

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/9/63

MITCHELL SCIBOR, General Production Manager, Illinois Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA FRANCIS M. HENWOOD on December 7, 1963, that an Italian carbine, serial number C2766, was sold by Kleins to A. HIDEELL, Dallas, Texas, with 4 power rifle scope mounted. This is shown on the order as "Italian carbine 6.574X scope" for a single price of \$19.95. SCIBOR advised that if the rifle were sold alone, the price would be \$12.78. If the rifle had been shipped with the rifle scope unmounted separate entries add separate prices would have been shown on the order blank for both the rifle and the rifle scope. SCIBOR advised that the rifle would have been packed with the scope mounted and rifle assembled and then the entire unit wrapped for mailing.

SCIBOR advised that a search of the records was made for any other purchased in the variations of the name HIDEELL as well as in the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD and no other orders or sales to anyone using these names were found.

SCIBOR stated that no sales of ammunition were found under these names, including ammunition for the rifle or a .38 caliber revolver. The records were searched from February 22, 1963, the date that Kleins received the rifle in stock to November 22, 1963.

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WALTER KIRK COLEMAN, 4338 Newton Street, Dallas, Texas, age 15, furnished the following information:

On April 10, 1963, sometime between 9:00 and 10:00 PM, COLEMAN, along with his godfather, RONALD ANDRIES, were building some shelves in COLEMAN's bedroom. At the time, COLEMAN was standing in the doorway which leads from his bedroom to the outside of the house on the north side of his residence. COLEMAN heard a blast and his first impression was that it was a car backfire. COLEMAN ran immediately to the fence which separates the property where he resides and that of the Mormon Church Parking Lot. COLEMAN stepped up on a bicycle, which was leaning against the fence, and which put him in a position to look into the Mormon Church Parking Lot and the back of the church property.

Upon looking into this parking lot, COLEMAN observed two men, hereinafter referred to as No. 1 and No. 2. No. 1 was at the back of a white or beige 1950 Ford and was hurrying towards the driver's side of this car. COLEMAN observed no other person in the car. The car was parked headed towards Turtle Creek Boulevard (or away from COLEMAN) with the motor running and the headlights on. No. 2 was about ten yards behind No. 1 at a point about twenty-five feet inside the church property, or parking lot, from the alley entrance to this parking lot. No. 1 was almost directly in front of COLEMAN and No. 2 was to COLEMAN's right. No. 2 was walking in a direction away from the alley entrance and towards a 1958 black over white, two-door Chevrolet sedan. This Chevrolet was parked in the second parking slot to the east of the alley entrance headed in towards a fence which separates the church property and that of General EDWIN A. WALKER. A Renault automobile belonging to the church caretaker was parked in the first parking slot.

COLEMAN stated his immediate attention was directed toward No. 1. No. 1 got into the 1950 Ford and, as he did so, glanced back in the direction of COLEMAN. This man got into the

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car and drove off at a normal rate of speed towards the exit from the church parking lot onto Turtle Creek Boulevard. COLEMAN stated he did not notice if No. 1 was carrying anything in his hands. He stated No. 1 was wearing khaki pants, a sport shirt with figures in it, and was a white male, about 19 or 20 years of age, about 5'10" tall, and weighing about 130 pounds. He stated this man had dark, bushy hair, a thin face with a large nose, and was "real skinny."

COLEMAN stated he was able to observe this even though it was nighttime, as the church has a floodlight which was on at the time, and which lights up the parking lot.

COLEMAN then looked back towards No. 2 and observed that he was, by this time, at the driver's side of the Chevrolet. He had the door open and the front seat pushed forward. He was leaning through the car door and into the back seat area of this car. COLEMAN then returned to his residence and did not observe how or when No. 2 left the parking lot. About an hour later, while being questioned by a police officer, COLEMAN noticed that the Chevrolet was gone, as were all other cars that had been in the parking lot when he first observed the two men, with the exception of the caretaker's Renault. COLEMAN advised that, when he first observed these two men along with the 1950 Ford and the 1958 Chevrolet, there were about six other cars parked in the parking lot.

COLEMAN described No. 2 as a white male, about 6'1", about 200 pounds, wearing a dark, long-sleeve shirt, and dark pants. COLEMAN advised he never saw No. 2's face and could not furnish any information as to his age. He also stated he did not recall anything about No. 2's hair. He advised that when he first observed No. 2 he did not notice if he was carrying anything, although this was possible, as his attention was mainly directed towards No. 1 at that time.

