

CRAIG, ROGER

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KR (1) *Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed*

ROGER CRAIG, 7711 Piedmont, Apartment B, telephone EVERgreen 1-4851, employed as a Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Department, was recontacted to determine if he had any knowledge as to acquaintanceship and/or association between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

Date December 18, 1963

Deputy CRAIG stated he had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963, on which date he observed OSWALD in the office of Capt. J. W. FRITZ in the Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, and identified him as the individual he saw in the area of the Texas School Book Depository immediately following the shooting of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

CRAIG stated he did not know JACK RUBY and had no knowledge of any possible association between OSWALD and RUBY.

on 12/18/63 at Dallas, Texas *345* File # DL 44-1639
 by Special Agent JAMES W. BOEKHOUT/gm Date dictated 12/18/63

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Date 11/23/63

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Craig, Roger

ROGER CRAIG, 7711 Piedmont, Apartment B, phone EVERgreen 1-4851, employed as a Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Department, advised that he was standing in front of the Dallas Sheriff's Office, 505 Main Street, at the time the motorcade of President JOHN F. KENNEDY was approaching the triple underpass. He stated that he heard a shot and ran around the corner onto Houston Street and went through the parking area and briefly searched area on Elm Street. Shortly after this, approximately 3 or 4 minutes, came back across Elm Street and observed an individual run down the grass area from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository. He heard this individual whistle and a white Rambler station wagon, driven by a Negro male, pulled over to the curb and said individual got in and the car headed toward the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike.

CRAIG stated that at 5:18 PM, November 22, 1963, he was given an opportunity to observe LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the office of Captain J. W. FRITZ in the Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, and that he is positive that OSWALD is identical with the same individual he observed getting into the Rambler station wagon as mentioned above.

Commission No. 511/22/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT/cah Date dictated 11/23/63

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Date November 25, 1963

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ROGER CRAIG, 7711 Piedmont, Apartment B, employed as Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, was reinterviewed. Mr. CRAIG stated that about 12:20 p.m., November 22, 1963, he was standing about 20 feet east of Houston Street on Main Street in downtown Dallas when he heard a noise which he presumed to be a gun shot. He states he immediately started west on Main Street toward Houston Street, and while en route, he heard two additional noises which he also presumed to be gun shots.

He stated he crossed Houston Street and there met a Dallas city police officer who advised him that the noises he had heard were in actuality gun shots. He stated he then proceeded to the Santa Fe railroad tracks which run alongside the Texas School Book Depository building, and while en route there noticed a car with a woman sitting in it. He stated he immediately took her to a Mr. LUMMIE LEWIS, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, who took her name and address.

Mr. CRAIG stated he then went to the southwest corner of the Texas School Book Depository building and there talked with a young man and his wife who claimed they had observed a man through a window of the Texas School Book Depository holding a rifle about 15 minutes before the parade passed, but assumed he was a Secret Service man. CRAIG stated he also took these people to Mr. LEWIS, who took their names and addresses. CRAIG stated he then crossed to the south side of Elm Street in front of the Texas School Book Depository building to see if he could see marks on the pavement which would indicate that a bullet had ricocheted.

He stated that at that time he heard a shrill whistle, looked up, and saw a man running across the lawn toward Elm Street coming from direction of Texas School Book Depository building. He stated he also noticed an automobile traveling west on Elm, which he feels was a white Nash Rambler station wagon with a luggage rack on top. He stated he observed the driver look at the man running down the hill, then observed the driver stop at the curb. He stated the man on foot got in the Rambler and they left going west on Elm Street. Mr. CRAIG stated he did not have the license number, but feels that it was a 1963 Texas license.

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on 11/25/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43

by Special Agent BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER/pm Date dictated 11/25/63

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Mr. CRAIG described the driver of the automobile as a white male, American, dark-complected, short hair, wearing a light colored jacket. Mr. CRAIG stated he had previously described this man as a Negro male, but has since decided that the driver was a white male.

Mr. CRAIG described the man whom he had seen running across the lawn in the following manner:

White male, height 5'9", weight 140 pounds, build slender, hair sandy, dress - brown shirt, blue trousers.

Mr. CRAIG stated later the same afternoon he heard that Dallas Police Department had a suspect in the shooting of Officer TIPPITT in Oak Cliff. He stated at this time he called Captain W. FRITZ, Dallas Police Department, gave him the description of the man he had seen crossing the lawn and was advised to view the suspect at Dallas Police Department.

Mr. CRAIG stated he subsequently went to Dallas Police Department and there identified LEE HARVEY OSWALD as the person he had seen running from Texas School Book Depository. Mr. CRAIG further stated there is no doubt in his mind that the man he observed running from the Texas School Book Depository and the person he viewed at Dallas Police Department are identical.

