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WKB/rmsRe: DUDLEY LEE FERRELL;
WALTER C. JOHNSON - Informant

On December 2, 1963, WALTER FELLERS, Sheriff, Comal County, New Braunfels, Texas, advised SA E. CLEON GLAZE that W. C. JOHNSON, New Braunfels, on November 23, 1963, came to the Sheriff's Office with newspapers containing photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. JOHNSON advised that about a week before that, he believed he had seen OSWALD at the Bock Ford Motor Company at New Braunfels having his car serviced.

WALTER C. JOHNSON, 265 North Walnut, New Braunfels, advised SA GLAZE that he believed he saw OSWALD in New Braunfels on November 14, 1963. At the time, JOHNSON was having his car inspected at the Bock Ford Motor Company and a young man came in to have his car serviced. JOHNSON believed the car was a white 1962 Dodge or Plymouth. After leaving the motor company, JOHNSON again met this man on the street in New Braunfels, and the man asked if there was a good place to eat in town and JOHNSON pointed out two cafes. The man told JOHNSON he was en route to Dallas from someplace near New Orleans, Louisiana. Employees at the two cafes pointed out by JOHNSON were unable to recall anyone resembling OSWALD ever being there.

CHESTER PEHL, Service Manager at Bock Ford Motor Company could recall no one resembling the photograph of OSWALD having a car serviced there and after checking records for November 14, 1963, stated all customers were personally known to him except one D. L. FERRELL, Dallas, Texas, no street address. PEHL explained that there were two men in

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a 1959 white Ford, one young and one old, one of whom was FERRELL who had a valve cover gasket replaced on the car. He had no license in the car and no further information regarding FERRELL.

DUDLEY LEE FERRELL, 10150 San Lorenzo, Dallas, Texas, on December 3, 1963, advised SAs WILLIAM K. BOCK and JAMES R. GRAHAM, Jr., on interview at the Main Post Office, Dallas, that he was employed as a supervisor in the Superintendent of Mails Office in Dallas. On November 14, 1963, he went from Dallas to Palestine, Texas and picked up his father-in-law, one JAMES GROVER COLLIER, Rural Route 5, Palestine, age about 70, and they went deer hunting. He noticed his car, a 1959 white Ford four-door sedan, was losing oil and stopped at the Bock Ford Motor Company garage in New Braunfels to have it repaired. He displayed a copy of the repair ticket showing a valve cover gasket was replaced on November 14, 1963.

FERRELL advised that he recalls a white Plymouth or Dodge station wagon being serviced at the garage when the car was being repaired, but knows nothing of the owner of the car. While in New Braunfels, he had no conversation with anyone concerning the location of a restaurant, nor did he comment to anyone that he was en route to Dallas from the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana.

FERRELL advised he does not know OSWALD or JACK RUBY and to his knowledge, has never seen them. He has no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

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During the interview, it was noted that FERRELL bears a marked resemblance to OSWALD.

FERRELL described himself as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	5/25/25
Place of Birth	Shreveport, Louisiana
Height	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark, receding
Eyes	Brown.

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Mrs. ESTELLE JACKSON, 2733 West Ledbetter Drive, advised that she is owner and operator of the Avalon Motel and Apartments located at 1015 Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas. She stated that she also owns the Colonial Motel at Brownsville, Texas where she had recently been on a business trip.

Mrs. JACKSON advised that the pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD which she saw on television and in the newspapers, looked like someone she had seen in the past. She advised that he could have stayed at the Avalon Motel but is not certain. She said that they have many patrons at this particular motel and it is physically impossible to recall each individual.

Mrs. JACKSON advised that in June of 1963, there was a man by the name of ROBERT AHLER who stayed at the motel for approximately three weeks and whom she suspected of having communistic tendencies. She advised that AHLER allegedly came to Dallas from New Orleans but was originally from New York City.

JACKSON described AHLER as white male, 30-35 years of age, 5'10", 170 lbs., dark blond curly hair, blue eyes, and had considerable scarring on face.

JACKSON stated AHLER came to Dallas to go to work for Trinity Universal Insurance Company and left there without notice. He also left the motel without notice leaving only a suitcoat in the room. She said he left owing a motel bill.

JACKSON advised that she had reason to be suspicious of AHLER because of the fact that he had numerous pieces of literature in dresser drawers that she thought were communist propaganda. She stated that she also noticed that one of the booklets he had, had a swastika on it.

JACKSON advised that while AHLER was at the motel, he averaged \$20.00 a week in phone calls to New Orleans.

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She stated that all the calls were to the same location, because individual on other end of the line always answered "Club". She stated that the calls appeared mysterious and she could not ascertain what AHLER or party at the other end of the line were talking about.

She advised that while AHLER was here, he wrote two checks on the Hibernia Bank of New Orleans which were returned marked "Account Closed". She said checks were in the amount of \$15.00 and \$5.00.

JACKSON stated that after AHLER left, a law firm in New York City had appeared most anxious to ascertain whereabouts of AHLER. JACKSON advised that she has not seen or heard from or about AHLER since that time. She stated that when he left he took everything with him including the propaganda literature. She said the only thing that was left was a suitcoat which she gave away to an unrecalled individual about six months later. JACKSON advised that AHLER in no way resembled pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JACKSON volunteered that she was acquainted with JACK RUBY inasmuch as she had had some difficulty with him in December of 1961. She stated that a man by the name of BUDDY KING resided at the Avalon Motel for a short period of time. She stated that KING was from New Orleans and was formerly a member of "Our Gang" comedy in Hollywood, California. She stated that he came to Dallas to appear as Master of Ceremonies for JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club. She stated that while KING was here he suffered a slight heart attack and was taken from the motel to the hospital. She stated that he was in arrears on his motel bill at the time that he went to the hospital, and a short time later, JACK RUBY came to the motel to try and get KING's belongings. She stated that RUBY wanted them without settling the bill, and she refused to let him have them. She stated that he got mad and that they had some words over the matter. She stated that he threatened to blacklist her through the Variety Guild but later calmed down after she threatened him with a suit. She advised that she has not seen RUBY since that time.

Dr. VERNON HAMMOND, Optometrist, Texas Optical, 211 South Main, McAllen, Texas, telephonically advised that Miss ESTELLA GARZA, one of his employees, had told him she believed she had seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Texas Optical in July and August 1963.

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Miss ESTELLA GARZA, Clerk, Texas Optical, 211 South Main, McAllen, Texas, advised that in about the middle of July 1963 a young man who gave his name as LEE HARRIS, of Dallas, Texas, came in to have a new screw installed in his eyeglasses. While there he inquired as to her name and asked her for a date. She refused the date and thereafter HARRIS called her on numerous occasions and came to see her at Texas Optical on several occasions.

HARRIS told her he was a song writer and once wrote a song about her which he sang to her over the telephone.

He did not furnish her with an address, either locally or in Dallas where he said his mother resided. She once saw him in a white 1960 Ford sedan, but did not obtain the license number.

Finally, on about August 15, 1963, she told him to cease bothering her as she had a boy friend and had no intention of dating him. She had neither seen nor heard from him again.

He allegedly made a trip to California to record some songs between about July 15 and August 15, 1963.

Miss GARZA stated that when she saw news photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD she immediately noted a resemblance between him and the individual known to her as LEE HARRIS. She stated she could not be positive, but HARRIS could have been identical with OSWALD.

She furnished the following description of HARRIS:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	21
Height	5'6"
Weight	135

Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Brown, wore metal frame glasses, weak prescription.
Complexion:	Medium
Dress:	White T-shirt and slacks
Jewelry:	Gold wrist watch, left arm
Characteristics:	Had average man's voice, wore thin mustache. Stated played guitar and was song writer.

Miss GARZA was requested to immediately advise the FBI should she see or hear from this individual again.

About three hours later in the day Miss GARZA telephonically advised that LEE HARRIS had just entered Texas Optical to talk to her. She stated the resemblance between HARRIS and photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was quite close.

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