

NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE, FLIGHT 967 NEAR
CHANDELEUR ISLAND, LOUISIANA
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LEADS:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all leads outside the Dallas Office have been set out by teletype or telephone call as they were developed.

Extensive investigation is presently being conducted at Dallas to develop all possible pertinent information in this case with emphasis on explosives in possession of or obtained by SPEARS and others, and all information as to luggage possibly

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taken from Dallas by SPEARS, 11/13/59, on his trip to Tampa where he was known to be in contact with TAYLOR, 11/13/59 through 11/16/59.

Investigation is also being conducted at Dallas as to activities of SPEARS and his wife, both before and since instant plane crash which might be pertinent to this case.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

In accordance with instructions of the Bureau as reflected in Phoenix teletype, 1/23/60, a detailed chronology concerning SPEARS and TAYLOR's activities has been instituted and is being added to as any pertinent information is developed as to their whereabouts and activities. All chronology data developed by investigation at Dallas through 1/24/60 was furnished to the Bureau, Miami, and Phoenix by Dallas teletype, 1/24/60.

It will be noted that a table of contents is included in this report. A detailed index to cover this report is being prepared and will be furnished to the Bureau and all offices receiving this report as soon as possible.

Records at [redacted] b7D
were made available by [redacted] on [redacted]
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The records of [redacted] b7D
made available to SAs EUGENE F. WHITEHORNE and B. TOM CARTER
on 1/22/60, [redacted] who advised that his company
records were maintained in the confidential status and were
available only through issuance of subpoena duces tecum.

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is also the person to whom subpoena duces tecum should be
directed for these records.

Information obtained from records of [redacted]
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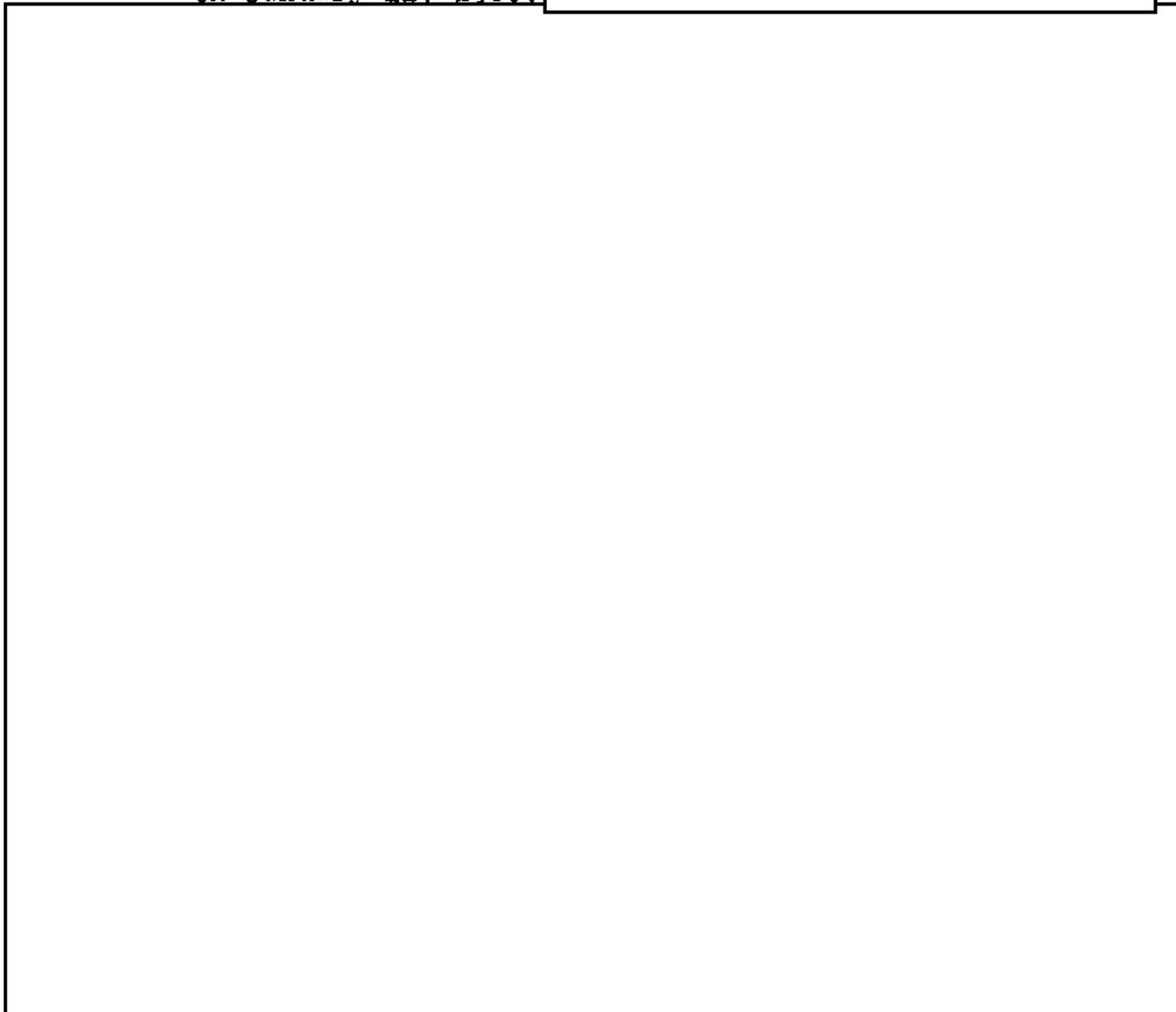
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DOYLE WILLIAMS and JAMES W. ANDERTON:

On January 22, 1960.

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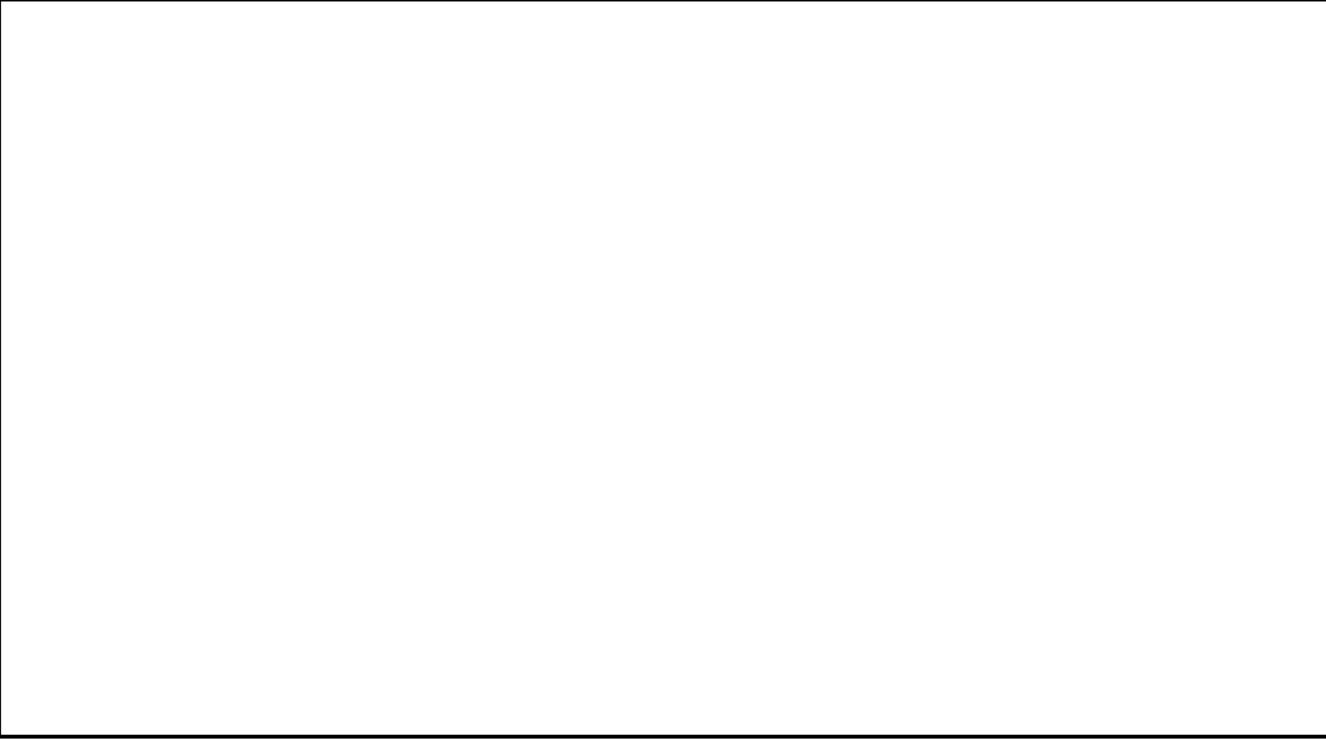
A copy of a news article appearing in the Dallas Morning News 3/4/58 referred to SPEARS' arrest in a motel in Dallas after he and two other individuals were caught in the act of performing an abortion.

A newscast reported over Channel 5 TV, Dallas, Texas, on 3/5/58 mentioned in part that Dr. SPEARS was reportedly involved in 8 indictments in 8 states, apparently resulting from his operations as a "Dr." In further connection with Dr.

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SPEARS' arrest in 1958 referred to above, a druggist, NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BARBEE reportedly had been steering abortion cases to various doctors in Dallas. He was reported to be the contact man in connection with the abortion case which resulted in SPEARS' arrest in 1958.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. HANLEY on 1/27/60:

[redacted] Social Security Administration, 1114 Commerce, Dallas, Texas, checked records which are available to him and advised that no claim had been filed by, or in behalf of, Mrs. ROBERT V. SPEARS for Social Security benefits under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

This information was furnished by [redacted] to SA HANLEY on 1/27/60, and [redacted] identity is protected as a matter of policy.

On January 22, 1960, Mr. LEONARD JACKS, Assistant Vice President, First National Bank in Dallas, advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING the records of that bank reflected no record during the past five years in the name of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS or his wife FRANCES with respect to a checking account, savings account, installment note, single payment note or safety deposit box.

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DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLE

Synopsis: ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, FBI 50133, naturopath practicing in Dallas past ten years, left Dallas 11/13/59 via Delta Airlines on round trip ticket to Tampa, Florida. He corresponded with wife, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, at Dallas from Tampa. SPEARS listed as passenger on National Airlines Flight from Tampa to New Orleans which crashed near Chandeleur Island, Louisiana, with no known survivors 11/16/59. Mrs. SPEARS on interviews prior to 1/21/60, denied knowledge husband was alive and denied contacts. Investigation Dallas reflects that SPEARS accompanied by WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA stayed Dallas metels between 1/7 - 11/60 and SPEARS in contact with wife. After written consent received from both Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS, their home searched 1/21/60, without developing information of apparent immediate pertinency this matter although considerable information concerning background activities and associates developed. No pertinent information Dallas developed as to SPEARS obtaining or possessing explosives to date. 1959 Pontiac Star Chief which was formerly owned by SPEARS searched with negative results. Starting about 12/2/59, Mrs. SPEARS through attorney initiated probate of husband's estate at Dallas, filing claims against three insurance firms at Dallas and Mrs. SPEARS admits initiating claim based on \$100,000 policy purchased by husband, Los Angeles, September, 1959. Mrs. SPEARS denies any activity to file claim on insurance companies after 1/7/60 when she claims she first knew husband alive.

Maid employed by SPEARS and Dallas DIC G. S. Phades
taxicab driver advised they recall SPEARS having at least three
pieces of luggage in possession 11/12/59, when originally scheduled
to fly to Tampa; however, because of delay he left Dallas 11/13/59. DIC William
Mrs. SPEARS signed statement 1/23/60 denying knowledge of any X TUKSKA
conspiracy on her part or husband's or any other person to cause

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crash of plane or being involved in any form of insurance fraud or other swindle. Numerous associates, including naturopaths, neighbors, and acquaintances, contacted and no apparent pertinent information pertaining to this matter developed. Investigation being conducted to determine all SPEARS' activities Dallas 6/1/59 to 1/21/60.

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NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY DALLAS

I. SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS OF FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS
(January 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1960)

In summary Mrs. SPEARS stated she knew about Dr. SPEARS' \$100,000 insurance policy obtained September 2, 1959, and about a \$20,000 policy as well as a \$500 policy with \$1,000 accidental death clause.

She readily referred to Dr. SPEARS' abortion activities, his previous arrests on abortion charges and difficulties over Federal tax matters, his interests in hypnosis, the fact he is mechanically inclined, his interest in Popular Science and similar type magazines, and the fact he rewired their home in Dallas on return to Dallas in 1959.

She referred to marital difficulties especially since Dr. SPEARS' arrest in Dallas, Texas, in about March, 1958, and that she had "nagged" him and "pushed him hard" during the past one and one-half-years because she wanted him to quit his abortion activities and get into something moral and ethical.

She described Dr. SPEARS as a robust, healthy man who loved his children, and a person who had a midwestern, not gruff or heavy, well modulated, controlled voice, and as a persuasive man with a forceful personality.

Mrs. SPEARS maintains she did not see Dr. SPEARS pack his bag prior to leaving for the airport, Dallas, on November 12, 1959, nor did she see him on the morning of November 13, 1959, before he departed by taxi cab for the airport to take his flight to Tampa, Florida.

She maintained in one interview she did not know the name of the person Dr. SPEARS was to contact in Tampa to distribute his "gook" (abortion formula) and in another interview that she could not divulge the identity of the person to be contacted by Dr. SPEARS. She noted that Dr. SPEARS usually "lived out of his hip pocket," but on the trip to Tampa he purchased his round-trip plane ticket with a check. This was considered unusual by her as she recalled only one other trip when he used a check.

aka Alene TaylorT-11-2

~~Recd~~ Nov 14, 1959 Mrs. SPEARS talked with Dr. SPEARS by telephone on November 14, 1959, while Dr. SPEARS was in Tampa; however, she maintained conversation not especially pertinent as referred to family, and mention of AL TAYLOR since Dr. SPEARS was in contact with him. She admitted Dr. SPEARS frequently corresponded with her when he was away from home, however, was unable to explain why he wrote three letters to her during weekend at Tampa, November 13, 14, and 15, 1959, when he would be returning to Dallas before the letters were delivered. aka William Alene Taylor

aka William Alene Taylor

Mrs. SPEARS maintained she learned of Dr. SPEARS "death" on November 16, 1959, and that she did not know he was alive until January 7, 1960, when she saw him in Dallas. She admitted only two contacts with Dr. SPEARS in Dallas between January 7 - 11, 1960, during initial interviews, however, later "recalled" to agents she saw Dr. SPEARS in Dallas a third time which was actually her second visit with him on January 8, 1960. She insisted she could not recall details of conversation with Dr. SPEARS January 8, 1960, stating they "cried" most of the approximately two hour visit. This visit appears to be important; however, no positive information or details of visit developed.

aka William Alene Taylor aka W. G. Taylor

Mrs. SPEARS admitted Dr. SPEARS sent note to her advising how to answer questions if interviewed by law enforcement officers, and that note destroyed along with certain other correspondence.

Mrs. SPEARS appeared to be impressed with press, radio, television, and magazine interest in her; however, she exhibited a calm demeanor with these groups and controlled her emotions during press inquiries.

At all times she denied having any part in plotting or conspiring with anyone about the plane crash, that she knew Dr. SPEARS had anything to do with the crash, that he told her at anytime before or after the crash that AL TAYLOR was involved or was to be involved in the crash.

She admitted agreeing to "go along" with Dr. SPEARS in his plan to remain "dead" in order to collect the insurance, however, that she knew he would be caught sooner or later.

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II. SEARCH OF SPEARSE'S RESIDENCE, 6116 GASTON, DALLAS, TEXAS, ON JANUARY 21, 1960.
SEARCH ON JANUARY 24, 1960, AT DALLAS, TEXAS, OF 1959 PONTIAC, FORMERLY PROPERTY OF SPEARS.

On January 21, 1960, the Phoenix Office advised written consent to search his home, 6116 Gaston, Dallas, was obtained from ROBERT VERNON SPEARS that date and same date written consent to search was obtained from Mrs. FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS who consulted her attorney prior to giving consent. Although no evidence of apparent immediate pertinency to this investigation involving plane crash was obtained, considerable background information and information concerning their activities and associates was developed.

On January 24, 1960, after it was determined that the SPEARSE'S 1959 Pontiac Star Chief had been repossessed January 23, 1960, by a Dallas bank, arrangements were made to search and same was searched January 24, 1960, by agents. No electronic or similar devices were found and nothing of apparent immediate pertinency to this matter was found in this search.

III. INVESTIGATION REGARDING FINANCIAL, PROBATE AND INSURANCE MATTERS

Starting about December 2, 1959, in state court at Dallas and through her attorney, Mrs. FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS initiated probate of her husband's estate. In connection with the probate of this will and against her attorney she filed claims for benefits from three insurance policies obtained by her husband at Dallas. Mortgage insurance policy in the amount of \$2,775 was obtained by Mr. SPEARS September 3, 1959, covering purchase of Pontiac. The second insurance policy concerned a \$20,000 accident and death insurance policy purchased Dallas September 9, 1959. The third policy was a \$500 hospital benefit type insurance policy with double indemnity clause in case of accidental death purchased by SPEARS in 1945 in connection with claim filed in this insurance policy. Files of insurance company reflect proof of death affidavit signed by Mrs. SPEARS bore typewritten date January 9, 1960, forwarded to insurance company by her attorneys. Mrs. SPEARS claimed she signed affidavit prior to January 7, 1960, when she first knew her husband was alive.