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April 1, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. LES RANKIN, General Counsel

FROM: Howard P. Willens

RE: Daily Report from Dallas

Mr. Hubert called this evening and stated that the following depositions were taken today by the designated members of the staff:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
Irving Stebman	Mr. Johnson
Robert Adams	"
Helen Cunningham	"
C. M. Shesteen	"
R. L. Balon	"
Colin Barbieret	"
Hiram Conway	"
Mrs. Helen Leslie	"
Richard Garrett	Mr. Liebeler
Phil Vinson	"
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Davis	"
G. E. Smith	"
Diel D. Ryder	"
Woody Francis Greener	"
Dr. Homer Wood	"
Sterling C. Wood	"
Phil Jackson	Mr. Hubert
John L. Daniels	"
Alfreidia Riggs	"
John G. Serrano	"
Edward Kelly	"
Harold Fugue	"
Frances Cason	"
C. E. Pulse	"
Edward E. Pierce	"
P. T. Dean (continuation of deposition)	"

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<u>Witness</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
Tom Dillard	Misses. Ball & Dolin
Malcolm Cough	"
James Underwood	"
James M. Crawford	"
Ronald B. Fischer	"
Seymour Weitman	"
Roger Craig	"
Mary Ann Mitchell	"
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Johnson	"

Mr. Robert stated that he had completed taking depositions of his witnesses and would be returning to the office tomorrow (Thursday, April 2). He has reservations on Braniff Flight No. 8 arriving at Dulles Airport at 12:50 p.m. Washington time.

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March 24, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
 From: Joseph A. Ball

We propose the following schedule for depositions. The Dallas Police Department witnesses will be listed later.

Wednesday, April 1

	<u>Ball</u>	<u>Belin</u>
9:00 a.m.	Dillard Couch	Underwood Edwards
11:00 a.m.	Fisher	Crawford
2:00 p.m.	Weitzman Robinson	Craig
3:00 p.m.	Mrs. Johnson	Mr. Johnson Earlene Roberts

Thursday, April 2

9:00 a.m.	Sam Guinyard Davis	Mrs. Bledsoe Smith
2:00 p.m.	J. Brewer George Appling, Jr. E. E. Bowers, Jr.	Julia Portal Benvenitos

Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6

Dallas Police Department

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 a.m.	Hines Givens	Shelley Lovelady
2:00 p.m.	Arce Wort Adams	Piper Kaiser Dougherty

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AIR MAIL.

Mr. Forrest V. Sorrels
Special Agent in Charge
United States Secret Service
Reliance Life Building, Room 800
505 Harvey Street
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Sorrels:

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank you for the cooperation extended by you and your staff to representatives of the Commission in Dallas during the past weeks.

Two members of the staff, Joseph A. Bell and David W. Belin, will be in Dallas for about ten days commencing March 31. We have scheduled depositions with various witnesses on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2.

We have asked that these witnesses telephone the U. S. District Attorney's office acknowledging that they will be able to be there to have their depositions taken. We would appreciate your having Mr. Howlett check with the District Attorney's office on early Tuesday morning, March 31, to ascertain which of these depositions have not called. Any such person should be contacted directly by Mr. Howlett, or some other member of your office, to make sure that that person will be able to be present for the taking of his deposition. Some of these witnesses may require transportation.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

WITNESSES SCHEDULED FOR DEPOSITIONS IN DALLAS

Wednesday, April 1, 1964

9:00 a.m. Mr. Thomas C. Dillard
c/o Dallas Morning News
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Malcolm O. Couch
4215 Live Oak, Apt. 302
Dallas, Texas

Mr. James R. Underwood
Assistant News Director
KRLD - TV
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Robert E. Edwards
821 South Nursery
Irving, Texas

11:00 a.m. Mr. Ronald B. Fischer
4007 Flamingo Drive
Mesquite, Texas

Mr. James N. Crawford
Deputy District Court Clerk
Dallas County District Court
Records Building
Dallas, Texas

2:00 p.m. Mr. Seymour Weitzman
2802 Oates Drive
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Marvin C. Robinson
5120 South Marsalis Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Roger Craig
7711 Piedmont, Apt. B
Dallas, Texas

Wednesday, April 1, 1964 (continued)

3:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson
1026 North Beckley Street
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Earlene Roberts
1026 North Beckley Street
Dallas, Texas

Thursday, April 2, 1964

9:00 a.m. Mr. Sam Guinyard
605 East Park Street
Waxahachie, Texas

Mrs. Mary E. Bledsoe
621 North Marsalis
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Virginia Ruth Davis
309 Gaunt Street
Athens, Texas

Mr. William Arthur Smith
328-1/2 East 8th Street
Dallas, Texas

2:00 p.m. Mr. Johnny C. Brewer
512 N. Lancaster, Apt. 102
Dallas, Texas

Miss Julia Postal
2728 Seavers
Dallas, Texas

Mr. George Applin, Jr.
3423 Weisenberger
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Lee E. Bowers, Jr.
10508 Maplegrove Lane
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Domenjo Benvenitos
3112 June Drive
Dallas, Texas

Thursday, April 2, 1964 (continued)

4:00 p.m.

Mr. H. D. Holmes
Postal Inspector
U.S. Post Office Department
Dallas, Texas

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Roger Craig
7711 Piedmont, Apt. B
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Craig:

On November 29, 1963, this Commission was established and authorized to investigate and report on all the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. Joseph A. Ball and David W. Belin, attorneys on the staff of the Commission, desire to take your deposition in Dallas on Wednesday, April 1, 1964, at 2:00 p.m., in the office of the United States Attorney, United States Post Office Building. Will you please telephone the United States Attorney's office on receipt of this letter and advise whether or not you can be present at that time and place? The telephone number is Riverside 8-6961.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of Executive Order No. 11130 creating this Commission, S. J. Res. 137, and the Rules of Procedure of this Commission for the questioning of witnesses by members of the Commission staff.

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3/26/64*
Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosures

J. L. R.