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September 17, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Lieutenant E. L. CUNNINGHAM stated that no suspects have been developed in the WALKER shooting incident which occurred allegedly at 9:00 P.M., April 10, 1963 at the General WALKER home at 4011 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. He stated the only possible suspect was WILLIAM MacEWAN DUFF who had resided at the WALKER home, and that DUFF was eliminated as a suspect after he had been given a polygraph examination at the Dallas Police Department. He stated that DUFF had resided in General WALKER's home from September, 1962 to March of 1963, and that there were really no allegations or information concerning DUFF as a suspect other than because of his laziness he had been ordered to move out of the home by General WALKER.

CUNNINGHAM states that he had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until November 22, 1963 at the time of the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 31, 1964, requesting verification of the employment of Mr. Bernard Weissman on November 14, 1963.

Enclosed are two copies each of three communications from our Dallas Office dated September 4, 1964, September 10, 1964, and September 14, 1964, respectively, with self-explanatory attachments.

No further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (6)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas
September 4, 1964

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

In Reply, Please Refer to
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The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by letter dated August 31, 1964, made reference to an interview of Bernard Weissman on August 10, 1964, at New York City. In this interview, Weissman stated that he was employed during November, 1963, by Carpet Engineers, Incorporated, 1002 South Beckley, Dallas, Texas, working from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Weissman believed that he was working during the evening of November 14, 1963. The President's Commission requested verification of this information.

Attached are the results of investigation pertaining to Weissman's employment on November 14, 1963, by Carpet Engineers of Texas, 2006 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 3115—Continued

Date September 3, 1964

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NORMAN J. SIEGEL, Vice President, Carpet Engineers of Texas, 2006 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that BERNARD WEISSMAN worked for this company as a carpet salesman from approximately November 6, 1963, to November 21, 1963. While working for this company, WEISSMAN was never paid any money as he never made any sales. He worked on a commission basis and received no salary whatsoever.

While Mr. SIEGEL has no employment records to specifically cite the exact dates of WEISSMAN's employment, he noted that the beginning date of November 6, 1963, is based on the date of WEISSMAN's application, and the last date is based on the company's daily appointment sheet, which shows the last sales appointment for WEISSMAN as being on November 21, 1963.

Regarding the question as to whether or not WEISSMAN was working on Thursday, November 14, 1963, Mr. SIEGEL noted that the appointment sheet for salesman for that date indicates that WEISSMAN had an appointment that date with one "HOBGOOD", telephone number Federal 9-8881. No other appointments were listed for WEISSMAN on that particular date.

Mr. SIEGEL stated that this does not mean that WEISSMAN contacted no one else that day, but he noted that most of the sales contacts were made at night when both the prospective husband and wife are home. Accordingly, Mr. SIEGEL imagines that WEISSMAN would have contacted the HOBGOODS in the evening hours.

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Mr. SIEGEL pointed out that the appointment sheet for November 14, 1963, which lists the appointments for all the salesmen and not for just one particular individual, contains a "remarks" column which is filled out the following day by the salesman indicating the results of his interview with the potential customer. In regard to WEISSMAN's comment about his contact with the HOBGOODS, WEISSMAN had noted that he had given them a sales talk, noted that they would need 116 yards of carpeting, which would cost \$1,390, but the HOBGOODS only wanted to spend \$600.00.

Mr. SIEGEL continued that the appointment sheet for November 14, 1963, is the only record that his company has which would indicate whether or not WEISSMAN had worked that particular day. He further noted that WEISSMAN could have spent a few hours at the company's office, but normally a commission salesman, such as WEISSMAN, only spends a short time at the office daily and that is to pick up a list of his appointments for that day. This is true with all the workdays of the week with the exception of Friday when the salesmen attend a sales conference.

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DONALD D. HOBGOOD, 1220 Burns Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that his telephone number is Federal 9-8881, which telephone number he also had as of November 14, 1963.

DONALD HOBGOOD stated that his wife had been interested for some time in carpeting their house, and had a representative of some now unrecalled carpet company visit their house sometime in November, 1963, exact date not now recalled.

DONALD HOBGOOD stated that both his wife, ELLEN, and he were at home the night this salesman came to talk to them and give them an estimate on the cost of carpeting their house. HOBGOOD recalls that this person arrived around 7:30 p.m. in the evening and remained in his house for over two hours, finally leaving between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. HOBGOOD knows that this salesman was in the house for over two hours, as he, HOBGOOD, had a previous engagement that night and was trying to get rid of the carpet salesman, who seemed to stay on and on.