During interviews Mrs. SPEARS admitted initiating claim on \$100,000 insurance policy purchased by her husband in Los Angeles, California, in September, 1959. This claim was also handled through her Dallas attorney.

In addition ROBERT VERNON SPEARS attempted to obtain mortgage insurance policy on loan obtained in October, 1959, which loan was made against his house as set out above; however one source indicated he was denied this insurance because of his advanced age whereas another source indicated he was denied insurance because of extensive criminal record.

In October, 1959, ROBERT VERNON SPEARS obtained mortgage loan on Dallas home and on October 26, 1959, at Dallas bank purchased \$11,500 in cashier's checks, all made payable to wife.

IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF ROBERT VERNON SPEARS AT DALLAS

Investigation Dallas indicates that although SPEARS' family moved from Dallas in early June, 1959, to San Pedro, California, where the family resided until about the first week in November, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS made numerous trips from California to Dallas. Investigation continuing to attempt to develop pertinent information as to these trips. During September, 1959, he reportedly made at least one trip to Dallas in connection with a controversy with a tenant who leased his Dallas home and in October made other trips in connection with same matter and in attempt to sell his home.

Mrs. SPEARS claims she and children returned to Dallas with him November 8, 1959, and investigation tends to verify this date of return.

ROBERT SPEARS apparently in Dallas period November 8-13, 1959.

On November 12, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS obtained ticket for travel via Delta Airlines that date from Dallas to Tampa, Florida; however due to several hour delay of flight on November 12, 1959, he canceled reservations for this flight and left Dallas about 7 a.m., November 13, 1959, on Delta flight 966.

While in Tampa he wrote three letters to wife which were written on November 13 and 14, 1959, and which were not received by her until November 16, 1959. According to her he also made one phone call November 14, 1959.

Investigation Dallas reflects that about 11 p.m., January 7, 1960, ROBERT SPEARS and WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA identified as "Dr. GEORGE RHODES and Geo." checked in Lakewood Hotel, Dallas, and stayed until 10:44 a.m., January 8, 1960. Thereafter he and TURSKA identified as "Dr. GEORGE RHODES and bro." checked in Grande

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Lodge Motel, Dallas, where they stayed until January 11, 1960.

Mrs. SPEARS admits contacting husband at Lakewood Hotel January 7, 1960, and at Grande Lodge Motel January 8 and 11, 1960.

ROBERT SPEARS and TURSKA identified as checking in Juanita Motel, Abilene, Texas, night of January 11, 1960, and checking out January 12, 1960, as W. E. RHODES and brother.

Investigation Dallas indicates possibility that ROBERT SPEARS and/or TURSKA attempted to purchase a 1957 Plymouth sedan from Dallas owner who had advertised same and which Plymouth was very similar to 1957 Plymouth owned by WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and found in SPEARS' possession, Phoenix, at time of arrest.

V. INFORMATION OBTAINED AT DALLAS REGARDING WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR

Investigation Dallas reflects that during 1950 and 1951 TAYLOR resided in Dallas and was hospitalized on two occasions as a result of injuries received in alleged accidents.

Some acquaintances of SPEARS have furnished information indicating TAYLOR has been in Dallas on occasions since 1951 and investigation continuing to develop this information.

VI. INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO BACKGROUND AND ASSOCIATES OF ROBERT VERNON AND FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS

✓ Extensive investigation has been conducted contacting numerous associates of the SPEARS in the Dallas area. These contacts include relatives, naturopaths, neighbors, and long-time acquaintances.

Considerable information has been developed concerning DR. SPEARS abortion activities and his reported extensive travels to perform these abortions. He is generally regarded as a devoted father and is extremely fond and proud of his two children and his wife. Specific information as to marital difficulties between SPEARS and wife has not been developed although she admits considerable difficulty since his arrest in early 1958 when she claims she first learned of his extensive criminal record and abortion activities. Several persons contacted related information concerning association between SPEARS and WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR, although positive information as to alleged trips made to the Dallas area by TAYLOR has not been developed to date.

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I. INTERVIEWS OF FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS
(1/18,21,22-23,24,25,/60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mrs. ROBERT SPEARS, on interview at her residence, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, on January 18, 1960, advised that she and her husband were the owners of the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue and had practically completed payment for this residence when they decided to move to Los Angeles, California, in the late summer of 1959. She stated that only about twelve or thirteen hundred dollars was owed on this property but at the time they moved they had this property re-financed through the Beacon Mortgage Company, Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, and received the difference in cash between the amount then owed on the premises and \$16,500, the amount re-financed. She stated that \$2,000 of this was deposited in their account at the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas and approximately \$500 was on deposit to their account at the Lawndale Branch of the Bank of America, Los Angeles, California, at the time of the death of ROBERT SPEARS. She stated that in addition to these two bank accounts at the time of the death of her husband she had in her possession the balance of the funds mentioned above in the form of cashiers checks amounting to approximately \$12,000 and has been using these funds to live on since the death of her husband.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that this property on Gaston Avenue in Dallas was re-financed in order to obtain funds to move to California, obtain a residence there and get ROBERT SPEARS started in business in Los Angeles. She stated that the property in Dallas was leased to a Mrs. LONGHENRY on a year's lease at a rental of \$400 per month. She stated that they were able to obtain this amount of rental since the property consists of a large two story brick residence with quarters on the first floor front for a doctor's office, the property being located on a residential thoroughfare near a large suburban shopping center. She stated that the property also consists of a large garage apartment also available as rental property.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that they purchased a residence in California at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California, from a Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR WESSER for a total amount of \$27,500. She stated that the down payment on this property amounted to something in the neighborhood of \$4,000 which has been paid and the monthly payments thereon amount of \$141.00. She stated that the monthly payments on the re-financed loan on the Gaston Avenue

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property in Dallas are \$177. She stated that it was contemplated that the \$400 per month rental on the Gaston Avenue property would adequately handle payments on both the Dallas and San Pedro properties.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that in addition to the financial arrangements mentioned above, ROBERT SPEARS had deposited \$2500 in cash as collateral on a bail bond posted for him in connection with a criminal case pending against him in Los Angeles charging him with abortion. Mrs. SPEARS advised that the income of her husband had been more than sufficient to meet their current obligations and they were in no financial strain whatever.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that her husband had taken out a \$100,000 insurance policy to cover travel by a common carrier. She stated that he took out this policy in September, 1959, inasmuch as he was doing considerable travel at that time between California, Dallas and Florida. She stated that she can personally recall two round trip flights made by ROBERT SPEARS from Los Angeles to Dallas and return in addition to his flight from Los Angeles to Tampa, Florida, subsequent to his taking out this insurance policy.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that in addition to this \$100,000 insurance policy, ROBERT SPEARS had a \$20,000 policy and a Mutual Benefit Health and Accident policy which covered hospitalization and also paid \$1000 in case of death. Mrs. SPEARS advised she did not know of any other insurance policies at this time.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that about the first of November, 1959, she, her husband, and children had returned to Dallas because of the fact that Mrs. LONGHENRY had abandoned her lease on Gaston Avenue property and had allegedly stolen and converted some of the furniture left in the house belonging to the SPEARS. She stated that they had instituted a law suit against Mrs. LONGHENRY in the amount of \$3,000 which was being handled through the law firm of Mr. CHARLES W. TESSMER.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that after she and her husband returned to Dallas, her husband had gone on to Tampa, Florida, for two purposes, one was to see ALLEN TAYLOR and attempt to collect from him some money owed to ROBERT SPEARS and the other purpose was to visit with a doctor there to confer with

him and arrange to sell him materials to be used in an abortion practice there.

Mrs. SPEARS exhibited a letter which she stated was written to her by her husband and which letter was dated only "Saturday, 2:00 p.m." and was contained in an envelope addressed to "Occupant, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas 14, Texas," and bore the postmark, "Tampa, Fla. 5 p.m. 11/14/59." She advised that photostats of this letter might be made by the FBI but she desired that the original be returned to her. She stated that the reason that the envelope was addressed only to "Occupant" was because of the fact that the post office had previously been notified to forward their mail to California and ROBERT SPEARS had assumed that if he addressed the letter to Mrs. SPEARS that it would not be delivered in Dallas, but would be forwarded to California and Mrs. SPEARS would not receive it until she returned to California.

Mrs. SPEARS then exhibited a photostatic copy of a second letter which was dated only "1:35 p.m." but which was contained in an envelope addressed to "Mrs. R. SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue," and was postmarked 11:00 p.m., at Tampa, Florida. She advised that she had received both of these letters through the mail on the morning of November 16, 1959.

Mrs. SPEARS added that she had also received a third letter from her husband on the morning of November 16, 1959, but stated that this letter had been forwarded to an attorney, Mr. WALTER ELY, in Los Angeles, California, for his use in trying to recover the \$2500 collateral posted by ROBERT SPEARS in connection with his bail bond and since the attorney representing SPEARS in the criminal case at Los Angeles had attached this \$2500 claiming it as his attorney's fee, although ROBERT SPEARS had stated in the letter that he had already paid this attorney his fee. She stated that a copy of this letter could be obtained from Mr. ELY.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that her husband had been acquainted with ALLEN TAYLOR for a long time and that she too has been acquainted with TAYLOR for a number of years. She described TAYLOR as being a person who seems soured on the world and is never satisfied with his situation, but continually complains and finds fault with everything. She stated that she feels that he has needed psychiatric care and is not mentally stable. She stated that he would frequently visit with them, but would sit for an entire evening and never say anything and when he

did talk he was interested in some kind of a deal or racket to make money rapidly.

Mrs. SPEARS stated further that the health of ROBERT SPEARS was excellent. She stated that ROBERT SPEARS was not a drinking man and for years has been strongly opposed to drinking of any kind. She stated that she has known him on occasions to take a single small drink when to refuse would be embarrassing to him from a business or social standpoint, but since their marriage she has never known him to take more than one drink during an evening.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that with everything considered, she feels that she and her husband were in a good financial condition, her husband's health was excellent, they were happily married and he was extremely fond of their two small children as is frequently the case when a person up in years has small children of his own. She stated that ROBERT SPEARS did not seem to be seriously concerned about the criminal charges pending against him in California and felt that that could be disposed of without serious inconvenience to himself. She stated that in view of the above she has no idea of any motive that ROBERT SPEARS might have to have wanted to disappear from sight or to commit suicide. She stated that she has not heard from him since the time of the crash and is convinced that he is dead since she is certain that he could not have stayed away from his children for this long a period of time were he alive.

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Mrs. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, was interviewed on January 21, 1960, at the above address, in the presence of her attorney, CHARLES W. TESSMER, who, in the presence of the Agents, warned Mrs. SPEARS that she did not have to make any statement, and that any statement she did make might be used against her in court. Mrs. SPEARS was then warned by Agent PINKSTON that she did not have to make any statement whatever, that she did not have to talk to the Agents, that any statement she desired to make to Agents could be used against her in court and that she was entitled to have and confer with her attorney as she was doing if she so desired. This entire interview was conducted with Mrs. SPEARS in the presence of her attorney, Mr. TESSMER.

Mrs. SPEARS then stated that on Thursday, January 7, 1960, late in the evening, a man, known to her as Doctor TURSKA from Phoenix, Arizona, came to her front door. She stated that she was not surprised to see TURSKA because she had a short time before received a telephone call from him from California at which time he had attempted to purchase from her some property which had belonged to her husband, ROBERT SPEARS. She stated she had placed a price on this property but that TURSKA had not met the price and property, therefore, was forwarded to her from California and she on January 7, 1960 had this property in her possession in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that on seeing Dr. TURSKA she asked him if he had brought with him a letter written by ROBERT SPEARS prior to the plane crash since she needed this letter as further proof of the death of ROBERT SPEARS in connection with collection on a \$20,000 insurance policy, about which she had been contacted earlier that date by Mr. LLOYD WESTERLAGE, an attorney in Mr. TESSMER's office.

Dr. TURSKA then handed Mrs. SPEARS a sealed letter on stationery of the Lakewood Hotel, Dallas. She stated she recognized this as the handwriting of ROBERT SPEARS, but thought that TURSKA was trying to pull a joke of some kind on her.

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Mrs. SPEARS stated that KAY MC NEIL had just started to work for her that day and she saw Dr. TURSKA when he came to the house. She stated that she then read the letter and promptly tore it up. She said that in the letter ROBERT SPEARS stated he wanted to see her but that they had driven by the house and it looked like someone was there so they did not stop.

Mrs. SPEARS stated she and TURSKA then drove in her 1959 Pontiac to the Lakewood Hotel. She said she told TURSKA that if BOB was there she did not want her car around there, but she finally parked directly in front of the hotel at ~~4:15~~ ^{7/1} Taylor approximately 9 PM and went with TURSKA to Room 26 and after a knock on the door, BOB SPEARS opened the door. ~~ask Mrs. William Allen Taylor~~

~~Mr. Steele~~ Mrs. SPEARS stated that she immediately asked BOB, "What in the hell are you trying to pull?" He replied that he was not trying to pull anything. She stated he asked her how things were going and she told him the will was up for probate but that no insurance had been paid. She told him that ALICE TAYLOR had called her on November 17, 1959 and asked her if she had heard anything from AL TAYLOR. She stated that she and ALICE TAYLOR were not the best of friends and she told ALICE she had not seen or heard from AL TAYLOR. She said that ALICE TAYLOR then wanted to know if AL had been on the plane with BOB SPEARS and stated she would write to Mrs. SPEARS, but she had never received any letter from ALICE TAYLOR. She stated she then told BOB SPEARS that a few days after November 18, 1959 she had received a telephone call from ALLEN TAYLOR, JR., who had told her that he knew that his father, ALLEN TAYLOR, was on the plane and he had found an insurance policy in their Post Office box. He claimed he and his mother, ALICE TAYLOR, had talked to Mr. MC KAY of the National Airlines in Tampa, Florida, and that MC KAY had told Mrs. TAYLOR that they had found BOB SPEARS' dentures.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that BOB SPEARS on January 7, 1960 was wearing a mustache that he had not been wearing the last time she had seen him on about November 12, 1959.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that BOB SPEARS had, in explanation, told her that he had apparently blacked out and had found himself in Benson, Arizona but did not know how he got there. She stated he told her that then he remembered Dr. TURSKA and called him on the phone and TURSKA had then picked him up at Benson, Arizona. She stated TURSKA was present and agreed to this statement by SPEARS. They had told her BOB SPEARS had been at TURSKA's ranch since that time.

Mrs. SPEARS stated she asked BOB SPEARS why he had not contacted her and he replied that he did not know what her reaction would be.

Mrs. SPEARS said that she then asked BOB if ALLEN TAYLOR was on the airplane that crashed and BOB said he was. She said that ALLEN TAYLOR had had a neck injury in a street car accident in Dallas about 1950 and had had recurrences of the trouble caused him in that accident. She said that BOB SPEARS told her that a day prior to the plane crash TAYLOR claimed to have hurt his neck again and could not go through with his plans to leave the United States and get away from his family and his personal problems as had been set out by BOB SPEARS in his letter to Mrs. SPEARS. BOB said that AL TAYLOR asked him if he, AL, could fly to Dallas in BOB's place, have his neck fixed up and then go on. BOB told her that he then let AL TAYLOR come in his place on the plane.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that BOB SPEARS then made the statement that this was the second time he was supposed to have a fatal accident but had missed it. She stated she did not know to what other accident he was referring.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that BOB SPEARS said that he then saw this as a chance for him to drop out instead of TAYLOR and to leave Mrs. SPEARS and the babies well provided for. She said she told him she was not nearly so interested in money as in the right kind of home life and future for the babies. She said she told him that they had to call Mr. TESSMER and ask him what to do. She said that BOB SPEARS did not let her call Mr. TESSMER because he had said that no one would ever believe him and because the case against him in California would merely be made harder and there was no way out. He said he could stay in hiding until things were made all right for her. She said that she then told him that he was just putting her in a position where she would be taken away from the children. She said she told him that he could not go anywhere that he would not be recognized, but he insisted he could. She said she told him that she would not be able to use the money that she got from the insurance policy, but would only be able to leave it in the bank or somewhere so that she would be able to repay it when it became necessary and stated she would merely go to work to provide for herself and the children so as not to have to use any of this money wrongfully attained. She stated she did not spend the night at the hotel but returned to her residence that evening.

She stated that BOB SPEARS asked her how things were financially and she told him she had only the cashiers checks from the loan on the house at 6116 Gaston, which they had obtained in October, 1959. She stated they had obtained this loan on their

home because they needed some cash to pay attorney's fees and to post as collateral on BOB SPEARS' bail bond in California and to live on temporarily. She said BOB SPEARS asked her if she had any money she could let him have and she told him she did not as she had to account for all the money she spent since the Probate Court knew about the cashiers checks and all other funds in her possession.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that the next morning, January 8, 1960, TURSKA called her by phone and said that he would meet her. She said she then drove by the hotel and saw a Cadillac with Arizona license plates, which she assumed to be TURSKA's. She then drove to the Safeway Grocery Store and telephoned the hotel and TURSKA walked to the Safeway Grocery Store parking lot and met her. She said that on that day she had cashed at the Lakewood State Bank one of the \$2,000 cashiers checks. She stated she talked to TURSKA but did not talk to BOB SPEARS on that day. She said after she returned home, VERNICE DARBY, a Negro maid then working for her, told her that someone had called and his voice sounded exactly like that of BOB SPEARS.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that Dr. TURSKA again came to her house that night and gave her a list of things that BOB SPEARS wanted. She said that she told TURSKA that she did not want to give these things to him as someone might miss them. She stated TURSKA then suggested that she should sell the things to him and she agreed to do this.

