENE ROBERTS spent the entire day of November 21, 1963, at 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, and stated any information to the contrary is absolutely false. Mrs. JOHNSON said that at various times on November 21, 1963, she personally observed EARLENE ROBERTS at 1026 North Beckley, Dallas.

Mrs. JOHNSON related that EARLENE ROBERTS is 59 years old, is a diabetic, obese, and has a low mentality. Further, she stated the only trip she knows EARLENE ROBERTS ever takes is to her doctor, who is also located in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised she does not know where EARLENE ROBERTS is presently employed.

On June 8, 1964, Mrs. BERTHA CARDELLA (VOGLE) CHEEK, 5901 Hillcrest, Dallas, Texas, telephone number LA 1-2705, advised she is the sister of EARLENE ROBERTS, who was formerly

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