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COLEMAN advised he had never seen either man or either car at any time before or after this incident.

COLEMAN stated he has seen numerous photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he has shown a photograph of OSWALD among several other photographs. He stated that neither man resembled OSWALD and that he had never seen anyone in or around the WALKER residence or the church before or after April 10, 1963, who resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

COLEMAN explained that, from where he was standing looking over the fence, he could not see down the alley behind WALKER's residence, as there is a stockade fence around some garbage cans in the southwest corner of the church parking lot, and this blocked his view down the alley.

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It was personally observed on June 3, 1964, by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE that the distance from the door in the residence of WALTER KIRK COLEMAN, 4338 Newton Street, Dallas, Texas, to the place at the stockade fence where he observed incidents on the night of April 10, 1963, in the church parking lot at about 9:00 PM, is approximately fourteen feet.

COLEMAN was requested to re-enact his actions upon hearing the blast of what he first thought was a backfire on the night of April 10, 1963. It was personally observed by Special Agents BARRETT and LEE that it required COLEMAN two seconds to go from where he was standing in a doorway to the stockade fence, a distance of about fourteen feet.

It was personally observed by Special Agents BARRETT and LEE, based on information furnished by WALTER KIRK COLEMAN on June 3, 1964, that from the point where COLEMAN states he observed a man walking towards a 1950 Ford to the alley entrance of the church parking lot, it is approximately forty-five feet. It was also personally observed that the distance from where COLEMAN states he first saw a man walking towards a 1958 Chevrolet it is twenty-one feet to the alley entrance of the church parking lot.

It was personally observed by Special Agents BARRETT and LEE that it is approximately thirty-five feet from the alley entrance of the WALKER property (4011 Turtle Creek Boulevard) to the alley entrance of the church parking lot.

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WALTER KIRK COLEMAN, 4338 Newton Street, Dallas, Texas, was reinterviewed in connection with the information he had previously furnished Bureau Agents on June 3, 1964, in connection with incidents he observed on the night of April 10, 1963, in the parking lot of the Mormon Church. This church parking lot is located adjacent to the property of Major General EDWIN A. WALKER, U. S. Army (retired), 4011 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.

COLEMAN stated he was able to observe what he had seen because the lights in the church and the floodlight, which is attached to the church building and lights up the church parking lot, were on at the time.

Concerning the foreign-made car he had observed parked next to the 1958 black and white Chevrolet, COLEMAN stated he believes this was a Renault but it could have been some other make of automobile as he does not know what a Renault looks like.

He stated at the time there were about six other cars observed by him in the lot other than the 1950 white or light beige Ford and the 1958 Chevrolet. He added, however, there could have been some other cars parked to his left as he looked into the lot as he did not look in that direction.

He stated the reason he ran to the fence and looked into the church parking lot was that he became curious after hearing what he thought was a backfire of an automobile as it is unusual to hear such noises in this neighborhood. He returned to the house because he did not think that a shot had been fired and there was no other reason for him to continue observing the man near the 1958 black and white Chevrolet.

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In connection with the copies of Police Department reports furnished by Officer **B. G. BROWN**, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, on May 28, 1964, concerning investigation by that agency of the shooting at the residence of Major General **WALKER** on April 10, 1963, the following discrepancies as determined through this investigation should be noted:

1. The report of Officers **D. F. TUCKER** and **B. G. NORVELL** states, "Officer **B. G. NORVELL** found the bullet..." and it "was given to Det. **G. B. BROWN**, Crime Laboratory Division." On May 28, 1964, Detective **DON E. MCLEROY** advised he found the bullet and turned it over to Officer **BROWN**. On the same date, Officer **BROWN** stated he obtained the bullet from Officer **NORVELL**. Officer **TUCKER**, on June 2, 1964, and former Officer **NORVELL**, on June 3, 1964, both stated **NORVELL** found the bullet and he, in turn, gave it to **MCLEROY**, who said he would take it or give it to the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory.
2. The report of Officers **TUCKER** and **NORVELL** states, "A witness by ear, Kirk Coleman, w/m/14, 4338 Newton, IA 8 7059, states he was sitting in the back room of his home, and heard what sounded like a shot from a shotgun, and he ran outside and pulled himself up over the stockade fence in the rear yard, and as he looked onto the church parking lot he saw some unk/w/m/ speed down the driveway towards turtle Cakes, in either 49 or 50 Ford, light green. He then noticed what appeared to be a w/m with the door open on a 58 Chev.. blk with white stripes down side,