She stated that Mr. WESTERLAGE, the attorney, had called her and she had told him that there was a man at her house from Arizona who wanted to buy some of BOB SPEARS' things and that she would be busy with him the rest of the day and the following day.

She said that she then turned over to Dr. TURSKA BOB's leather-working tools, some rolls of leather, BOB's clothing, and his top coat and two blue zipper car sacks trimmed in red. She said that she actually gave these things to TURSKA on Saturday morning, January 9, 1960 and that the things were put in a big cardboard box. She said that she owned a trailer frame which was disassembled in the garage and that TURSKA then reassembled this trailer frame and painted it black and then hitched it to the back of his Cadillac. Mrs. SPEARS said TURSKA then loaded the things she had turned over to him on to this trailer.

She said she gave TURSKA a receipt for \$150.00 indicating that he had purchased the clothing and leather-working tools and things from her and another receipt for \$50.00 indicating that he had purchased the trailer from her.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that she gave him the receipt for the trailer in order that he could re-register it in his name.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that on Sunday, January 10, 1960 TURSKA returned some of the things that she had turned over to him as BOB did not want or need them. She said then told TURSKA to tell BOB to stop sending her notes and stop having contact of any kind with her residence. She said that by this time, BOB SPEARS and TURSKA had moved from the Lakewood Hotel to Cabin 35, Grande Lodge Motel in Oak Cliff.

She said that on Monday, January 11, 1960, she drove to Cabin 35, Grande Lodge Motel, and again she saw BOB SPEARS. She said that she had first called him and then drove there to see him. She said she begged him not to go through with his plans but he insisted it was his only chance. She stated she asked him if he had done anything to the plane and he insisted that he had not, that he could not hurt anyone like that or that many people. He told her that he knew that when the plane crashed it was his chance to make things right for her and the babies. She stated he wanted pictures of the babies, however, she did not want to give them to him since they had been made after the accident, but he insisted that no one would find him and the pictures and therefore, she gave him the photographs. She stated she gave him \$1,000 in cash from the \$2,000 she had obtained when cashing the cashiers check.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that BOB SPEARS told her that if she ever received a package to look very carefully for a note. Mrs. SPEARS stated BOB SPEARS then said he was not "worth a damn" and wished he was on the plane instead of AL. He stated that AL was not a "very good boy", but that he was very sorry AL was on the plane.

Mrs. SPEARS said that she asked BOB if he had AL's car and he said he had started out with the car but that he did not know where the car was. She stated she asked him again if he had put a bomb or anything on the plane and he insisted he had not.

Mrs. SPEARS then added that when TURSKA was at her residence on Saturday, January 9, 1960, loading his car, she had observed a cardboard box in the trunk of the car on which box was printed the word "explosives". She said she asked him about the explosives and he said that they used them on the ranch in prospecting.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that she had not been to TESSMER's office or taken any affirmative action whatever to collect on

the insurance policy since learning BOB SPEARS was alive on January 7, 1960.

She stated that at one time during the conversation with BOB SPEARS, BOB had told her that if the pressures got too great for her to let him know and he would take care of himself.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that about the first of the year, 1959, BOB SPEARS started spending a large part of his time in California but that until June, 1959, he would be in California for a while and then in Dallas for a while. She stated that on June 15, 1959, she and the children moved to California with BOB SPEARS and purchased a house there. She said that BOB SPEARS returned to Dallas on September 2, 1959 to check on the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, and that it was at that time that he purchased a \$100,000 Common Carrier insurance policy.

She stated that about October 12 or 13, 1959 they received a phone call from PETER KELLUM, the tenant in their garage apartment at 6116 Gaston, who told them that Mrs. LONGHENRY to whom they had leased the property, had moved out of the property. She said that BOB then left California on October 12 or 13, 1959 and came to Dallas to check on this property.

Mrs. SPEARS stated he returned to California on November 2, 1959 and she and the children then returned to Dallas with him, arriving back in Dallas on November 8, 1959. She said that BOB SPEARS then left Dallas en route to Tampa, Florida on November 13, 1959. Mrs. SPEARS stated that both she and BOB SPEARS had studied hypnosis but that she did not think that BOB SPEARS had sufficient confidence in himself to hypnotise anyone.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that she and her husband had had very few close associates in Dallas since BOB's arrest in Dallas on abortion charges in 1958.

Mrs. SPEARS advised that their bank account at the Mercantile Bank in Dallas and at the bank in California were both joint accounts as Dr. and Mrs. R. SPEARS.

Mrs. SPEARS recalled that Dr. SPEARS was supposed to have left Dallas on Thursday afternoon, November 12, 1959, and took a taxi to the Baker Hotel in Dallas where he then took the limousine to Amon-Carter Field. He learned his plane was grounded and the earliest he could get another one was 6 AM on the morning of November 13, 1959. She continued that she was asleep when SPEARS left the next morning and she did not observe the luggage he took with him to Tampa; however, he usually took with him a Fiberglas Two Suiter suitcase, British tan in color. She stated she later observed this suitcase to be missing from the house and she presumed he had taken this suitcase with him. She recalled that two of his suitcases she has not been able to locate since his arrest in Los Angeles on July 31, 1959. She presumed these suitcases are in possession of the Los Angeles Police Department. She described these as a train case about the size of a makeup kit and an attache case or brief case. The train case was ivory trimmed in British tan.

She described the box observed in the rear of TURSKA's car as being a corrugated box about 15 inches by 8 inches with the word "explosives" printed across the box. She added the box had not been opened.

Mrs. SPEARS said she was positive she observed the Fiberglas Two Suiter suitcase referred to above in SPEARS' room at the Lakewood Hotel on January 7, 1960.

Mrs. SPEARS concluded by advising that she recalled BOB SPEARS making reference to AL TAYLOR's having trouble with a pinched nerve in her conversations with him, but SPEARS did not mention TAYLOR was seeking medical attention for his condition.

Mrs. SPEARS said she did not advise someone she had seen SPEARS when he visited Dallas, January 7-11, 1960, because she "still loves BOB and she wanted to give him what chance he had". Mrs. SPEARS declined to furnish the name of the doctor in Tampa, Florida whom SPEARS was supposedly going to see. SPEARS advised her that he was going to Tampa to contact a doctor there regarding furnishing materials to the doctor to be used in abortions. Mrs. SPEARS said this doctor was a prominent individual and because of the nature of the contact she did not want to get him into any trouble. She said Dr. SPEARS did not mention any other contacts he was going to make in Tampa, although she felt certain he would look up AL TAYLOR since Dr. SPEARS and TAYLOR were close friends. She added that Dr. SPEARS first advised her of his contemplated trip to Tampa by letter while she was still in California and he was in Dallas. She reported that Dr. SPEARS knows MAHDAH LOVE, a woman-naturopath, residing at [redacted]

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[redacted] She also advised he is acquainted with a
Dr. CAMPANELLA in Tampa, Florida.

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Mrs. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS voluntarily appeared at the Dallas Office with the knowledge and consent of her Attorney, CHARLES TESSMER, Dallas, Texas, and the following statement was obtained.

"January 22, 1960
"Dallas, Texas

"I, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., and J. DOYLE WILLIAMS of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, my knowing them to be such. No force, threats, or promises have been used to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used in court against me. I have been advised that I have the right to consult an attorney.

"I reside at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. I have lived there since August, 1954. I was married to Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS on December 22, 1950. I was born December 20, 1923, Ellis County, Texas.

"I live at my present address until June 15, 1959. I then moved to 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California. I remained there until November 3 or 4, 1959. During the period of time I was away from Dallas, my house was rented to a LUCILLE LONGHENRY. While in California, Dr. SPEARS was unemployed. Dr. SPEARS and I started from San Pedro on November 3, or 4, 1959, by car and we arrived in Dallas on November 8, 1959. We considered our legal residence as San Pedro, California.

"Prior to our returning to Dallas, Dr. SPEARS had told me he wanted to make a trip to Tampa, Florida, to make arrangements for the sale of medicines for abortions. In further regard to this statement, I desire to point out that he was to supply certain ingredients for the medication necessary to perform the abortions. I do not know who he was to contact, or what the ingredients were.

"With regard to our return trip to Dallas via automobile, we stopped to visit my parents, Mr. and Mrs. OTIS E. MASSEY at Friona, Texas.

"After we left my parents' home, we continued our trip

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to Dallas staying only at motels en route. We did not visit nor contact any other friends or associates during this period of time.

"From the time we arrived in Dallas on November 8, 1959, until November 12, 1959, Dr. SPEARS was busy attempting to sell our house. To my knowledge during this period of time, the only business activity he had was his endeavors to sell the house.

"On November 12, 1959, Dr. SPEARS was supposed to depart from Dallas via Delta Airlines for Tampa, Florida; however, prior to departure, he was advised by Delta Airlines that the plane he was supposed to board had been delayed at San Francisco. ^{When he} learned this information, he decided to delay his departure from Dallas until approximately 6 a.m. the following morning.

"In preparation for the trip to Tampa, Dr. SPEARS packed his own bag, which I am certain was the Fiberglas two-suiter, British tan color. I was not present when the bag was packed; and therefore, I do not of my own knowledge know the exact contents of the bag.

"On the following morning, Dr. SPEARS departed from the house before I awakened, and I did not, of course, see him on this occasion; but to the best of my knowledge, he still carried the same bag. The fact Dr. SPEARS did not wake me on this particular morning was not unusual in view of the hour because he has done the same thing on other occasions when he departed during the early morning hours. As is the usual practice, Dr. SPEARS made his own arrangements for travel to the airport and in this instance, he had arranged for a cab to pick him up at our home on the morning of November 13, 1959.

"It was my understanding that AL TAYLOR of Tampa, Florida, was to meet Dr. SPEARS at the airport on his arrival. Because of the change in flights, I do not know whether AL TAYLOR met him at the airport or not. WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR is a friend of my husband and myself. He was a friend of my husband before I met him, and I met AL TAYLOR in 1949 when he was in Dallas trying to break away from his domestic situations in Florida, and he was best man at our wedding on December 22, 1950. During the past two or three years, TAYLOR was employed by Pioneer Tire and Rubber Company, Tampa, Florida, as a salesman.

"On Saturday night, November 14, 1959, I received a call from Dr. SPEARS from Tampa, Florida. During the conversation

he told me that he had seen AL TAYLOR and that AL was making or had made arrangements to get away from his domestic situation there. He stated that he was not going to be able to see Dr. CAMPANELLA, who is business manager for the International Naturopathic Physicians Association, and Dr. SPEARS stated that he would be home on National Airlines Flight 967. The remainder of our conversation pertained to our family life.

"During the conversation, BOB indicated he was taking the above flight which would make him arrive in Dallas at approximately 4 a.m., November 16, 1959.

"At approximately 7 a.m., November 16, 1959, I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. MCKAY of National Airlines in Tampa, Florida, who advised me that the plane Dr. SPEARS was on was overdue in New Orleans, Louisiana, but that the plane had five hours of gas beyond New Orleans. The next call from the airlines was approximately 9 a.m. the same day and they told me that they had sighted the wreckage, but they had not gotten to it and did not know what they would find. He told me not to make any arrangements until they contacted me back and let me know what the conditions were when they got to the plane. Apparently the first news of BOB being on the plane broke on the radio somewhere in the vicinity of 11 a.m. the same morning because the house was suddenly swarmed with friends coming in. The next call from the airlines was about one p.m. that day and they said they had found the wreckage and had gotten to it, but there were no survivors.

"There were three letters on Monday morning from BOB written while he was in Tampa, Florida. I did not open those until the "wee" hours of the next morning. Copies of these letters have been made available to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and copies are attached to this statement as part of the statement.

"My family came down and were here Tuesday morning. Approximately the 20th of November, I was at the house completely by myself, and I was concerned about BOB's arrest in California. This was an embarrassing thing that I wanted to keep from my family without telling them that he had been arrested out there, since to my knowledge they did not know anything about it. I called Mr. JOSEPH T. FORNO in Los Angeles, who was BOB's attorney who represented him in California. I told him of BOB's death so that he could take the necessary steps out there. I told

Mr. FORNO of Dr. SPEARS being on the plane and that he was dead. I asked him if everything was all squared away out there, and he told me that everything had all been taken care of except that BOB did not pay him.

"After I finished my conversation with Mr. FORNO, I immediately called Mr. CHARLES W. TESSMER, BOB's attorney in Dallas, Texas, and told him that I had talked with Mr. FORNO. I knew that there was \$2,500 in cash put up for collateral security on his bond, and Mr. FORNO had said that possibly he could take up the \$2,500 in cash. Mr. TESSMER told me to come see him when I felt like it.

"I think my first appointment at Mr. TESSMER's office was November 23, 1959, for the purpose of discussing with him his helping me settle the estate and do whatever was necessary in legal matters. I carried with me three insurance policies, one in the amount of \$100,000 issued by American Fidelity and Casualty Company taken out on September 2, 1959, on which I was the beneficiary; one in the amount of \$20,000 issued by Surplus Underwriters on which I was the beneficiary; and one for \$1,000 issued by Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Insurance Company, made out to the estate. Mr. TESSMER called Mr. WESTERLAGE and advised him to place in motion the necessary procedures.

"I also carried with me the receipts on the \$2,500 collateral and names and telephone numbers of the people on the airlines who had contacted me, and all pertinent data that I thought would be necessary to help settle the estate. He said that he would write to the airlines and ask them what proof of death they could furnish us that might be used in legal matters. He wrote one letter on his own stationery for that purpose and they also typed one for me, which I signed on plain paper.

"On December 3, 1959, we received the affidavit from the airlines with a cover letter which stated that the affidavit would suffice in all legal matters.

"This was a civil matter handled by Mr. TESSMER's firm. Mr. TESSMER turned it over to Mr. LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE, who handles all civil matters for the firm. During the period of approximately December 3 to 14, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE was doing the necessary processing and paper work to place the will for probate. The probate hearing was on December 14, 1959, before Judge BARTLETT, Dallas County Probate Judge.

"During the period of December 14, 1959, through January 7, 1960, my time was spent in trying to do the necessary things to re-establish myself as the widow of Dr. ROBERT SPEARS and settle his estate. One afternoon while I was away, Mr. JOHN PARKER came to the house and said that he was the insurance adjuster for National Airlines and he wanted to talk to me. The colored girl was there and contacted me where I was. I talked with Mr. PARKER by telephone and told him to contact Mr. TESSMER as I was not in a condition to talk to him.

"It was my belief and my firmest convictions that Dr. SPEARS was dead, and I had no reason to believe otherwise until the evening of January 7, 1960, when W.A. TURSKA of Phoenix, Arizona, came to my home. Mrs. McNEIL, my housekeeper who was employed on 1-7-60, answered the door and in accordance with instructions, did not allow him to enter but ascertained his name and told me he was waiting at the door. I went to the door and asked him in. Dr. TURSKA had previously written me on December 7, 1959, extending his sympathies and saying he would be in touch with me in the near future. Therefore, his appearance at the door was not particularly surprising. There were several bruises and cuts on Dr. TURSKA's face. My first words to him were "What has happened to you?" He explained he had fallen off a ladder while painting his house. Dr. TURSKA gave me a bag of oranges that he had brought with him. I asked him to have a seat and wait until I had finished dressing the babies for bed, and I would talk with him. Then I called him in the room where I was dressing the babies so that he might see them, and during the conversation, I asked him if he had brought with him the letter he previously told me he had received from Dr. SPEARS which was written by Dr. SPEARS from Tampa. He said "Yes." After I had finished with the babies, I went into the living room, sat on the divan with Dr. TURSKA and he handed me a sealed envelope. When I opened the envelope, there was a note in Dr. SPEARS' handwriting saying that he was at the Lakewood Hotel in Dallas and that he wanted to see me. I felt that this was a trick by Dr. TURSKA and kept looking at the note trying to reassure myself that it actually was Dr. SPEARS' handwriting. I even accused Dr. TURSKA of trying to trick me and he told me that the only way he could convince me was for me to come see. Mrs. McNEIL, the housekeeper, had been employed that morning and I was hesitant to leave her with the children, but I had to know if this was a trick or if it was for real. I told Mrs. McNEIL that Dr. TURSKA had not had anything to eat and that we were going to Lakewood so that he could eat. Even as we were leaving the house, I still felt this was a trick and more so when I found that Dr. TURSKA did not even have a car, and I was faced

with having him in my car with me. After we got into the car and started out the driveway, I stopped the car and looked directly at Dr. TURSKA and asked him the direct question, "is this some kind of a trick?" He assured me that it was not, and I said "By God, it better not be." I asked him when he & BOB met & he told me Dec. 27th.

"We drove to the Lakewood Hotel. My first impulse was that I did not want the car seen around the Lakewood Hotel and then I made the statement to Dr. TURSKA, "What will be is to be" and I drove to the front of the hotel and parked. We walked into the hotel and went to Room 26. Dr. TURSKA knocked at the door and when the door was opened, there was Dr. SPEARS. It is difficult to recall the exact conversation and difficult to make exact quotations because of the emotional impact of this, but as near as I can remember, I asked him why he had not contacted me before now and what had happened. He said he had not contacted me because he did not know who was at the house or what I might say or do. I asked him where AL was, and he told me that AL was on the plane. He said that he wished that it had been him instead of AL. I asked him where he had been since the accident, and he said he did not know, but the first he realized, he was in Benson, Arizona, and that TURSKA had picked him up there. I asked him if he had done anything to the plane or if he knew if there had been anything done to the plane, and he said, 'No, I did not', but when he heard the news that the plane was down, he felt like there was a chance for me to be rid of him and have some financial security and make a life for the babies and myself. He was interested in knowing how the babies were and what I had done insofar as settling his estate. We talked about the babies and I brought him up to date on everything that had been done insofar as settling the estate. I told him I did not know how we could undo all of that and we would have to contact someone who could help us with it. Again, the only person I knew to contact was Mr. TESSMER and my first impulse was to pick up the telephone and call Mr. TESSMER. He asked me to think about it but not do anything on impulse, and he would see me again and we could discuss it. I told him that I had tried on numerous occasions to get him to follow my line of thinking on things and that this was one time that I could not allow him to do something that not only would harm him, but me, the babies & all those who believed in us. I tried to use the children as a lever against him to get him to do what was right. He said too much time had elapsed and that no one would believe him anyway, and he did not see how he could go back now. He said it was a mistake coming to see me but he had to know how things were going. This was generally all that was discussed. This visit was approximately one hour in length. As I was leaving the door, Dr. TURSKA was approaching

Room 26. Dr. TURSKA was not in the room during Dr. SPEARS and my visit. We stood in the doorway, and BOB told Dr. TURSKA to see that I got home safely. I assured him that I could and returned to the house by myself.

"With regard to the visit described above, I further recall that the following conversation concerning money was had. I asked him what he had been doing for money and he said his needs were few. He told me not to worry about him, and I told him that I did not know how I could justify giving him any money because in probating the will, I had to give an exact account of everything that I had spent, but that I would see if I could not do something. He asked me not to worry about it. I recall also that the only actual agreement made during this visit was that we would both think about what should be done about contacting Mr. TESSMER or someone in authority to advise that he was alive.

"During the evening of January 7, 1960 and all through the night, I kept trying to think of what could be done or how this thing should be worked out. Each time I would come back that the only solution was to call Mr. TESSMER and let him figure it out. I knew also that whichever way it went I had to still myself in my home environment for the babies' sake and for Mrs. McNIEL.

"Friday's activities had already been planned and they were that I take [redacted] to the barber shop for a hair cut and to the grocery store and return home in sufficient time that lunch could be prepared with what I bought at the store. I knew deviation from this schedule would have to be explained to Mrs. McNIEL. Therefore I tried to follow through with the day's activities as they had been planned. I had no intention of calling the hotel or contacting Dr. SPEARS or Dr. TURSKA. But I finally decided that they were not going to leave town or he wasn't going to do anything until I talked with him again and I may as well find out when he wanted to talk to me and where we would see each other. TURSKA called me as I was leaving the house and I told him I was leaving the house to take [redacted] to the barber shop and the grocery store and that I had to be back home in sufficient time to prepare lunch. When I left the house I didn't know whether TURSKA would be waiting for me at the hotel or if he was waiting at all and I circled the hotel several times in my car and located his car or what I thought was his car by virtue of it having an Arizona license and drove to the Safeway Store on Abrams Road, and telephoned and told Dr.

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TURSKA where I was and he conveyed the information to BOB and apparently between the two of them it was agreed that Dr. TURSKA would come to me. Dr. TURSKA did meet me at the parking lot at the Safeway Store and I asked him if BOB had conveyed any information to him at all as to what he was going to do and he told me that BOB had not told him of any of his plans, other than he wanted to see me again. I told TURSKA that I could not and would not be absented from my house for very long at a time and for him to go back and to tell BOB that I would not accept anything from him other than his turning himself over to someone to let them know that he was still alive and restore things to normal. I told Dr. TURSKA to tell him that I could not jeopardize myself because of the babies. I went to the Texaco Service Station on Gaston Avenue and had my car filled with gasoline and drove to the hotel and let Dr. TURSKA out, on to the barber shop, grocery store and returned home. When I got home the Colored girl, VERNICE DARBY, who has done day work for me for a number of years and knows both Dr. SPEARS and I quite well, told me of two or three telephone calls that I had from intimate friends completely disassociated from this, and after considerable hesitation, ask me if I knew of anyone whose voice sounded like Dr. SPEARS. I told her I couldn't think of anyone who had a voice like his, however, in trying to cover up I mentioned several people and ask if she wasn't sure it was he that had called. Each time she would say I know his voice and it wasn't he. TURSKA came to the house on Friday afternoon and told me they had moved to the Grande Lodge. I drove to the Grande in my car and TURSKA was with me and we went to Cabin #35 and again visited with Dr. SPEARS. While Dr. SPEARS and I were visiting, TURSKA drove my car. Before I took [redacted] to the barber shop, I stopped at the Lakewood State Bank and had a \$2,000 cashiers check cashed. A Mr. MILLER at the bank checked with the Mercantile to be sure it was okay. The cashiers check was drawn on the Mercantile National Bank. (While Dr. SPEARS was in Dallas during October, the final consummation of refinancing our property at 6116 Gaston Avenue with Beacon Mortgage Company, Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, was accomplished. The refinancing amounted to \$16,500. \$2,000 was placed on deposit at the Mercantile National Bank in our joint account. Dr. SPEARS retained \$600 and some odd dollars in cash. The remaining was made into cashiers checks, \$2,000 denominations, made payable to me and drawn on the Mercantile National Bank). I do not recall direct conversation at this meeting but it was during this meeting that I gave him \$1,000 and explained to him why I didn't want him to see the children. He made

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out the list of things at the house that he wanted in the way of personal clothing and other items which will be enumerated later in this statement. As best I can recall, at this time the following topics of conversation were held. There was a discussion of assembling trailer and building the trailer bed. Quite a bit of time was spent explaining to TURSKA how to build the trailer bed and explaining what kind of saws were there and discussing about the lumber. I was with BOB on the second meeting approximately two hours, returning home about 4:30 to 5:00 PM.

"On Friday night after the babies were put to bed, I started collecting the things that Dr. SPEARS wanted and needed. I packed the items collected Friday by me which were collected from inside the house which were Homeopathic Cardex File, his homeopathic medications, turning forks, two small jars of medications that had been used for abortions, two one-half gallon jars of medications, a 'Maico' Hearing Unit, his personal clothing consisting of his top coat, shirts and shorts, sport shirts, dress shirts, socks, ties, handerchiefs and other items of similar clothing and several clothes hangers.

"On Saturday, January 9, 1960, TURSKA came to my house and while he assembled the trailer frame and built the bed for the trailer, I unpacked the boxes that had been delivered from our California address and stored in the garage, and packed in boxes the following items: Numerous phonographic sound records that were used for treatment; tools for tooling leather; rolls of leather; one brown suitcase containing bill-folds already made; cocktail aprons; one box of files pertaining to Page Foundation and miscellaneous items of related nature. I helped Dr. TURSKA load these materials on the trailer and in his car. In the back of his car was a box, a cardboard box about 8"x12"x15" in size. It was marked 'Explosives'. The box was unopened. I inquired what it was used for and what it was, and he said he used it for prospecting on the ranch. I asked him if he had found anything and he said they had made a few minor finds but not anything of significance. After loading the trailer and car, TURSKA took the trailer away. I assumed he was taking the trailer to the Grande Lodge.

"Here I would like to go back and state that in regard to our meeting on Friday afternoon, in my conference with BOB, it was decided that I should sell the above items to TURSKA.

"On Friday afternoon, when I returned home I was advised of a telephone call from Attorney LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE

in Mr. TESSMER's office. When I called Mr. WESTERLAGE he advised me that the people holding the \$20,000 policy had refused payment until further proof of death was furnished and that what it would be necessary for me to do would be to make out a list of what my monthly expenses would run so that we can submit it to the Probate Court and apply for a widow's allowance. I told him that I didn't know when I could get to it, that I had a man here from out of town to whom I was selling a lot of things that were stored in the garage and that it would take me all day Saturday and possibly most of Sunday to go through all of the boxes and separate what he wanted. He told me to get the information to him as quickly as I could. Before Dr. TURSKA left Friday evening I gave Dr. TURSKA the same information which had been related to me by Mr. WESTERLAGE and asked him to tell BOB. After the household had settled down on Friday night and prior to packing the items above mentioned, I had a chance to go through my mail in which there was a letter from Mrs. CAMPANELLA of Graham, Florida, enclosing a clipping which appeared in the Jacksonville paper pertaining to AL TAYLOR disappearing the night of the crash.

"The whole day Saturday was spent building the trailer and packing the boxes.

"On Sunday, January 10, 1960, TURSKA came to the house with a letter from BOB telling me a few other minor items in the way of clothing and the two blue car sacks, and returned one box of things that he decided he did not want to take with him. This box is still in the garage intact. TURSKA was busy most of the time cleaning up the garage as he told me he would do, rearranging the lumber so the washer and dryer might be installed. While Dr. TURSKA was working in the garage I was busy with [redacted] who started vomiting and I called in Dr. TURSKA to see what he thought was her problem. He was waiting for me to make a list of the items that would indicate that he had purchased them from me. He was particularly interested in having a receipt for the trailer so that he might secure a license for it. The total amount given on the receipt was \$150, the trailer being listed at \$50. There was a separate receipt for the trailer. Dr. TURSKA asked me if there was anything else around the house that he could do to help me and I told him about the stove in the garage apartment needing some repair and he fixed this. After he got the receipt he left. The rest of my day was spent with [redacted] We went for a drive and only got a few blocks away

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"from the house when the vomiting got bad and we went back and took her to the doctor. I recall that after Dr. SPEARS called the house on Friday, I told TURSKA to tell him not to communicate with the house. In the letter I received from BOB requesting minor items he stated he wanted to see me again at the lodge. I had already told him he couldn't come to the house.

"On Monday, January 11, 1960, as soon as [redacted] was at a point I felt I could safely leave her, I went to get groceries, laundry, routine shopping that was absolutely necessary for the house and while I was away from the house I called the Grande Lodge from a pay telephone and talked with BOB and told him about [redacted] being sick and I didn't know when or if I could get over there. He told me he would wait until I did come. I went back to the house and stayed through the lunch hour and then went to the Grande Lodge to talk with BOB. I showed him the clipping I had received from Mrs. CAMPANELLA and told him about the insurance company wanting further proof of his being on the plane and told him this was futile effort on his part and that there wasn't a chance in the world for his going anywhere without being recognized. He tried to tell me that he had been in the motel room all the time and that no one could have seen him. I told him that it took only a second for anyone to see him and know who he was, and that there wasn't a state in the union where there wasn't someone who knew him and would recognize him. He told me not to worry about that, that he could take care of it and that everything would be all right. He tried to get me to talk about a way he could communicate with me and that he could keep in touch with me and the babies and I tried to appeal to him from that standpoint that there was no way he could contact me and that it would be placing me in a mental turmoil not knowing where he was, nor whether he had anything to eat or a roof over his head or what his conditions were. He kept insisting that it didn't make any difference about him, that he just wanted the babies and me to be okay. I told Dr. SPEARS that Dr. TURSKA had some explosives in the back of the car and I asked if he knew it and he said 'Yes' that they were used on the ranch. I had assumed that the explosives belonged to Dr. TURSKA since they were in his car and since I had asked Dr. TURSKA what they were and he had said that they were stuff he (Dr. TURSKA) used on his ranch. I did not at any time associate the explosives with Dr. SPEARS as being his or as having been bought by him. When I told Dr. SPEARS there was no way he could communicate with me he said that if I ever received a package to be sure to go through it thoroughly.

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"I recall now that on Thursday night when he told me that he was driving AL's car I asked him where the car was and he answered me that he did not know. I asked him why AL was on the plane instead of him and he said AL's neck was bothering him again and he wanted to come to Dallas to have the neck taken care of so that he could continue with his arrangements that he had already made to leave the country. He did not go into any further details as to how arrangements had been made, or when, between Dr. SPEARS and AL TAYLOR as to AL's coming to Dallas on the plane and Dr. SPEARS driving AL's car to Dallas.

"I now recall that in one of the notes previously mentioned above, he said that if pressures ever got to great to let him know and he would take care of things. This was my last visit with BOB and it lasted approximately 1½ hours. I do not know when they left Dallas after my last visit with him.

"Since my last visit with BOB my time has been devoted completely and entirely with the sick babies and I have signed no legal instruments or conducted any type of business in the way of continuing with settling the estate. There has been no monetary gain by me in any way. As a matter of fact the bank picked up the car today. I know of no way Dr. SPEARS could have benefited from this situation to date under the circumstances.

"At this point I would like to advise as follows concerning a telephone conversation with Mrs. AL TAYLOR who was in Tampa, Florida, the telephone conversation taking place on November 17, 1959. On November 17, 1959 I had the following telephone conversation. ALLEN TAYLOR, JR. telephoned me on November 17, 1959 and asked me if I had heard or seen his father and I told him I had not and he wanted to know if I knew if he was on the plane with BOB and I told him that I didn't. Mrs. TAYLOR (ALLEN JR.'s mother) then took the phone and told me that she couldn't find AL and was wondering if he was on the plane with BOB. I told her how the airlines had been in touch with me, the type of calls that I had had from them and told her that if she had not been contacted I would assume that he was not on the plane. I asked her if she had reported him as missing to the authorities. She said that she had not but that she would as soon as she finished talking with me. She said that there was an article in a local paper saying that there were gangsters on the plane and that they had blown the plane up because of some underworld characters. At this

"point I became quite irritated, mostly because of her tone of voice and secondly because I had had numerous false reports throughout the day and had made the decision to believe nothing unless it came officially from the airlines. I told Mrs. TAYLOR that I would not allow such a statement as that to upset me. That if she had information of that nature I would like to know about it but that I was not going to be upset by it. She said that she would write me a letter and send me the clipping. She also extended her sympathies. To date I have received no communication whatsoever of a written nature from Mrs. ALICE STEELE TAYLOR. A few days later there was another long distance telephone conversation between ALLEN TAYLOR, JR. and I but I do not recall the exact date of this telephone conversation. ALLEN again asked me if I had heard from his father and I told him I had not. I again asked him if he had been reported to the Missing Persons Bureau and he said he would call them as soon as he finished talking with me. He said that he had gone to his Dad's Post Office box, Box 2832 Tampa, Florida, and found an insurance policy made out to him. He also said that his mother had talked with Mr. MCKAY of the National Airlines and that he, Mr. MCKAY had told her, ALICE TAYLOR, that they had found BOB's dentures. That was approximately all of the conversation and after thinking of the things that he had said I concluded that he could not have had any information of that nature because there was no way of identifying Dr. SPEARS' dentures unless they had contacted me or the laboratory at which his dentures were made and the airlines had not contacted me and this is the only time that I had heard anything about his dentures. I wish to state that in instances where I have referred to 'BOB', that BOB is identical with Dr. SPEARS.

"With further regard to my statement on page 19, last paragraph, I wish to add that during our conversation as to whether anything had been done to the plane, Dr. SPEARS added, in substance, that he had thought of, contemplated or considered falling from a ramp or step leading up into a plane.

"Prior to December 3, 1959, I received a telephone call from Mr. R.M. McELREATH.

Mr. McELREATH said a Dr. TURSKA

was at his side and was there and was interested in getting some equipment of Dr. SPEARS. I told Mr. McELREATH that I would talk to Dr. TURSKA but that under no circumstances was he to take anything without paying for it first.

"I then talked with Dr. TURSKA and he advised me that he was not aware of Dr. SPEARS death until Mr. MC ELREATH had ✓ told him on the say day of the telephone conversation.

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"Dr. TURSKA stated he was shocked and very grieved. I asked him what equipment he was interested in and he advised he was interested in the sound records. I made him a price of \$400. for the records and all equipment. He also indicated he was interested in the purchase of our house in San Pedro. I told him he could discuss this with Mr. MC ELREATH.

"I again talked to Mr. MC ELREATH during this call and told him I was not interested in a sale of the house to Dr. TURSKA in any way. I told Mr. MC ELREATH that Dr. TURSKA had a drinking problem and that if Dr. TURSKA took anything from my house to take the money from Dr. TURSKA first.

"I have read this typewritten double spaced statement consisting of this & 22 other pages & it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This statement was taken with my consent as well as the consent of my attorney, CHARLES W. TESSMER, Dallas, Texas.

/s/"FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS
" 1-23-60

"Witnesses: J. DOYLE WILLIAMS, Spec. Agt., FBI.
"Dallas, Texas: January 23, 1960.
"CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., Spec. Agent,
"FBI, Dallas, Texas, January 23, 1960"

It will be noted the majority of the above statement was dictated by Mrs. SPEARS on January 22, 23, 1960. It will also be noted that with reference to AL TAYLOR, Tampa, Florida, Mrs. SPEARS remarked that she had little patience with TAYLOR, that he was a negative personality type person.

