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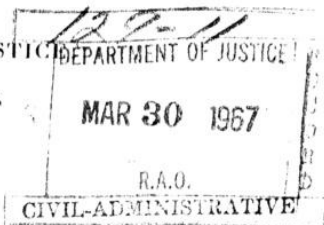
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Mr. Milton Hallmark, 2511 Michigan Avenue, Dallas, Texas, reported telephonically to the Dallas FBI Office on March 11, 1967, that his mother, Mrs. Ruth Hallmark, who resides with him at the aforementioned address, possessed pertinent information on the above captioned matter. Mr. Hallmark stated that his mother had formerly worked in the building across the street from the Texas School Book Depository Building, and he said that in the past he had heard his mother make the statement that she had seen Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby together in the building in which she had been employed on November 21, 1963.

On March 20, 1967, Mrs. Ruth Hallmark, 2511 Michigan Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at her home and furnished the following information:

Mrs. Hallmark stated that at the present time she is employed by the Miller - Randazzo Company, 1122 Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas. She stated that on November 21, 1963, she was employed by this same company in the old John Deere Building at 501 Elm Street, Dallas, directly across Houston street from the Texas School Book Depository.

She stated she recalled on November 21, 1963, four men, all strangers to her, and none of whom were employees of the Miller - Randazzo Company, came to the third floor office of this company. She stated that these men were not together, all four arriving at different times during the day. Mrs. Hallmark stated that one of these men resembled Lee Harvey Oswald and another resembled Jack Ruby. The man who resembled Oswald asked one of the employees if he could use the telephone, but then before he had a chance to use the telephone, proceeded to leave the office. Mrs. Hallmark stated that she definitely could not say that either of these men were Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby. She stated that the other two men did not resemble anyone whom

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she had ever seen before of since. She described the man who resembled Oswald as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, five feet ten inches, slender build, dark hair, dressed in a sport shirt and slacks. She described the man who resembled Jack Ruby as a white male, five feet eleven inches, heavy build, brown hair, and dressed in a business suit. Mrs. Hallmark stated she could recall no descriptive data on the other two men whom she saw on this day.

Mrs. Hallmark advised that she first noticed the resemblance of these two men to Oswald and Ruby after the assassination of the President when she had seen pictures of Oswald and Ruby in newspapers and magazines. She stated that it was approximately one year after the assassination before she noted the resemblance. She stated she never reported her feelings on this matter to anyone because she felt very uncertain about this.

Mrs. Hallmark stated that a friend and former co-worker of hers at the Miller - Randazzo Company; namely, Mrs. Thelma Marical, 2935 Idaho Avenue, Dallas, Texas, also noted the resemblance of the two men to Oswald and Ruby. She stated that she and Mrs. Marical had discussed this between themselves.

Mrs. Hallmark advised that at the time of the assassination of the President on November 22, 1963, she was looking out of the third floor window of her office to watch the motorcade pass by. After the Presidential Motorcade passed by her window and had also proceeded past the Texas School Book Depository, she heard three shots. She stated she immediately knew these were gunshots and not automobile backfires. On hearing the first shot, she stated she looked up toward the Texas School Book Depository and saw smoke in the area of one of the upper windows of this building. She stated she saw no persons inside the building in the area of this smoke. Mrs. Hallmark added that the window she was looking out of faced Elm Street, and it was necessary for her to push her body very far out of the window to see what she did. She said after the first gunshot, there was a lapse of time and then there were two additional gunshots, one right after the

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other. She knew President Kennedy had been hit by one of the bullets as she saw blood and she also saw Governor Connally slump over into the seat of the automobile. Mrs. Hallmark said that the smoke she saw in the area of the Texas School Book Depository was right next to that building and was at least one floor higher than the floor of the old John Deere Building on which she was standing. She was on the third floor of the old John Deere Building and estimated that the smoke she saw came from the fourth or fifth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.

At this point in the interview, Mrs. Hallmark's son, Milton Hallmark, came into the room and interrupted to tell the interviewing agent that approximately three to four evenings ago, specific evening unrecalled, he telephoned the office of the District Attorney in New Orleans to report to that office the fact that his mother had stated she had seen Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby together on the day before the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated that the District Attorney of New Orleans was not in his office at the time of the telephone call and a woman who stated she was the District Attorney's secretary made note of his information and advised him their office would be in touch with him on this matter.

Mrs. Thelma Marical, 2935 Idaho Avenue, Dallas, Texas, employed by Cupaioli - Leeds Clothing Manufacturing Company, 1801 North Lamar, Dallas, was interviewed at her office and furnished the following information on March 22, 1967:

Mrs. Marical advised that at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy, she was employed by the Miller - Randazzo Company in the old John Deere Building in Dallas. She stated since she was not an admirer of President Kennedy, she decided not to view the Presidential Motorcade as it passed by her building. She stated she did not know what had happened until one of her co-employees told her that the President had been shot.

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Mrs. Marical stated she did not recall seeing any strange men on the third floor of the Miller - Randazzo Company on November 21, 1963. She said she did not know anyone who resembled either Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby, and stated she had never discussed any such matter with Mrs. Ruth Hallmark. She stated Mrs. Hallmark was a co-worker of hers at the Miller - Randazzo Company in November, 1963, but she and Mrs. Hallmark were not close friends, but were merely acquaintances. It was Mrs. Marical's opinion that Mrs. Hallmark is mistaken as to the fact she (Mrs. Hallmark) discussed anything regarding the assassination of President Kennedy with her. Mrs. Marical added that she did not know of any employees of the Miller - Randazzo Company who discussed noting any resemblance of two strange men to Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby.