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Mr. PRENTIS I. VAUGHN, Pilot, American Airlines, based at Dallas, Texas, advised that he flies the route between Dallas, Fort Worth, and Washington, D. C., several times a week. He was scheduled to make the return flight to Fort Worth this same date, and his residence address is Route B124A, Euless, Texas.

VAUGHN stated that approximately six years ago he had engaged in the part-time occupation of drilling water wells. In this regard, he recalled drilling a well on property owned by two partners, one named MORTON GIMPLE and the other believed to be JACK LEON RUBY. He stated that he was almost positive in his identification of the latter. These partners owned Log Cabin Enterprises which was a night club open only on the weekends and utilized for private parties. Log Cabin Enterprises was located adjacent to Grapevine Lake between Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas.

VAUGHN stated that in connection with this job, he had been in personal contact with GIMPLE on a number of occasions, however, had only conversed by telephone with the other partner, whom he believed to be identical with RUBY. GIMPLE lived in Chicago where he was believed to own either a night club or restaurant, and he traveled frequently to Dallas to handle his business interests. He recalled that GIMPLE, while visiting in Dallas, stayed at the apartment of his partner and both men were single at that time.

VAUGHN vaguely recalls that during a telephone conversation with the individual believed to be RUBY, it was mentioned that he also had an interest in the Vegas Club, also located in Dallas. He does not know whether Log Cabin Enterprises is still in existence or owned by the same individuals.

VAUGHN stated that he has closely examined his own correspondence and business records in an effort to locate an address for GIMPLE, however, has been unable to do so.

VAUGHN was not in Dallas at the time of the President's assassination or the subsequent murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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