The following are the three letters furnished by Mrs. SPEARS, it being noted these letters were written by Dr. ROBERT SPEARS to her on November 13 and 14, 1959 and received by her in Dallas November 16, 1959. Mrs. SPEARS made available two of these letters to have Photostats made and she advised that her attorney, CHARLES TESSMER had the third letter which he would release to have Photostats made. Mrs. SPEARS requested that the originals of all letters be returned to her. The following quoted letter was in an air mail envelope postmarked Tampa, Florida, 11 PM, November 13, 1959 and addressed to "Mrs. R. SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Ave., Dallas 14, Texas":

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"1:35 pm

"Darling

"Just arrived at the hotel - wanted to check in the Tampa Terrace, but they have a convention.

"After arriving, I found that it was a mistake to bring heavy clothes - Better, I should have brought shorts and sport shirts.

"Camp and Enis will be here about noon tomorrow and I am going to turn the Guild over to Camp and sever all ties to Guilds Naturopathy, etc., etc. forever. I feel that you will be in accord with this.

[redacted] was awake most of the time until two a.m. I finally got her down and made sure I got nose drops all the way through her nasal passages. After that she went right to sleep.

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[redacted] only woke up once, but I got him right back to sleep [redacted]

"Mama Talked a lot, grunted and snored, but refused to wake up -

"Please make sure [redacted] gets his Arefort at mealtime - We've got to get some meat on his little bones.

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"It appears that this deal will work out better than expected. The income from this source should amount to six hundred or more a month - with what we can work up elsewhere we should do quite well. I still wish you'd entertain the idea of using a trailer for maybe a year to contact prospective customers - During that time, we can be on the lookout for a permanent home -

"I have been gone only a few hours, but I'm so lonesome I don't know what to do. I guess this business of having two wonderful kids and a wonderful wife has become chronic - It's a habit I can't, and don't want to break -

"Called Al, but he is out to lunch - He'll probably call back pretty soon -

"Florida may be a wonderful state, but I can't say much for Tampa - It is still old and dirty looking and hot -

"All my love, darling

/s/"Bob"

The following quoted letter was in an air mail envelope postmarked Tampa, Florida, 5 PM, November 14, 1959 and addressed, "Occupant, 6116 Gaston Ave., Dallas 14, Texas."

"Saturday 2:00 pm

"Darling:

"You'll probably get tired of all these talking papers but it makes me feel that I'm sorta visiting with you when I write, even tho I'll probably get there before the letter-

"Have been thinking about the Storey's and our wondering if it wouldn't be well to have them return the bedroom suite, pay them the \$82^{1/2} and also pay the return transportation. We will lose about \$106, but it's better than losing the suite, isn't it?

"You and [redacted] would have loved it here at the hotel yesterday and today- The Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Barber Shop Quartets are having a State Convention and there is singing all over the place - Night and day - Some of it is mighty good, too- It's surprising how many women are in the think- They have their separate groups, but a lot of them sing right along with the men 1-woman & three men - 2-women & 2-men & 3-women and 1-man- All sorts of combinations- This barbershop singing seems to be a sort of disease with them-

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"Speaking of disease, I hope all the colds are better so's you and the kids can all get some sleep- It is rough on the little tikes not being able to breathe at night. Please remind me to call Tom Barr and get his prescription for nose drops- They are non-irritating and they do a fine job-

"Haven't called Mahdah, but will do so tomorrow- I'd like to get her started on the second therapy so we can dispose of the rest of our records, then I'll sell the audiometer-

"Have been thinking of using our recorder and the under-pillow speaker to teach [redacted] a lot of things he should know- A few songs would be good as well as words and phrases- He is old enough now to understand most everything. And, inasmuch as he is such a glutton for knowledge, we might as well use every means available to fill the need- We can later use the same stuff for [redacted] Poor little thing, she always has to take used and cast-off stuff- I'll bet, however, that she progresses faster than [redacted]

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"Honey, I got the check cashed, but clean forgot to give you the money- You can whip me when I get back. I assure

you that none of it has been spent.

"Have been cooking gook since last night and it should be done by noon tomorrow- Then my work will be done as soon as I get it dished up- The folks want the receipt, but I don't want everyone what I put in my stew- At first, I thought I'd let 'em have it, but decided not to- I found out one thing however, if I do very much of this I'll have to get a steam cooker in order to save time and have every batch the same- It will be simple to have an electric deal fixed up the can be plugged into any wall socket-

"I was telling you about Al, before- Allen, Jr. has been causing him all sorts to trouble- He has to pay Alice \$100 per month and an extra \$130 for Allen- On top of that they pull all sorts of tricks to get extra money- Right now Al is so far behind that he can't possibly catch up- On top of that the Company has changed policy, so the salesmen can't make near so much money- Business has been falling off so that they are hardly able to keep their heads above water- That's the reason Al is thinking of ditching the whole thing, go to another country and try to live out the remainder of his life in peace- From our conversation I Judge he has arrangements all made- He'll miss the good old U.S.A. but whatever he does he will be better off than living in this mess. I'm glad to say that his thinking is a lot better than it was a few years back and his attitude toward life is far better- so much so that you would not take him for the same person.

"He should be by in a few minutes so I'll take this across the street to the P.O.

"May be bothering you with another epistle if I get so lonesome I can't stand it.

"Lots of love

/s/"Bob"

The following quoted letter was in an air mail envelope postmarked Tampa, Florida, 2:30 PM, November 14, 1959 and addressed to "Occupant, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas 14, Texas."

"Sat. A.M.

"To: My Darling Wife

"Camp Just called to say that he couldn't get his car started- We discussed the Guild-and as soon as we get back to California I am going to send all the stuff to him-

✓ "Home you were able to get Zerex put in the car- According to weather reports, the weather is cold there now. Wish the 'ol car was inside the garage-

"In spite of the fact that I was late getting here it appears that I'll be able to get back Sunday nite, between 3 & 4 o'clock- Will try to sneak in without awakening you.

"Have been thinking about questions to ask Longhenry when we take her deposition- She will probably claim that I told her that it would be easy to get a license- Everyone knows different- The Inspector told her that the place couldn't be licensed and she signed the lease with the understanding she was the one who made the claims-said she would have no trouble, because Mrs. Wallington (?) was a personal and she could get anything she wanted- She also said that Dr. Hill and others, would furnish as many patients as she could handle and that they were anxious for her to get started-

"Myrtle Roop was a witness to this and will also testify that Longhenry claimed to have made \$14,000 last year

"Tessmer, Westerlage and Mrs. Bradley were witnesses to the fact that the place was not to be called a nursing home nor convalescent home, nor rest home-

"Texola Tucker should be a good witness because Longhenry got her to come down from Oklahoma to take care of patients She claimed to have ready to move in- When Texola arrived Longhenry tried to get her to put up some money and go in with her- Texola also helped sell our furniture and the stuff Longhenry mortgaged to us- Mrs. Hughes of Hughes Furniture Co. bought the oval dining room suite table and four chairs- She asked Longhenry if the stuff was 'clear' and she said yes- Mr. Green got our two bedroom suites & the two chairs- Texola bought one of the chairs and took it to Oklahoma God only knows where the television set went- It cost \$525 new-and we didn't use it for a long time after we got it- as you know-

"I think that, when she learns that we know she has never reported profits from her shot business, she will want to

pay what she rightfully owes.

"Myrt has the names of firms that she has worked for. And chances are, she gave individual and group shots to all of them plus others- We know about Highland Park Cafeteria-anyway- the tax investigators can check with her suppliers and find out how much stuff she has bought and figure from that how much she has cheated- Inasmuch as her husband has always made out her income he will also be put on the spot. He has no excuse because he was formerly with Internal Revenue-

"I don't think Lloyd Westerlage is too hot as an attorney and I want to be sure Charlie sits in and handles the questioning of Longhenry- Westerlage didn't even want to tell the sheriff that we knew where the furniture is- said they would know how to find it- Why make them go to a lot of trouble when we can tell them exactly where a lot of it is. Longhenry's maid told me that all her stuff, that was mortgaged to us, except what she sold, was in the apartment at [redacted] The sheriff should get that too. It can all be stored down stairs until the case is settled.

"Hope Ethel came over to help you today for I know how much of a job it is for you to take care of the babies all by yourself-

"Of course you know I'll have to be in L.A. on the 3rd of next month- The case will be postponed- Maybe two or three times, but just as soon as that thing is disposed of, I don't ever want to get more than a few miles away from my family.

"You have questioned the outcome of that deal, but Joe has promised that everything will be ok and that no time will have to be served- It would have been over long ago if Loomis had played ball- Zander wanted a certain amount for his group-there are four besides himself- They have all that they asked and can't afford not to go through with the deal- Joe has some and I'll have to give him some more, but not enough to hurt anything- We certainly won't have to break into what we have now-

Visited with Al last evening- Al Jr. is going down the same road as Blaine-and between all of them, they have ruined Al's credit and made a wreck out of him-

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He's absolutely pittiful- Al says that he is just going to take off somewhere and get away from it all- Doesn't want to even hear from any of them again- Said he was going last week, but waited to talk to me- Guess most everyone has their troubles- We have a couple of small ones, but they are sure sweet- So's my wife-

"All my love darling

/s/"Bob"

During the interviews, Mrs. SPEARS insisted that she could not recall any of the details of her conversation with Dr. SPEARS on the afternoon on Friday, January 8, 1960. With regard to this visit she stated she had previously not recalled she had visited Dr. SPEARS on this date and that she had stated to other FBI Agents that there were only two visits with Dr. SPEARS while he was in Dallas between January 7-11, 1960.

During the dictation of her statement, Mrs. SPEARS was firm and very positive about events prior to January 8, 1960 and about certain contacts with Dr. TURSKA during the above period.

Mrs. SPEARS was very cautious and hesitant about making any statement about her visit with Dr. SPEARS on January 8, 1960.

Beginning with the point in the interview when she saw Dr. SPEARS on the afternoon of January 8, 1960, she began by qualifying her remarks and stated "It is difficult to recall . . ." She then proceeded to spell out the purported specific conversation between her and Dr. SPEARS with a question and answer type dissertation. She maintained that on January 8, 1960 she was very apprehensive about seeing SPEARS and that she drove around the Lakewood Hotel a time or two before going into the hotel. She stated she saw an automobile with Arizona license plates which she believed to be that of Dr. TURSKA, after which she parked and proceeded into Dr. SPEARS' room.

After several hesitations and lapses of several minutes between statements she maintained that although she could not recall the specific nature of her conversation with Dr. SPEARS on this date that she was sure the details would "come to her."

On several instances she maintained she could not recall the conversation that transpired between her and SPEARS but thereafter in intermittent statements recalled the purported exact conversation on particular points. One such point was the fact that she gave Dr. SPEARS \$1,000. During the discussion of the \$1,000 given to Dr. SPEARS, Mrs. SPEARS diverted the conversation to her children which she stated meant "everything to her". She also related that Dr. SPEARS was extremely fond of the children and that it was his desire to see them grow up in good surroundings and receive a good education. Mrs. SPEARS commented that she recalled another point that she had not previously remembered and this was the fact that Dr. SPEARS told her on one of the visits with him in Dallas January 7-11, 1960 about how she should answer questions if she should be questioned by law enforcement officers, about the fact she did not have to agree to take a polygraph test, and as a matter of fact, she did not have to make any statements if she did not choose to do so. She further stated that on Sunday morning, January 10, 1960 that when Dr. TURSKA came to her home on Gaston Avenue, he delivered a note to her from Dr. SPEARS which dealt entirely with instructions as to how she should respond to any questioning about the plane crash and again reminded her that she did not have to submit to a polygraph test or make any statement.

Mrs. SPEARS stated she had been unable to locate the above note nor the list of items which Dr. SPEARS indicated he wanted packed and placed on the trailer.

It will be noted that on January 21, 1960, in an interview Mrs. SPEARS admitted that the list of things she obtained from Dr. SPEARS to be packed for him had been torn up by her and flushed down the toilet. When questioned as to why she did this she stated that she just did not want to have it around.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked about the amount of interest \$100,000 would provide in the way of a return on an investment and she commented, "I knew the whole thing was wrong and intended to keep the insurance intact so it could be given back," but that she was "going along with BOB" (Dr. SPEARS).

Mrs. SPEARS was unable to explain her position insofar as this statement was concerned nor why she would accept the money but not spend it. She was asked if the interest earned from \$100,000 would not amount to more than she could earn from employment which she stated she intended to seek, and she admitted that the amount of interest would possibly be more than any salary she could earn per year.

Mrs. SPEARS remarked that she did not want Dr. SPEARS to come to their home on Gaston Avenue nor to contact her in any way at any place; however, she was unable to reconcile her thinking in this matter since she was "going along with the plan". By this statement she explained in the above regard she meant her agreement with Dr. SPEARS not to divulge the fact he was alive and was planning to attempt to collect on his insurance policy.

To point out ways in which Mrs. SPEARS interpreted a statement in one interview and then placing a different interpretation on the same statement in a subsequent interview, it is to be noted that in an interview with her on January 21, 1960 she advised the interviewing agents that Dr. SPEARS had made the statement to her that if the pressure ever became to great he would "take care of himself." She was asked by the interviewing agent on January 21, 1960 what she thought he meant by this statement. She at first stated she had no interpretation of this statement but when she was confronted with the question, "Do you think he meant he would commit suicide" she nodded her head in the affirmative. In the interview on January 22, 1960 she was again asked her interpretation of this statement at which time she stated she thought he meant he would come to her and take care of "things."

Mrs. SPEARS was asked what the status of her marriage to Dr. SPEARS was in recent months prior to his departure to

Tampa, Florida, on November 13, 1959 and she stated in substance that they had their little "ups and downs" the same as other married couples. She indicated there was nothing of a serious nature involved in any of their disagreements or arguments.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked if she had been threatened in any fashion by Dr. SPEARS in recent months or at any time during their marriage and she recalled that she had been threatened in a "general sort of way" by Dr. SPEARS during the early years of their marriage. She stated she could not point to any particular incident but that Dr. SPEARS was a very jealous type man and that he had told her on several occasions that he would not stand for "disloyalty".

Mrs. SPEARS maintained that she is not at the present time and has not been in recent months in fear of anyone or that she has any information to hide concerning the activities of Dr. SPEARS or any other person which could be used as a threat to her.

In interviews on Monday, January 18, 1960 and Thursday January 21, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS emphatically stated she did not believe Dr. SPEARS had one thing to do with any explosion or blowing up of the airplane in question and she stated Dr. SPEARS was such a kind hearted man that she had even seen him sit up and cry when she spanked the children in front of him. Therefore, such a man could not cause the death of 42 persons.

It is to be noted that in the interview on Saturday, January 23, 1960, toward the conclusion of the interview, Mrs. SPEARS was again asked if she thought Dr. SPEARS was capable of having blown up the plane at which time she stated, "I now believe Dr. SPEARS was capable of having done this."

Mrs. SPEARS recalled on January 23, 1960 with further regard to Dr. SPEARS, instructions to her about how to answer questions at any time should she be questioned or interviewed by law enforcement officers that she didn't have to make any statement or tell the officers anything. She referred to the arrest of Dr. SPEARS in California in July, 1959 by local officers when she told the officers Dr. SPEARS had gone to Texas. In this regard she stated Dr. SPEARS was in fact in the immediate area and that he had received prior information through a source known to him, that an indictment had been filed against him in Los Angeles and that he would probably be apprehended within the next few days. With this thought in mind, Dr. SPEARS attempted to indoctrinate her as to what she should tell the officers when they arrived.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked whether any comment was made about TAYLOR during her contacts with Dr. SPEARS in Dallas between January 7-11, 1960 and she stated that as a matter of fact that she had asked Dr. SPEARS whether TAYLOR was actually on the plane and she quoted Dr. SPEARS as saying, "TAYLOR was on the plane." Mrs. SPEARS was asked whether she inquired of Dr. SPEARS how he knew TAYLOR was on the plane, however she stated she did not ask him this particular question. With further regard to the status of her marriage with Dr. SPEARS she stated that since 1958 she had began to tire of Dr. SPEARS and had told him on many occasions that something had to be done, that she was tired of his running from the law.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked specifically whether or not she was a part of any plot, plan or scheme between Dr. SPEARS, TAYLOR, Dr. TURSKA or any other person or group of persons to conspire to blow up or damage the airplane and she denied that she had any type of agreement or arrangement with anyone in this regard.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked about the health of Dr. SPEARS as to whether he had been in ill health or suffering from any type of injury in recent months prior to his trip to Tampa, Florida on November 13, 1959 and she described Dr. SPEARS as being in good health and a robust type of man for his age.

In the interview on January 21, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS was questioned as to luggage taken on his trip to Tampa by Dr. SPEARS. She advised that Dr. SPEARS left home on the morning of November 13, 1959 before she was out of bed and she did not have an opportunity to observe the luggage he was carrying. However she did know that Dr. SPEARS usually carried on his trips, and now missing from among luggage in the house, a Fiberglas two-suiter suitcase, British tan in color. She further advised that she knew Dr. SPEARS had two additional pieces of luggage which she had not been able to locate since his arrest in California in July 31, 1959 and she presumed these two pieces of luggage were still in custody of the Los Angeles Police Department. She described these items as (1) small train case about the size of a makeup kit, further described as ivory, trimmed in British tan, and (2), an attache type briefcase. Mrs. SPEARS further advised, ^{On January 21, 1960}, that she was positive she had observed the British tan Fiberglas two-suiter suitcase described above, at the Lakewood Hotel in Dallas on January 7, 1960, at which time she met Dr. SPEARS for the first time since the plane crash.

On January 23, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS further described the two-suiter Fiberglas British tan bag of Dr. SPEARS as having

oval corners and as being deeper at the back than at the front. The two-suiter had a combination lock and was scuffed, but considered to be in good condition otherwise. Mrs. SPEARS reiterated she was positive the two-suiter was the same bag that Dr. SPEARS had packed before he had departed for Tampa on November 13, 1959 and that the bag in the Lakewood Hotel on January 7, 1960 was the same bag although the bag was not opened and she saw it only at a distance sitting on the luggage rack. In the interview on January 21, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS pointed out that at the time she was packing items requested by Dr. SPEARS following his arrival in Dallas on January 7, 1960, she packed items of clothing such as slacks, shirts, pajamas, shorts, socks and similar items in two blue car sacks described as of a soft leather type which could be hung in the back of an automobile. She stated these were the only two items of luggage belonging to Dr. SPEARS which she had actually packed herself.

With further reference to the telephone call to her residence on January 8, 1960 by an unidentified male which was received by VERNICE DARBY, her Negro house maid, she stated that for the description of the conversation by DARBY and from the description of the sound of the voice she was certain Dr. SPEARS had made that call.

Mrs. SPEARS thereafter described Dr. SPEARS' voice as a well controlled and modulated voice, not too gruff and deep in sound. The voice was further described as one having a demanding tone and one spoken with very good diction. As best she could describe it was a Midwestern accent.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked whether TAYLOR had ever been involved in a streetcar or other type vehicle accident in Dallas, Texas, to her knowledge and she stated that in approximately 1949 or 1950 TAYLOR had some sort of an accident on a streetcar and that he was treated for a pinched nerve or neck injury of some type. She maintained she could not recall any visits to Dallas by AL TAYLOR since that time. She was asked whether or not TAYLOR may have been in Dallas as late as November 1959 and visited with Dr. SPEARS and she stated she had no information to this effect. She thereafter commented that she seems to have a feeling that he was here in 1957 or 1958 but just cannot recall specifically.

With further regard to Dr. SPEARS' trip to Tampa on November 13, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS insisted she did not know the

identity of the individual Dr. SPEARS contacted on his trips to that city to distribute his "Gook" for abortions. She stated she has not accompanied Dr. SPEARS to Florida on any of his short trips such as Tampa. Mrs. SPEARS was asked to identify Dr. DONALD LOOMIS, Los Angeles, California and she stated he is a former "classmate" of Dr. SPEARS and an abortionist who is a close friend of Dr. SPEARS and who assisted or was assisted by Dr. SPEARS in handling abortion cases. LOOMIS reportedly saw Dr. SPEARS weekly until August, 1959. Mrs. SPEARS was asked who WILLIAM PETERS is and she stated he is a chiropractor and is known to her and Dr. SPEARS as PAT PETERS and that he is a very close friend of Dr. SPEARS. She stated WILLIAM PETERS resides at [redacted]

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On January 23, 1960, with further regard to Dr. SPEARS' traveling and business activities, Mrs. SPEARS related it is possible there were many activities of Dr. SPEARS that she never knew about, especially since 1958.

Mrs. SPEARS did not elaborate further on the above statement. However, investigation has disclosed there was apparently serious marital difficulty between the two beginning in approximately 1958.

Mrs. SPEARS was asked about Dr. SPEARS' several insurance policies and why he carried a large amount of insurance and she stated his attitude was that insurance companies had plenty of money and that if anything happened he might as well collect.

On January 23, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS was asked whether she had any knowledge of attempts by Dr. SPEARS and Dr. TURSKA to purchase a Plymouth of the same description as the Plymouth owned by AL TAYLOR which was driven to California by Dr. SPEARS and she stated she did not know of any attempt to purchase any type of vehicle while Dr. SPEARS and Dr. TURSKA were in Dallas.

Mrs. SPEARS was questioned as to the present location of the 1955 and 1959 Pontiac owned by she and Dr. SPEARS while they were in California prior to their return to Dallas in November, 1959 and she stated the 1959 Pontiac was supposed to be picked up by the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, on January 23, 1960. The 1955 Pontiac was sold for \$750 to a used car dealer in Long Beach, California. She stated she could not be certain of the location of the dealer or the name of the car lot.

Mrs. SPEARS was further questioned on January 23, 1960 as to whether Dr. SPEARS was mechanically inclined in any way and she stated as a matter of fact he is electrically inclined and that after moving into their residence on Gaston Avenue, Dr. SPEARS changed the wiring in the house. She stated he is an avid reader of Popular Science and Popular Mechanics and several other mechanical magazines.

On January 23, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS was asked about her conversation with Dr. SPEARS to the effect TAYLOR had nothing to live for, that his health was gone, that he had had constant reverses and "it was as good a way to go as any so what's the difference, he had to go any way". Mrs. SPEARS denied she had any such conversation with Dr. SPEARS during his visit in Dallas between January 7-11, 1960 and that she could not recall ever hearing Dr. SPEARS make this statement.

In the interview on January 23, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS advised that in October, 1959 a loan of \$16,500 on their home in Dallas located at 6116 Gaston Avenue, had been refinanced with the Beacon Mortgage Company of Dallas. She advised that this money was made available to her in the form of cashiers checks for \$2,000 each, made payable to her. She recalled that one cashiers check made payable to her was in the amount of \$1500. She explained that these cashiers checks were made out in her name because she always kept track of the family monetary matters and wrote all checks. It is interesting to note at this time that at one point in the interview, Mrs. SPEARS recalled that Dr. SPEARS wrote a check for his airplane ticket to Tampa purchasing a round-trip ticket. She stated that was one of the few checks that Dr. SPEARS has written inasmuch as he has a habit of "working out of his back pocket" at all times and very seldom writes a check for anything. She recalled that on one previous occasion Dr. SPEARS wrote a check for a one-way airplane ticket from Dallas to Los Angeles and the fact that at these two times he wrote checks for these two plane trips appeared peculiar to her because he had always paid cash for plane trips before.

She advised that outside of the above money owed on their residence in Dallas, she and Dr. SPEARS have no other outstanding debts with the exception of a \$2500 fee allegedly owed to Attorney JOSEPH T. FORNO, Los Angeles, California, which debt she had no knowledge of until she was advised by Mr. FORNO that Dr. SPEARS had not paid for FORNO's services as a ~~wrangler~~ in Dr. SPEARS' recent trouble in Los Angeles. She added that at the present time she had a bank balance of

\$1300 in the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas. She continued that neither she nor her husband have had any steady income in the last year except money which Dr. SPEAR has collected for performing abortions and she pointed out he has performed very few of these since his arrest in July, 1959 in Los Angeles. She concluded by advising that prior to July, 1959 she never knew their true financial status. She pointed out that Dr. SPEARS' and her bank accounts in no way reflected his earnings and she repeated that Dr. SPEARS lived out of his hip pocket. She recalled that she and Dr. SPEARS had practically no income from July to October, 1959, however, Dr. SPEARS had performed a few abortions in Dallas following their "arrival in October, 1959."

| It is to be noted that Mrs. SPEARS has previously claimed that they did not arrive in Dallas until November 8, 1959.

Mrs. SPEARS said she did not know what Dr. SPEARS' fee was for performing an abortion, however, she thought he collected between \$200 to \$500, depending upon whom the abortion was performed.

Mrs. SPEARS stated that she and Dr. SPEARS had a checking account in the Republic National Bank in Dallas under the names Dr. and Mrs. R. SPEARS which account was a joint account and was closed in July or August, 1959 with a transfer of funds to the Bank of America, Lawndale Branch, Lawndale, California.

Mrs. SPEARS denied that she has ever been arrested and stated on one occasion she was fingerprinted when she went to work for North American Aviation in Grand Prairie, Texas in 1942, at which time her fingerprint card was submitted under the name FRANCES LOUISE MASSEY.

With further regard to the packing of the trailer on Saturday, January 9, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS stated Dr. TURSKA went into the house and up into the attic after which he came down carrying a sack of surgical instruments. She stated she was not aware any surgical instruments were in the attic however she learned from Dr. TURSKA the surgical instruments ^{were} hidden in the attic on the left side of the collapsible stairs looking down the stairs from the attic.

Mrs. SPEARS denied she knew the surgical instruments or any other items were hidden in the attic. She did recall

however, that the entire attic of the house had been insulated by she and Dr. SPEARS after they purchased the house.

On January 23, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS produced a letter from AL TAYLOR to Dr. SPEARS dated November 5, 1959, which contained the following information:

"Thurs. 11/5/59

"Dear Bob"

"Your letter received yesterday & please let me know definitely when you will be here, where & what time. I went to airport Tues nite at 9 & plane was late so waited until 10:30 & of course you didn't show.

"Called Dr. Lane & left your message.

"Blaine is getting ready to take off for New Orleans- then to Carmel, Col. Looks like I'm stuck again & if he was alone I'd do something about it but I can't afford to have his wife & baby on my conscience.

"Have to get on the ball so will look for your letter on arrival, etc.

"Sincerely

/s/"Al"

Mrs. SPEARS was asked what she thought the second paragraph of the letter referred to as to whether she gained the impression that TAYLOR may possibly have been intending to kill his son possibly in an airplane but that he did not want to also kill his son's wife and children.

Mrs. SPEARS made no comment about this statement.

The following description was obtained of Mrs. SPEARS from observation and interview:

Name	FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS
Race	White
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Age	36
Born	December 20, 1923, Ellis County, Texas
Height	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Weight	126
Hair	Brown, greying, cut close to head, wavy
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Fair
Build	Very slender
Scars and Marks	2" scar right inner elbow; 1½" scar base knuckle right index finger; very faint burn scar on right leg shin; 6" scar on right hip
Previous occupation	Secretary
Present residence	<u>6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas</u>
Children	[Redacted]
Parents	OLIS EDWARD MASSEY, Friona, Texas - father; BEULAH ELIZABETH PRICE MASSEY, Friona, Texas - mother
Brothers	EDWARD E. MASSEY - Rio Dosa, New Mexico, Friona, Texas or Post, Texas; GORDON WILLIAM MASSEY, Friona; RUSSELL ANDREW MASSEY, Amarillo; STANLEY PRICE MASSEY, Bell Flower, California;
Sisters	MORRIS WAYNE MASSEY, Friona; MARVIN RAY MASSEY, Blunt, South Dakota. Mrs. V.M. FERGUSON, Friona; Mrs. SAM WILLIAMS, Friona; Mrs. NEAL YOUNG, Hereford, Texas.

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Date _____

MRS. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was contacted concerning certain personal papers she stated she had which were contained in her personal briefcase and which she stated she would make available for review by the FBI.

At the outset of the contact, MRS. SPEARS stated she had received a telephone call at 12:50 PM, January 24, 1960, from an individual who identified himself as RAY CARNAY, a newspaper reporter from St. Louis, Missouri. MRS. SPEARS stated CARNAY advised her he had been to TURSKA's residence near Phoenix, Arizona, and that he had been going through trash in barrels at TURSKA's ranch. CARNAY stated he found papers in the trash barrels that had been torn to shreds and that he thought that were possibly pertinent to matters surrounding the crash of the National Airlines plane which carried DR. SPEARS from Tampa, Florida. CARNAY reportedly stated he desired to talk to MRS. SPEARS because he thought the bits of paper he had found may shed some light on the case.

According to MRS. SPEARS, CARNAY stated he could be contacted at Radio Station KBOX, Dallas, telephone No. DI-8-0350. MRS. SPEARS related she told CARNAY she would not talk to him unless FBI Agents were present and that she would have to recontact him as to whether she would see him.

Following the above conversation, MRS. SPEARS signed the following affidavit, which is self-explanatory:

"January 24, 1960
Dallas, Texas

"This will acknowledge that I have given my voluntary consent to SA J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. FBI, Dallas, Texas, to review and examine personal papers, correspondence and related records contained in my personal folder.

"I have also voluntarily authorized MR. WILLIAMS and MR. BROWN to see any other correspondence, records, papers and documents contained in the room I use as an office and to obtain

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on 1/24/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/26/60

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a copy or make notes from any documents or records they may desire."

"/s/ Mrs. Robert Vernon Spears

"Mrs. Robert Vernon Spears
"6116 Gaston Avenue
"Dallas, Texas

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MRS. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS on this date was contacted at her home at 1:00 PM at which time she voluntarily consented to accompany the agents to the FBI Office in Dallas for interview.

MRS. SPEARS was asked about reference to [redacted] as being "her" child, about [redacted] being "his" child and as to whether or not [redacted] may have been her child by a previous marriage and she stated the reference to the children as "his" and "hers" is a joke among friends and that there is nothing to the supposition that [redacted] is not DR. SPEARS' child. She stated that she recognized the fact that the agents were not specifically implying that one or the other of the children did not belong to DR. SPEARS. However, that from the tenure of the question, referring to "his" and "her" child, the natural supposition is gained that possibly one or the other of the children was in fact, not DR. SPEARS' child.

MRS. SPEARS was asked about two packages mailed to her on November 17 or 18, 1959 by MRS. R. M. MC ELREATH, Los Angeles, California, and she stated she recalled receiving the two packages and that these packages contained insurance policies, DR. SPEARS' will and related personal papers. MRS. SPEARS did not explain why the policies, will and related papers happened to be in MRS. MC ELREATH's custody and possession.

MRS. SPEARS was asked about an insurance policy in the name of R. SPEARS with Mutual of Omaha Life Insurance Company. The policy had a face value of \$500 with a \$1000 accidental death clause.

MRS. SPEARS stated the proof of death statement to be submitted to the company was turned over to CHARLES TESSMER's (attorney) office for handling, prior to DR. SPEARS' visit with her in Dallas on January 7, 1960 and the fact the form is dated January 9, 1960, is apparently an error on the part of MR. TESSMER's office. She denied the form was signed after her visit with DR. SPEARS on January 7, 1960. MRS. SPEARS dismissed the matter by stating the matter was handled by MR. WESTERLAGE in MR. TESSMER's office and she was not aware the form was dated after her visit with DR. SPEARS, in January, 1960.

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on 1/25/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/27/60

by Special Agent J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. /ns

MRS. SPEARS was asked about her explanation with regard to the large amount of correspondence had between her and DR. SPEARS at times when he was away from home and the lack of presence of this correspondence among her papers during the period from the time they were in Los Angeles, California until the present time. MRS. SPEARS admitted that she had destroyed some of her recent correspondence and notes received from DR. SPEARS, giving as her explanation, the fact that she did not desire to have them around.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned as to whether there may have been more than a business friendship between AI TAYLOR and her during TAYLOR's association with DR. SPEARS and she stated she had known TAYLOR for a number of years, however, that he was one of several persons associated with DR. SPEARS whom she "tolerated". She stated the last time she saw TAYLOR at Dallas, Texas, was in approximately 1949 or 1950 and that she had not taken any "short trips" with DR. SPEARS to Tampa, Florida or other places where she met with TAYLOR. She was questioned further about the fact TAYLOR may have visited in Dallas between 1949 and 1950 and November 16, 1959 and she stated that she seemed to recall he may have been in Dallas about two or three years ago in 1957 or 1958 but that she was not certain. She maintained that if TAYLOR was in Dallas, he did not come to her residence.

At this point in the interview a summary of information obtained in previous interviews regarding her marital troubles with DR. SPEARS was discussed with her. It was ascertained that DR. and MRS. SPEARS have on one or two occasions previously had serious marital difficulties. She pointed out that following his arrest at Dallas in March, 1958, that DR. SPEARS asked her to obtain a divorce from him. She replied to DR. SPEARS that she did not want a divorce. She then continued she always thought DR. SPEARS was better than the line of work he had always followed, that of performing abortion. She stated that she placed great pressure upon him to get out the abortion racket and earn his living in a way that would be morally and ethically right. She indicated during questioning at this time, that she had wondered if maybe she had placed so much pressure upon DR. SPEARS with regard to making a change of this kind that she had caused him to commit an act of violence.

She advised with regard to this that when she saw DR. SPEARS in Dallas, in January, 1960, that her first reactions when she saw DR. SPEARS did not even include the customary affections and that such affections were difficult during her visits with him. She further advised that she had hoped that by going to California to live in June, 1959, that she and DR. SPEARS could start life anew and could work something out between them. She continued that DR. SPEARS had been writing to her that he was associated with a clinic in Los Angeles and she questioned him continually regarding his work in the clinic feeling that he was leading her astray as to his actual employment. She stated DR. SPEARS maintained he was doing diagnosis work for a group of doctors however that he was never able to identify any of these doctors to her. She added that when she arrived in California and learned that he was performing abortions in Los Angeles, with DR. DONALD LOOMIS that this constituted the clinic to which DR. SPEARS had made frequent reference. She said she was infuriated.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned further about the disagreements and arguments she had with DR. SPEARS and as to whether she would describe the arguments intense or heated and she stated she has "nagged" and driven DR. SPEARS pretty hard in the past year and a half, beginning in March, 1958.

MRS. SPEARS commented that DR. SPEARS tried to start a hobby store however that this idea never got beyond the talking stage.

MRS. SPEARS commented that DR. SPEARS had stated to her that everything he has done has been done for her and that particularly during the visits with DR. SPEARS in January, 1960, he did not say one / that he did anything to the plane carrying ALLEN TAYLOR, on November 16, 1959.

With regard to her visits with DR. SPEARS, in Dallas, in January, 1960, she stated that at no time did DR. SPEARS make any references to a National Airlines plane crash in 1953. She volunteered however, that reference was made by DR. SPEARS to the airlines crash in North Carolina among whose passengers was JULIAN FRANK.