HOBGOOD stated this salesman gave them a cost estimate of around \$1,400 to carpet their house, which sum was far above the amount that they would even consider spending on carpeting their house.

HOBGOOD stated that while he does not recall the name of this salesman, he recalled that he arrived in an old automobile, wore what appeared to be second-hand clothing, indicated he had been in the military service, and had recently come to Dallas from some other part of the country.

HOBGOOD stated he told this salesman that the carpet price was too high, and they have not been recontacted by this individual since that time.

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He advised that the name of WEISSMAN sounds vaguely familiar to him, but he cannot say that this was positively the name of the carpet salesman who visited his home in November, 1963.

HOBGOOD described the carpet salesman as white, around 26 to 30 years of age, dark black hair and medium build.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas
September 10, 1964

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS**

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Attached are the results of investigation pertaining to Weissman's employment on November 14, 1963, by the Carpet Engineers of Texas, 2006 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas, which supplements that contained in the communication dated September 4, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 3115--Continued

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 10, 1964

Mrs. LIDY VOLTZ, 1220 Burns Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that she is the mother of DONALD HOBGOOD who lives at this same address.

Mrs. VOLTZ viewed a photograph of BERNARD WEISSMAN and stated that this individual is the same person who had come to their house in November, 1963, to sell carpeting to her son and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. VOLTZ could not recall the date of the visit of this carpet salesman, but remembered that he had come back the same night and had talked to DONALD HOBGOOD and his wife.

Mrs. VOLTZ stated that the carpet salesman first arrived at their home in the early evening before the HOBGOODS had come home from work. She told him to come back later that evening and he did so.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 10, 1964

Mrs. ELLEN HOBGOOD, 1220 Burns Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that she is the wife of DONALD D. HOBGOOD. Mrs. HOBGOOD was interviewed at her residence.

Mrs. HOBGOOD stated that around the middle part of November, 1963, she was telephonically contacted by a lady representative of a carpet company inquiring if she was interested in carpeting for her home. She advised that she was and set up an appointment for 7:00 p.m. several nights later for a personal visit by a salesman for this carpet company.

Mrs. HOBGOOD stated that she does not recall the name of the carpet company, but knows that they were located on South Beckley. She stated that she does not recall the name of the salesman who came to her home.

Mrs. HOBGOOD stated that the night of the appointment, she and her husband were at home to talk to the salesman. He was late for his appointment, but arrived about 7:30 p.m. The salesman spent about two hours in her home and quoted them a carpeting price of around \$1,400.00, which was quite a bit more than her husband and she planned to spend on carpeting.

Mrs. HOBGOOD could not recall the date of this carpet salesman's visit, but remembers that the very next day she had gone out and purchased two rugs for her house.

Mrs. HOBGOOD located the purchase contract for these two rugs which indicated that she had purchased the two rugs on November 15, 1963, from the Bolin and Selvidge Furniture Company, 209 East Jefferson, Dallas, Texas.

Accordingly, Mrs. HOBGOOD stated that the carpet salesman was positively in her house the night of November 14, 1963.

Mrs. HOBGOOD viewed a photograph of BERNARD WEISSMAN and stated that this was the carpet salesman who was in her home on the night of November 14, 1963.

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Dallas, Texas
September 14, 1964

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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Attached are the results of an interview with Donald D. Hobgood which supplements the results of investigation contained in the communications dated September 4, 1964, and September 10, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

Attachment

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 3115--Continued

Date September 14, 1964

DONALD D. HOBGOOD, 1220 Burns Street, Dallas, Texas, advised upon viewing photograph of BERNARD WEISSMAN that this appears to him to be identical with the carpet salesman who had visited his home on a night in November, 1963.

HOBGOOD stated that he is not as good as his mother and wife in identifying individuals; however, the photograph of WEISSMAN appears to him to be the person who had visited his home.

HOBGOOD stated that he could not make a positive identification of WEISSMAN being the salesman, as he (HOBGOOD) is poor in remembering features of an individual and he noted that the visit of the carpet salesman to his home was over ten months ago and for only a few hours at that. HOBGOOD further noted that the photograph of WEISSMAN at this time appears to be a little heavier than he remembers the salesman; however, he noted that the hair style being curly was identical.

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