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Mrs. GALE ANN CASCADDAN, nee Eaton, 202 West Birch Street, Harrison, Michigan, furnished the following information:

CURTIS LAVERNE CRAFARD, also known as "Larry", is Mrs. CASCADDAN's first cousin. Her mother and CRAFARD's father are sister and brother. Mrs. CASCADDAN has known CRAFARD for the past twelve years, however, personal contact with him during that period has been quite limited and intermittent. During the early part of September, 1963, CRAFARD visited Mrs. CASCADDAN's parents (EDWARD and ESTHER EATON) at the latter's residence, 202 West Birch Street, Harrison. Mrs. CASCADDAN saw him on that occasion. CRAFARD departed from Harrison the following day, stating that he was going to join a carnival (name unknown) at Allegan, Michigan. This carnival was destined for Memphis, Tennessee, to play at the Mid-South Fair in that city during the latter part of September. CRAFARD apparently obtained a job with this carnival through his brother-in-law, CHAUNCEY INGERSOLL, who was employed by it. The latter is married to CORA BELLE INGERSOLL, CRAFARD's sister, who now resides in Clare, Michigan. Presently, CHAUNCEY INGERSOLL is incarcerated in the State Prison of Southern Michigan, Jackson, Michigan, serving a term for burglary which involved the theft of firearms.

When CRAFARD was in Harrison during the early part of September, 1963, he made no mention of going to Texas and gave no indication whatsoever that he had met or knew JACK RUBY. Subsequent to his departure from Harrison on that occasion, his whereabouts and activities remained unknown until Mrs. CASCADDAN received an air mail letter from him which was postmarked at Dallas, Texas, on October 25, 1963. This letter revealed that he was living at "1312 1/2 Commerce", Dallas, and was employed by the Carousel Club there as "...a combination janitor and bookkeeper".

Mrs. CASCADDAN was next contacted by CRAFARD on November 26, 1963, when he appeared at her parents' home in Harrison. CRAFARD remained over night and then left

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the next day to hitchhike to Kalkaska, Michigan, and visit his sister, CORA BELLE INGERSOLL. While in Harrison on that occasion, CRAFARD said he had been employed by JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. In addition to being a bookkeeper and janitor for RUBY, he "worked the lights" during the floor shows and "...got tired of watching naked women". CRAFARD claimed that he also served as JACK RUBY's "personal secretary"; he had coffee with RUBY in the latter's office; and he and RUBY occasionally sat at the end of the bar near the rear door of the Carousel Club and talked. According to Mrs. CASCADDAN, these statements by CRAFARD were apparently designed to demonstrate that CRAFARD was not only an employee, but also a "buddy" of RUBY. Too, CRAFARD gave the impression that his employment by RUBY was a "big deal" and it had been an honor to work for him.

CRAFARD talked of only one occasion when he and RUBY were together away from the Carousel Club. This occurred while CRAFARD was employed by RUBY and involved photographing signs advertising the Carousel Club. Mrs. CASCADDAN stated that her mother (ESTHER EATON) learned through a conversation with CRAFARD on February 29, 1964, that the latter had had dinner on at least one occasion with RUBY at the home of EVA GRANT, RUBY's sister, in Dallas. This ostensibly took place while CRAFARD was working for RUBY.

CRAFARD said that he first learned of the assassination of President KENNEDY on the same day that event occurred. He was sleeping in his room, apparently at the Carousel Club, when a "buddy" (not further identified) awakened him and told him about it. CRAFARD did not mention what he did following the receipt of this information. Specifically, he made no mention of discussing it with JACK RUBY or even being in contact with RUBY after that. However, Mrs. CASCADDAN stated that her mother (ESTHER EATON) informed her that CRAFARD said RUBY was upset when he received the news of President KENNEDY's death and RUBY "walked around". CRAFARD made no mention of being at the Carousel Club on the night of November 22, 1963, or engaging in a telephone conversation with anyone. Additionally, he did not talk about RUBY's emotional reaction to the news of the President's assassination. In fact, CRAFARD did not discuss in Mrs. CASCADDAN's presence what he, CRAFARD, did between the time he first learned of President KENNEDY's death and his (CRAFARD's) departure from Dallas on the following day (November 23, 1963).

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In Mrs. CASCADDAN's opinion, CRAFARD exhibited an indifferent attitude toward the assassination of the President. While CRAFARD was visiting Mrs. CASCADDAN's parents in Harrison on November 26-27, 1963, a considerable amount of time was being devoted by the television networks to the assassination and its aftermath involving RUBY's murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mrs. CASCADDAN, her parents, and her brothers spent most of their time watching programs on television pertaining to the assassination. CRAFARD seemed mildly interested in these programs, and spent some time upstairs reading comic books. This seemed strange to Mrs. CASCADDAN. She thought that CRAFARD should have had an avid, continuing interest in this matter because he was a "buddy" and former employee of RUBY. In Mrs. CASCADDAN's vernacular, CRAFARD seemed about as disturbed over the President's assassination as he would be "over killing a cat".

Mrs. CASCADDAN advised that neither she nor her parents could understand why CRAFARD departed from Dallas to hitchhike back to Michigan on the day following the assassination. Specifically, she asked CRAFARD why he left Dallas at that time and he never answered her question. As she recalls, he merely shifted the conversation to another topic. Too, her parents had been unable to secure an answer to this question from CRAFARD. Why CRAFARD would not furnish a reason or reasons for this action is unknown to Mrs. CASCADDAN.

In respect to his departure from Dallas on November 23, 1963, CRAFARD stated that he did not contact JACK RUBY and tell RUBY he was leaving. At the time, RUBY owed him wages and CRAFARD did not attempt to collect them. CRAFARD explained that he did not mention the departure to RUBY, because he and RUBY were "buddies" and RUBY would not want him to leave.

CRAFARD did not discuss, even in a general way, activities which took place while he was hitchhiking from Texas to Michigan during November, 1963. However, he did mention that en route he learned that RUBY had shot and killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. No doubt, CRAFARD was fortunate in securing rides during this trip for he reached Clare, Michigan, in two days and spent the night at the home of his cousin, CLIFFORD ROBERTS, 307 East 7th Street, Clare. At that time, CRAFARD's sister, CORA BELLE INGERSOLL, was also residing at that address. On the following day (November 26, 1963), CRAFARD visited Mrs. CASCADDAN and her parents in Harrison.

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Mrs. EDWARD (ESTHER) EATON, 202 West Birch Street, Harrison, Michigan, was present during part of the interview of her daughter, Mrs. GALE ANN CASCADDAN, on June 5, 1964.

Mrs. EATON confirmed Mrs. CASCADDAN's assertion that CURTIS LAVERNE CRAFARD never explained to her (Mrs. EATON) or other members of the EATON family why he (CRAFARD) left Dallas, Texas, the day following President KENNEDY's assassination. Mrs. EATON observed that CRAFARD expressed relative unconcern over the assassination, and his only mention of its effects on JACK RUBY was the statement that RUBY was "upset" and "walked around a great deal". Mrs. EATON cannot recall any further information furnished by CRAFARD which related to RUBY's emotional state or activities at that time. Also, she noted that CRAFARD was not specifically asked by her nor did he discuss in her presence his activities from the time that he first learned of President KENNEDY's death until he departed from Dallas on the following day.

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