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MRS. SPEARS was questioned specifically about the exact contents of DR. SPEARS' note delivered to her on Sunday morning, January 10, 1960, by DR. TURSKA and she "admitted" the note contained nothing but instructions about what she should say or how she should react if questioned by anyone.

On two occasions during the interview MRS. SPEARS firmly stated she was positive that DR. SPEARS did not tell her he had anything to do with the plane crash on November 16, 1959.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned further as to what reference or statements DR. SPEARS made about ALLEN TAYLOR during her visits with him in January, 1960. She stated DR. SPEARS told her TAYLOR was in pain when he saw him in Tampa, but did not elaborate further on this point.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned about DR. SPEARS' habits in connection with his airplane travel, as to whether he travelled "light" or carried several bags. MRS. SPEARS related DR. SPEARS was always very punctual about departures at airports and that he was always on time. She stated she did not always know when DR. SPEARS departed from their residence on a trip and for this reason she was not in a position to state the extent of luggage he may have carried.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned as to the location of the written instructions from DR. SPEARS on January 10, 1960 about how to answer questions and she replied she thought that if she destroyed the note, it would not be discussed and she would not have to explain the note to anyone.

MRS. SPEARS remarked that she would like to have destroyed letters located by agents in the room in her home used as an office, but that she had not done so because she did not recall the contents of these letters.

MRS. SPEARS was asked about her abilities to hypnotize a person and as to whether DR. SPEARS was able to hypnotize her and she replied that she had read a great deal about hypnosis and that she knew a great deal more about it than DR. SPEARS, however, that DR. SPEARS was a very convincing and forceful type person and had the ability to put across a point.

She stated he is more impressive conversing on the subject than she is however that he does not seem to absorb material he reads as well as she does.

MRS. SPEARS declined to "sit and discuss each little disagreement or statement" mentioned in letters located in her office at her residence.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned about circumstances surrounding her and DR. SPEARS' departure from California in November, 1959, and she recalled that immediately prior to departing, she and DR. SPEARS had a very heated argument which arose over packing of the car. This agrument was witnessed by GERALDINE FARROW, the Negro maid.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned as to property owned by DR. SPEARS or investments he held and she stated the only property she knew anything about that was owned by her and/or DR. SPEARS was their two automobiles, the house they were living in in California, and their residence in Dallas, Texas.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned as to whether DR. SPEARS was wealthy or whether he had ever left this impression with persons he had associated with. MRS. SPEARS stated she "supposed" she was responsible for reference to DR. SPEARS being a wealthy Texan because she had attempted to impress neighbors in San Pedro, California and other places with this fact. This fact was untrue according to MRS. SPEARS.

MRS. SPEARS was questioned about reference made to a National Airlines crash in 1953, per correspondence located in her home, and she stated she recalled reading about the 1953 crash however that an article appeared about this matter in a Dallas newspaper on or about November 16, 17, or 18, 1959, after the plane DR. SPEARS was reported to be on crashed in the Gulf of Mexico.

MRS. SPEARS related that from November 16, 1959 to January 7, 1960, she had begun to remember the good things about DR. SPEARS, however that since the FBI's investigation had begun, many things have been brought out about her life that are unpleasant.

She concluded that she could not bring herself to believe DR. SPEARS would kill fortytwo people.

II, SEARCH OF PROPERTY OF ROBERT VERNON SPEARS
AND FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS.

A. SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AT 6116 GASTON
AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ON JANUARY
21, 1960.

Optional Form 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42) ^{SAC} DATE: 1/25/60

FROM: SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and
SA PAUL W. WULFF ^{SA} Dictated: 1/21/60

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LOUISIANA, NOVEMBER 16, 1959
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On January 21, 1960, a search was conducted of the residence and garage of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, from 5:03 pm. to 7:10 pm. under waivers of search, signed by FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS and DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS.

The following agents participated in this search:

JAMES W. BOOKHOUT
PAUL E. WULFF
W. HARLAN BROWN
J. DOYLE WILLIAMS
KENNETH C. HOWE
VINCENT E. J. DRAIN
ROBERT M. BARRETT
ROBERT P. GEMBERLING
RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE
EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL

This residence is a large two story house with attic and basement and a detached double garage with living quarters overhead.

The following articles were taken and receipt executed by MRS. ROBERT SPEARS as being the only articles taken.

1 baggage stub, No. C39-63-63 of American
Airlines Flight 717, (Los Angeles)
1 roll of wire, two conductor, single strand,
black and green in color

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- 1 small roll of wire, single strand, red and white in color
- 1 letter from DR. WILLIAM A. TURSKA to MRS. FRANCES SPEARS, postmarked Phoenix, December 8, 1959
- 1 address book in grey plastic cover
- 1 1955 Christmas card list
- 1 1959 Christmas card list

The last three items above obtained for the purpose of identifying acquaintances are to be returned, as per request of MRS. SPEARS, January 21, 1960.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42) DATE: January 25, 1960
Dictated: 1/22/60
PRW/P
FROM : SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and
ROBERT P. GEMBERLING *PC*

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
PLANE, FLIGHT 967, NEAR
CHANDELEUR, LA., 11/16/59,
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Commencing at 5:03 P.M., January 21, 1960, SAs BARRETT and GEMBERLING, acting on a consent to search by MR. and MRS. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, searched the combination den-office, located in the northeast corner of the house at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. The search lasted until 6:48 P.M., January 21, 1960.

SA BARRETT personally observed the following:

On the desk:

1.) An air mail letter, postmarked Jan. 19, 1960, 8:10 P.M., at St. Petersburg, Florida, addressed to "FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas." No return address, and letter was unopened. Envelope bore notation "PERSONAL, please."

2.) An unopened envelope, appearing to be a bill, from the Southern Counties Gas Company of California, P.O. Box 1691, San Pedro, California, postmarked 1/18/60 at San Pedro, Calif., addressed to DR. ROBERT SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

3.) An unopened letter, postmarked 4:00 P.M., 1/18/60, at Friona, Texas, to MRS. FRANCES SPEARS 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. No return address on envelope.

4.) An unopened letter, appearing to be a bank statement, from the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, postmarked 1/18/60, Dallas, to EULA MAE SPEARS,

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5.) Unopened letter from Waite Pharmacal Company, 5443 N. Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, to DR. ROBERT SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, postmarked 1/18/60, Chicago, Illinois.

6.) An opened letter postmarked 1/18/60, Dallas, from RUTH LUNDBERG [REDACTED] addressed to MRS. FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston, Dallas. This letter was one of consolation for MRS. SPEARS, apparently from a friend, during "these trying times."

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7.) An opened letter, postmarked 12/10/59, San Pedro, California, from ROBERT M. MC ELRATH, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This letter expresses consolation for MRS. SPEARS, and talks about some real estate being sold by MC ELRATH in San Pedro.

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8.) A letter, postmarked 12/20/59, San Pedro, California, unopened, bearing return address [REDACTED]

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9.) A letter postmarked 12/2/59, Friona, Texas, from SAM F. WILLIAMS, [REDACTED] Friona, to FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. This letter was opened and expressed consolation for MRS. SPEARS concerning loss of her husband.

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In checking records maintained in the office-den, maintained by the SPEARS, it was determined that in June 1959, they resided at 1802 Santa Rena Dr., San Pedro, California.

10.) There was an opened letter postmarked 12/25/59, St. Petersburg, Florida, from MAHDAAH LOVE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This letter is incoherent in the writing, but makes mention of previous talks and notes from "DR. BOB," no dates given.

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11.) An opened letter postmarked 12/8/59, Phoenix, Arizona, from DR. WILLIAM R. TURSKA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] consoling MRS. SPEARS about the loss of "BOB."

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12.) In a cardboard box on a card table in the corner of the room was a folder of newspaper clippings concerning the crash of the captioned plane, 11/16/59, and newspaper articles appearing in Dallas newspapers since, concerning the subsequent investigation.

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There were records to indicate that in June 1959, R. and MRS. R. SPEARS, 1802 South Rena Dr., San Pedro, California, had an account at the Lawndale Branch, Bank of America, Lawndale, California.

A photo album was checked, and it contained a large number of old photographs of what appeared to be friends and relatives of the SPEARS. Nothing of significance was noted.

There was an unopened folder from the MYSTIC ARTS BOOK SOCIETY, 101 W. 31st St., New York 1, New York.

Nothing was seized by SA BARRETT.

The following was personally observed by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING:

1.) Passbook card of American Savings & Loan Association, Whittier, California, Loan #9756, reflecting payments of \$141 on December 3 and December 31, 1959, with a balance owing as of December 31, 1959, \$20,588.53.

2.) Mercantile National Bank at Dallas Cashier's Check #A520319 dated October 26, 1959, in the amount of \$2,000, payable to MRS. R. SPEARS and uncashed.

3.) Mercantile National Bank at Dallas Cashier's Check #A520320, dated October 26, 1959, in the amount of \$2,000, payable to MRS. R. SPEARS and uncashed.

4.) Telephone bill from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, for telephone TA 4-6564, dated January 5, 1960, reflecting following long distance calls:

12/6/59	S Pedro	\$1.40
12/8/59	Tyler	.95
12/13/59	LA	1.70
12/12/59	Shmn	1.75
12/13/59	LA	6.10
12/16/59	S. Pedro	5.50
12/17/59	S. Pedro	3.36
12/20/59	Friona	7.00
12/21/59	S. Pedro	4.80
12/27/59	RKW	.40

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5.) Telephone bill from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, for telephone TA4-6564 dated December 5, 1959, reflecting following long distance calls:

11/16/59	Friona	\$4.75
11/16/59	NO	1.75
11/16/59	San Pedro	4.10
11/16/59	Friona	1.25
11/18/59	Friona	2.85
11/19/59	Cleb	1.05
11/19/59	LA	3.55
11/23/59	LA	5.80
11/27/59	Grahm	3.00
11/29/59	Midi	4.00
11/30/59	S Pedro	6.20
12/4/59	LA	5.40

6.) In black brief case was discharge certificate for ROBERT V. SPEARS ASN 1-073188, as a Sgt. of 314 Aero Squadron, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, who enlisted 1/3/18, at R. D. Ft. Logan, Colorado. Discharged 2/12/19. August 26, 1896 reflected as birth date and Springfield, Mo., as birthplace.

Nothing was seized by SA GEMBERLING.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42). DATE: January 25, 1960
EDK Dictated: 1/21/60

FROM : SAS EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL and
RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE *M*

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE,
FLIGHT #967, NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LA., 11/16/59.
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MRS. FLORENCE F. KILLAM, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on January 21, 1960, furnished to SAS RAYMOND C.
ECKENRODE and EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL a consent waiver of search,
granting permission for a search to be conducted of her room,
which she rents from MRS. SPEARS at that address, which she
has occupied for about two weeks. Her permanent home is in
New York City, N.Y., and she has a son who she is visiting,
who resides in a garage apartment at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The above waiver of search is being retained in the
Dallas file. The search was made by SAS ECKENRODE and
KUYKENDALL on November 21, 1960. Nothing pertinent was
found and no items were taken from her room.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42) DATE: 1/25/60
FROM: SA W. HARLAN BROWN Dictated: 1/22/60
SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDEUR ISLAND, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 16, 1959
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The following investigation was conducted by SAs W. HARLAN BROWN, NAT A. PINKSTON, J. DOYLE WILLIAMS, JAMES W. BOOKHOUT, and RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE.

At 5:12 P.M. on January 21, 1960, SAs J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and W. HARLAN BROWN conducted a search of a middle downstairs bedroom at the home of MRS. FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. The search was completed at 5:28 P.M. by the aforementioned Agents and nothing was taken as a result of the search of this room.

At 5:29 P.M., a search of the attic of this residence was commenced by SAs NAT A. PINKSTON, J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and W. HARLAN BROWN. Nothing of evidentiary value was noted during the search of the attic, which search was completed at 5:38 P.M.

Immediately thereafter at 5:39 P.M., a search was begun by SAs NAT A. PINKSTON, J. DOYLE WILLIAMS, and W. HARLAN BROWN of the north upstairs room to this residence. A car sack for clothing was found in the middle of the room to which was attached an American Airlines baggage check, noting that it was from Los Angeles and was number C39-63-63. The seat tabulated on this check was 20, and the flight written thereon was 717. This tag was found at 5:41 P.M. and the search was concluded in this room at 5:42 P.M.

A search was begun of the northeast upstairs bedroom, closet, and bathroom at this residence at 5:43

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P.M., and was terminated at 5:54 P.M. without anything of significance being found. SAs J. DOYLE WILLIAMS, W. HARLAN BROWN and NAT A. PINKSTON conducted the search of this room.

From 5:55 P.M. to 6:06 P.M. the upstairs southeast room was searched by SAs J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and W. HARLAN BROWN without anything of pertinence being found.

At 6:11 P.M. a search was commenced of the garage located in a southerly direction from the residence of MRS. SPEARS, by SAs J. DOYLE WILLIAMS and W. HARLAN BROWN, with SA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE joining them at 6:13 P.M. and SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT joining in the search at 6:16 P.M. The search of the two car garage ended at 6:35 P.M. During this search a small roll of red and white wire located on the northwest side of the garage was taken by SAs JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and W. HARLAN BROWN for evidentiary purposes.

Notes taken during the process of this search have been retained.

B. SEARCH OF AUTOMOBILE OF ROBERT VERNON SPEARS
AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ON JANUARY 24, 1960

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

FROM: SA NAT A. PINKSTON

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
PLANE, FLIGHT 967, NEAR
CHANDELEUR ISLAND, LA.
11/16/59
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DATE: 1-26-60
Dictated: 1-25-60

On January 24, 1960, a 1959 Pontiac Star Chief, four door sedan, Serial No. 459T2717, bearing 1959 Texas license MU 9810, was searched at the Dallas Police Department Garage located on Young Street at South Central Expressway.

The search revealed this car to be painted white on top with the remainder of it painted blue. This car was equipped with radio, heater, power brakes, power steering, power windows, automatic transmission, factory air-conditioning and the speedometer indicated 12,288 miles. The car was noted to be in good condition and a thorough search of the car by SA NAT A. PINKSTON and Electronic Maintenance Technician (Radio) JOE C. HAYS, JR. revealed nothing of an evidentiary nature.

This car was made available for search by SA MILTON L. NEWSOM.

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C. REVIEW OF RECORDS LOCATED AT RESIDENCE OF
MRS. FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, 6116 GASTON
AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ON JANUARY 24, 1960.

Optional Form No. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

DATE: 1/27/60

FROM : SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. C14

Dictated 1/24/60

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE,
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LOUISIANA, 11/16/59

On January 24, 1960, Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS granted written permission to SAS CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., and J. DOYLE WILLIAMS to examine correspondence and records located in her office at her home, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Following the examination of Mrs. SPEARS' correspondence and records on that date she made available to the agents a portion of these records which are being further examined at the present time. This correspondence and records have been photographed.

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III. FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

A. WILL OF ROBERT SPEARS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42) *rec* DATE: 1-22-60
FROM: SA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE
SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE,
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LOUISIANA, NOVEMBER 16, 1959
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On January 22, 1960, records of the Probate Court of Dallas County, Dallas, Texas, were reviewed as they relate to the last will and testament of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS filed for probate with that court.

The records disclosed under Cause No. 48239-P the Last Will and Testament of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was filed for record in the office of the County Clerk, Dallas County on December 3, 1959, upon application of LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE, Attorney at Law, 702 Texas Bank Building, Dallas, the attorney for the surviving widow, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS. The will, which is prepared in handwritten form in the reported handwriting of the alleged deceased, is recorded on the reverse side of letterhead stationery of the Roosevelt Hotel, 123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is quoted as follows:

"Last Will and Testament

New Orleans, La.
March 6, 1958

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"This is to certify that, in case of my death, all of my worldly goods, of every description, are to go to my beloved wife, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, without question.

"/s/ ROBERT V. SPEARS
"/s/ Bank Signature - R. SPEARS

"P.S. This also gives my wife, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, my full power of attorney to sign checks, sell property, real estate, automobiles, and any other things she may wish to dispose of and to transact any and all business in my name.

"March 6, 1958

"/s/ ROBERT V. SPEARS
"Usual Signature /s/ R. SPEARS"

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Attached to the above will is an air mail envelope with the engraved return address of the Roosevelt Hotel, 123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, bearing postmark at 8 p.m., March 6, 1958, New Orleans, Louisiana, and addressed to Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, the latter being in handwritten form.

The records contained an Application for Probate and for Letters of Administration With Will Annexed, Cause No. 48239-P, signed under date of December 2, 1959, by FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, said instrument filed for record in the office of the clerk of Dallas County, December 3, 1959. This instrument recites that FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS is domiciled in Dallas County, Texas, with her address being 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas; that ROBERT VERNON SPEARS is dead; that he died at the age of 64 years on November 16, 1959, while on an airplane flight from Tampa, Florida, to Dallas, Texas, the place of death being approximately 140 miles southeast of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico. Further, prior to death, SPEARS resided and had his domicile in Dallas County, Texas; that at time of death, he was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of \$40,000, the nature of such estate being:

Two houses, one in San Pedro, California, and one in Dallas, Texas, of total gross value, \$35,000; personal property including furniture and an automobile and a life insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000 payable to his estate; and in addition, there were two life insurance policies in the total amount of \$120,000 in which the applicant (FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS) is the named beneficiary. It was alleged necessity for administration of the estate was required in that there were at least two debts against the estate; namely, an outstanding mortgage held by Beacon Mortgage Company in the amount of \$16,500 incurred October 19, 1959, and a second mortgage to the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas in the sum of \$2,700 incurred September 15, 1959. Administration was further necessary in that there was then pending a civil law suit in the district court of Dallas County, Texas, in which the deceased was plaintiff, as well as other claims to be prosecuted and collected for the estate. This instrument was filed on behalf of Mrs. SPEARS by Attorney LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE.