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"states this person had the seat pushed up and was leaning over as if he was putting something into the floorboards. This person got inside the Chev. and sped away from the lot. (There was a meeting of some sort in the church, and the lot was full of cars, but at the time the time the witness looked out there these were the only people on the lot)." On June 3, 1964, **WALTER KIRK COLEMAN**, 4338 Newton Street, Dallas, furnished Bureau Agents the following noted discrepancies in connection with the above report: a) **COLEMAN** was standing at an outside door at the time of the shot, not "sitting in the back room." b) The shot sounded to **COLEMAN** like a car backfire, not a "shot from a shotgun." c) **COLEMAN** observed one unknown white male hurrying towards a 1950 white or beige Ford (not light green) and, after getting in behind the steering wheel, this person drove away at a normal rate of speed. He did not "speed down the driveway." d) **COLEMAN** observed a second unknown white male at a point about twenty-five feet inside the church property, from the alley entrance or exit. When **COLEMAN** next observed this individual, this person was at the driver's side of a 1958 black over white Chevrolet, two-door sedan, not a "58 Chev. blk. with white stripes down side." e) **COLEMAN** stated this second individual was observed by him leaning from the car door into the back seat area of the Chevrolet and **COLEMAN** could not tell what this man was doing, nor did **COLEMAN** watch

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what this man was doing because, at this point, COLEMAN returned to his residence. f) The TUCKER - NORVELL report states COLEMAN advised the lot was "full of cars." COLEMAN advised Bureau Agents there were about six other cars in addition to the Ford and Chevrolet in the lot at the time. g) The TUCKER - NORVELL report reflects interview of "Robert Surrency" (correct spelling SURREY) concerning two men in a dark 1963 Ford seen by SURREY on Monday, April 8, 1963, in the alley behind WALKER's residence. The report of Detectives MCCLROY and VAN CLEAVE, dated April 10, 1963, states SURREY saw the 1963 Ford and two men, no other description, on April 6, 1963 (Saturday), parked at the rear of WALKER's residence. The report of Officers DELLINGER and ROSS, dated April 11, 1963, contains an interview of SURREY concerning the incident about seeing the 1963 Ford and two men, but does not state when SURREY saw this car or the man and the report gives the impression it occurred on April 10, 1963. h) On June 3, 1964, ROBERT A. SURREY advised Bureau Agents he observed the 1963 dark brown or maroon Ford parked on Avondale Street near the alley entrance, which alley runs behind WALKER's residence. SURREY stated this incident took place on April 8, 1963 (Monday), and he described the individuals as one being a white male in his 30's, 5'10" to 6' tall, 160 pounds, and the second as a white male, in his 30's, 5'10" to 6' tall, weighing 190 pounds. He stated both men were well-dressed in suits, shirts and ties.

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ORIGIN	Field	OFFICE	Chicago	FILE NO.	CO-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE	Protective Research	STATUS	Investigation continued	TITLE OR CAPTION	LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	Chicago, Illinois	PERIOD COVERED	11/26-11/29/63	ASSASSINATION OF	President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE BY	Special Agents Edward Z. Tucker and Joseph E. Noonan				
DETAILS	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMARY</u></p> <p>A white male, American, of unknown reliability, in December 1963, had been attempting to negotiate a sale of machine guns to a Cuban revolutionary whose name is known. The Cuban is alleged to have made a comment the day before the assassination of President Kennedy that "We now have plenty of money - our new backers are Jews - as soon as we (or they) take care of Kennedy"</p> <p>The Cuban advised the American that before any deals could be consummated the Cuban superiors would have to approve the American and satisfy themselves that he was not a CIA agent.</p> <p>Discussion with the security agencies on this matter resulted in a conclusion that inasmuch as the investigation reflected a threat to President Johnson, who has announced his intention of continuing the late President's policies, the Secret Service would have primary jurisdiction in the case and that we would keep the other security agencies informed. Subsequently, at the direction of the Secret Service, the American contacted the Cuban and an arrangement was made to meet the Cuban's superiors. The Cuban was identified as belonging to the 30th of November Group. (This group was primarily interested, at least in the Chicago area, in obtaining money and disseminating propaganda of anti-Castro nature. It was the consensus of other security agencies that it was doubtful this 30th of November Group would be involved in illegal activities.) The American and the Cuban discussed the policies of President Johnson during their meetings, and the Cuban described President Johnson as a common person who would get things done. The Cuban stated that President Kennedy was an intellectual.</p>				
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		/s/ Maurice G. Martineau			12-3-63
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