An Order Appointing Administratrix With Will Annexed dated December 14, 1959, signed by F. W. BARTLETT, JR., Judge, Probate Court, Dallas County, Texas, in Cause No. 48239-P, is in file containing an order by the court that the will of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was being admitted to probate; that administration be granted upon the estate of the deceased; and that FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS receive letters of

administration with the will annexed thereon upon her taking the oath required by law and giving bond in the sum of \$7,500. It is stipulated when such qualifications had been met, clerk of the Probate Court shall issue letters in accordance with the order. It was further provided that T. E. ELLIS, RUTH McKOOL and MINNIE McMILLAN be appointed appraisers to appraise the estate.

In the file is a surety bond No. 76117 underwritten by Lawyer's Surety Corporation, 907 Texas Bank Building, Dallas, in the sum of \$7,500, providing that said firm as surety and FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS a widow as principal, would be held and bound unto the County Judge of the Probate Court, Dallas, County, Texas, in said sum, condition that Mrs. SPEARS who had been appointed Administratrix with the Will Annexed of the estate of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, deceased, shall perform all the duties required by law under said appointment. Bond was executed by signature of FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS as principal and Lawyer's Surety Corporation, the surety, by E. M. AUSTIN, Deputy Attorney in fact, under date of December 14, 1959. Instant bond was approved by the court the same date.

In file are Letters of Administration in Cause No. 48239-P, issued December 14, 1959, by ED H. STEGER, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, certifying that on December 14, 1959, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS was appointed Administratrix With Will Annexed of the estate of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, deceased.

Application for Sale of Real Estate and Order Setting Date of Hearing, Cause No. 48239-P, filed December 24, 1959, signed by FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS as Administratrix with Will Annexed of the estate of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS setting forth necessity to sell real estate to pay debts on the estate; that no personal property or funds of the estate are sufficient for such purpose; and that for such purpose, it was deemed necessary to sell the following described real estate:

Lot 14 of Tract 18968 per map record in Book 614, Pages 35 to 39 of maps in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and also known as 1802 Santa Rena Drive, Miraleste, California.

It was considered said property was most advantageous to such estate to be sold and should be sold by private sale under terms of part cash and part credit. This instrument contained an order by Probate Court setting the day for hearing of the application at 10 a.m., January 4, 1960.

Inventory and Appraisement in Cause No. 48239-P, Probate Court, Dallas County, Texas of the estate of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS,

signed by T. E. ELLIS, RUTH McKOOL and MINNIE McMILLAN, as appraisers, as well as FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS as Administratrix with Will Annexed under date of January 4, 1960.

This instrument set forth an inventory and appraised value of property belonging to the estate as follows:

Real Estate

1. An undivided interest in Lot 14 of Tract 18968 as per map recorded in Book 614, Pages 35 to 39, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California.	\$28,000.00
Less First Lien mortgage to American Savings and Loan Association	<u>20,600.00</u>
Net	\$ 7,400.00
2. An undivided interest in Lot 8, Block 4/1884 of Munger Place Heights, an addition to the City of Dallas, Texas (6116 Gaston Avenue)	\$25,000.00
Less First Lien to Beacon Mortgage Co.	<u>16,500.00</u>
Net	\$ 8,500.00

(Appraised value includes value of rent (\$65.00 per month) from garage apartment on premises.)

Personal Property

1. Household Furniture at 6116 Gaston Avenue	\$ 2,000.00
2. 1959 Pontiac automobile	\$ 2,950.00
Less mortgage to Mercantile National Bank	<u>2,775.00</u>
Net	\$ 175.00
3. Cashier's Checks	\$ 6,000.00
4. Cash in Mercantile National Bank	\$ 1,299.64

Separate property: None

Claims Against Estate:

1. Suit by J. T. FORNO in California State Court (Disputed)	\$ 5,000.00
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Claims or Debts Owing Estate:

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| 1. | Cause No. 482911-H, LUCILLE LONGHENRY,
Defendant, 160 District Court, Dallas County,
Texas (Disputed) | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 2. | Claim against Mutual Benefit Health and
Accident Association (Policy No. 500 HM
334720-45) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 3. | Claim against National Airlines, Inc. for
wrongful death (Disputed) | (no entry) |
| 4. | Claim against Prudential Insurance Co.,
(mortgage payment on Pontiac car) | \$ 2,775.00 |

On file is an Order for Sale of Real Estate entered under date of January 5, 1960, in Cause No. 48239-P, signed by F. W. BARTLETT, JR., Judge, Probate Court of Dallas County, Texas, providing authority for sale by FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS of certain property located at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, Miraleste, California (legal description noted) and that report of sale so made be returned to the court.

As a part of the file, there was included an autostat copy of an affidavit executed in Dade County, Florida, by JOHN L. MORRIS, Vice President, National Airlines, Inc., bearing an almost illegible date, but believed to be December 2, 1959.

The affidavit recites that MORRIS as Vice President, National Airlines, Inc., has the passenger list of the names of all passengers, crew members and persons aboard Flight 967, DC-7B, Delta aircraft No. N4891C, being flown by National Airlines, Inc., crew, which flight originated in Miami, Florida, and was to terminate in Los Angeles, California, with stops at Tampa, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Dallas, Texas, through an interchange with other airlines.

Further, said plane stopped at Tampa, Florida, and was en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, at approximately 1:33 a.m. on the morning of November 16, 1959; that the plane made radio contact with FAA at Pensacola, Florida, and was seen on radar screen at Dauphin Island, Alabama; that the plane did not reach New Orleans, Louisiana; that wreckage was found approximately 120 miles south-southeast of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico; that nine bodies have been recovered from the wreckage; and that parts of the plane have been recovered and same identified as part of plane No. N4891C on Flight No. 967.

The affidavit continued that attempts are being made to recover bodies of the balance of the passengers, crew members and other persons aboard said plane; that the passenger list of said plane showed, among others, the following as passengers and/or members of the said airplane:

"ROBERT VERNON SPEARS (Doctor), 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas."

An Order Rescinding Order Admitting Will to Probate, in Cause No. 48239-P in the Probate Court of Dallas County, Texas is in file and reflects it was entered January 21, 1960, by F. W. BARTLETT, JR., Judge of said court. This order provides that the prior order of the court admitting the will of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS to probate on December 14, 1959, shall be and was in fact rescinded and held for naught as well as all other orders entered subsequent to said order; that the applicant (Mrs. SPEARS) was ordered to surrender forthwith to the clerk of the Probate Court all Letters of Administration issued; that such letters were being revoked; and that all costs of the probation proceedings were to be against the applicant, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS.

On January 22, 1960, a review of the records of the District Clerk, Dallas County, Texas, disclosed a civil action, docket No. 48291-H, was filed in the 160th District Court of Dallas County, Texas, as follows:

R. V. SPEARS as plaintiff filed a petition in the above court November 13, 1959, naming one LUCILLE W. LONGHENRY, a feme sole, as defendant.

The petition alleged on or about May 21, 1959, R. V. SPEARS and wife entered into a lease agreement with LONGHENRY providing for a two-year lease to LONGHENRY of premises located at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, at a monthly rental of \$400 per month. Under terms of the lease, the defendant (LONGHENRY) assumed occupancy and possession of premises and resided therein until on or about November 1, 1959, and that by the terms of said lease, the defendant was then delinquent in two monthly payments in the amount of \$800.

The petition further alleged on or about June 10, 1959, the defendant executed to R. V. SPEARS and wife an installment promissory note and chattel mortgage, in the total amount of \$1,550, as payment of certain items of furniture sold to the defendant and left in the premises covered by the lease. It was alleged the defendant had not

remitted a single payment as provided by the note and that the plaintiff (SPEARS) was requesting recovery of the total sum due under the note.

In addition, the petition alleged on or about August 13, 1959, LONGHENRY executed unto SPEARS and his wife a certain promissory note in the principal amount of \$800 payable on or about October 15, 1959. It was stated the defendant defaulted in total on the note and recovery of the entire sum due thereunder was requested. It was stated in connection with said note, LONGHENRY conveyed unto SPEARS and his wife a certain chattel mortgage and included therein various items of personal property (household furniture.)

The above petition was filed on behalf of R. V. SPEARS and wife, FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS by LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE, Attorney at Law.

The file contained an answer to the above petition filed on December 7, 1959, by LUCILLE LONGHENRY through her attorney, R. W. (BILL) GLENN, National Building, Dallas, Texas, wherein she denied all allegations recited in the petition. In her answer, LONGHENRY alleged she entered the lease in question on the representations of the deceased plaintiff (R. V. SPEARS) that she could obtain a license from City of Dallas authorities to operate a nursing home [redacted] but that said license application was denied because SPEARS had been accused of performing illegal abortions at that address and City authorities acted under the assumption the proposed lease agreement was merely a sham and a device whereby the deceased plaintiff could continue to carry on his illegal trade.

As a further answer to the petition, LONGHENRY alleged "that under hypnotic persuasion of the plaintiff she executed several blank legal forms which apparently were later filled in by the unfortunate decedent or his wife."

The above file reflected this civil action remained pending and in dispute.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 27, 1960

Mrs. MINNIE MC MILLAN, Clerk, Probate Court of Dallas County, Texas, advised she had no information concerning the probation of the last will and testament of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS other than that shown in the records of the court. She stated she has never had any personal contact with FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS; that her appointment as an appraiser of the estate by the Probate Court was a mere formality and at the convenience of the court; that no actual inventory or appraisal of the deceased's property was ever made, but rather the appraised value and inventory of same as provided by Mrs. SPEARS through her attorney was used by the court; and that to her knowledge no correspondence or related type files exist in connection with the probate proceedings independent of the official court records. Mrs. MC MILLAN pointed out instant proceedings were considered and handled by the Probate Court as a routine matter prior to official notification that SPEARS was in fact not dead, and accordingly took no active participation in the administration of the estate other than to pass on various applications and orders looking to final adjudication of the matter before it.

Interview with Mrs. MINNIE MC MILLAN File # 149-42
on 1/22/60 at Dallas, Texas *al* Date dictated 1/26/60
by Special Agent RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE/jf

B. BANKING INFORMATION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

DATE: 1-27-60

FROM: SA, ROBERT C. LISH

Dictated: 1-21-60

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDELEUR
ISLAND, LA., 11/16/59
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The records of [redacted]
[redacted], as checked January 21, 1960, provided the following
information; concerning [redacted]

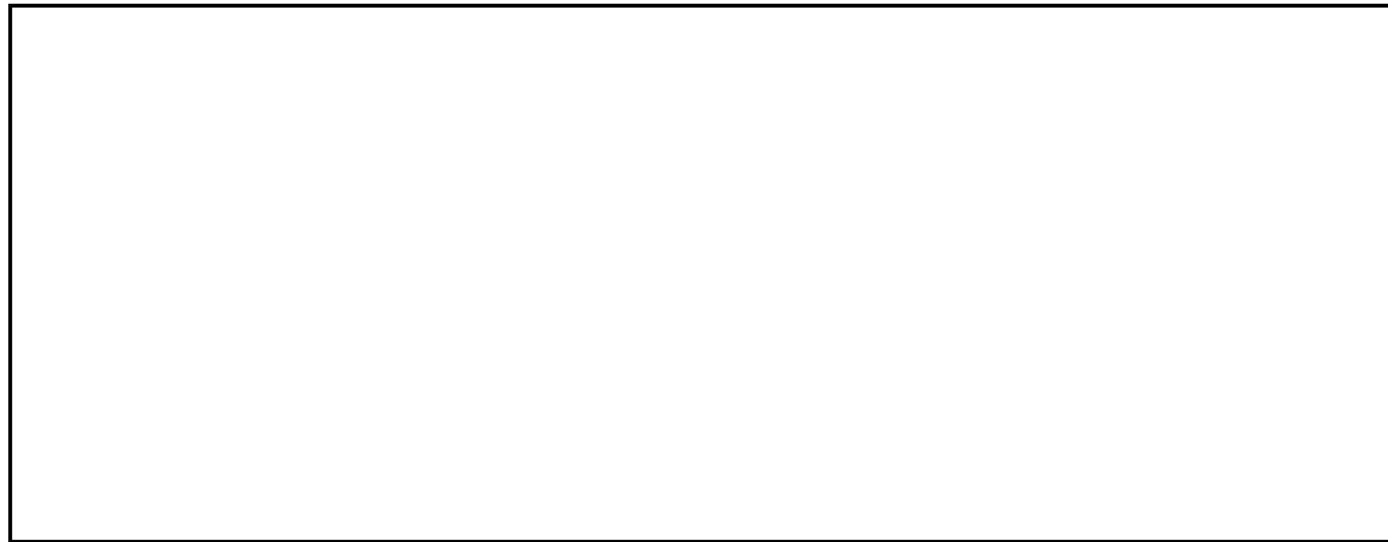
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of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, DALLAS (149-42) DATE: 1/27/60
FROM: SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT *JWB*
SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
FLIGHT 967, Near Chandeleur Island,
Louisiana, 11/16/59
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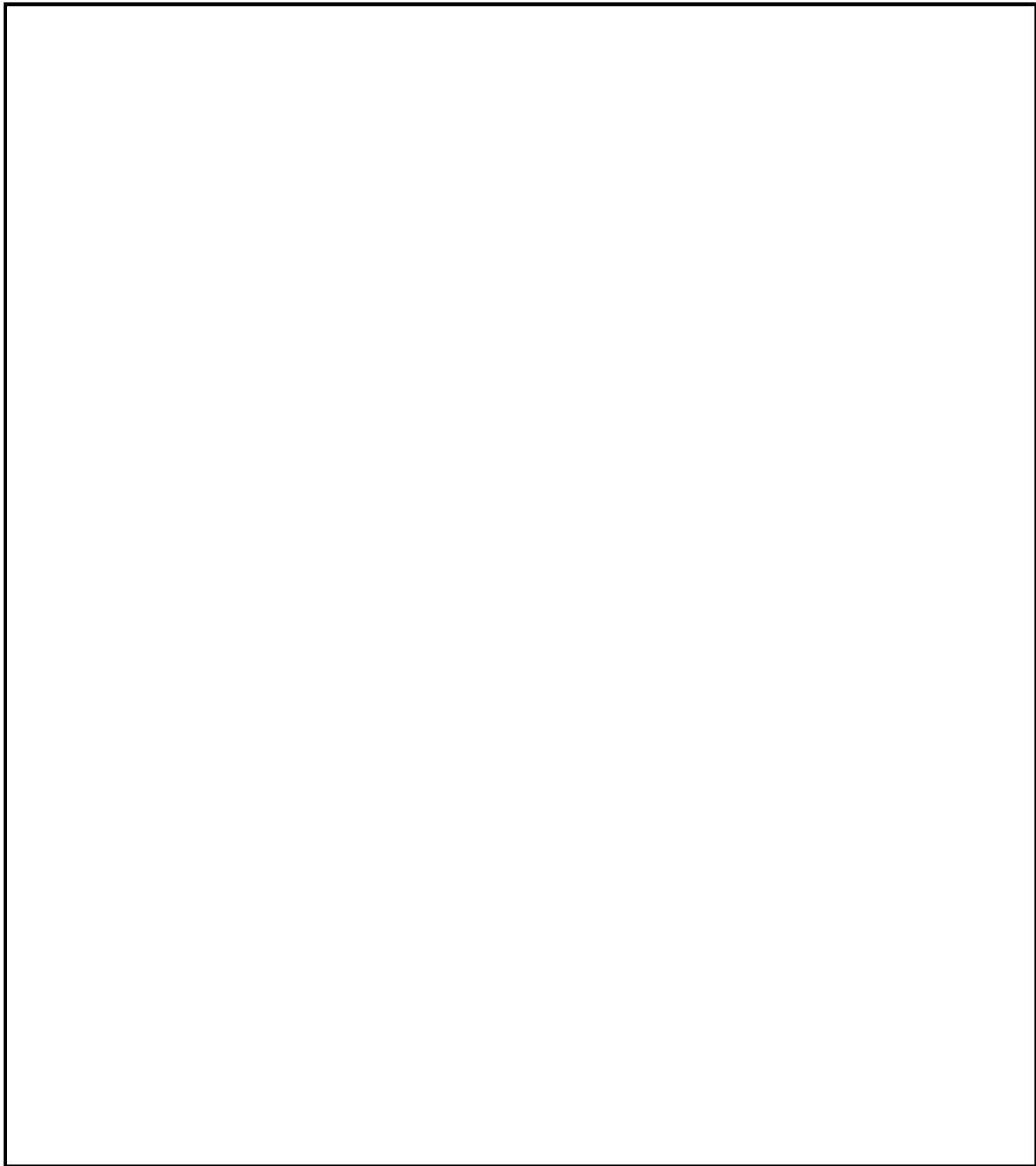
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the following information:

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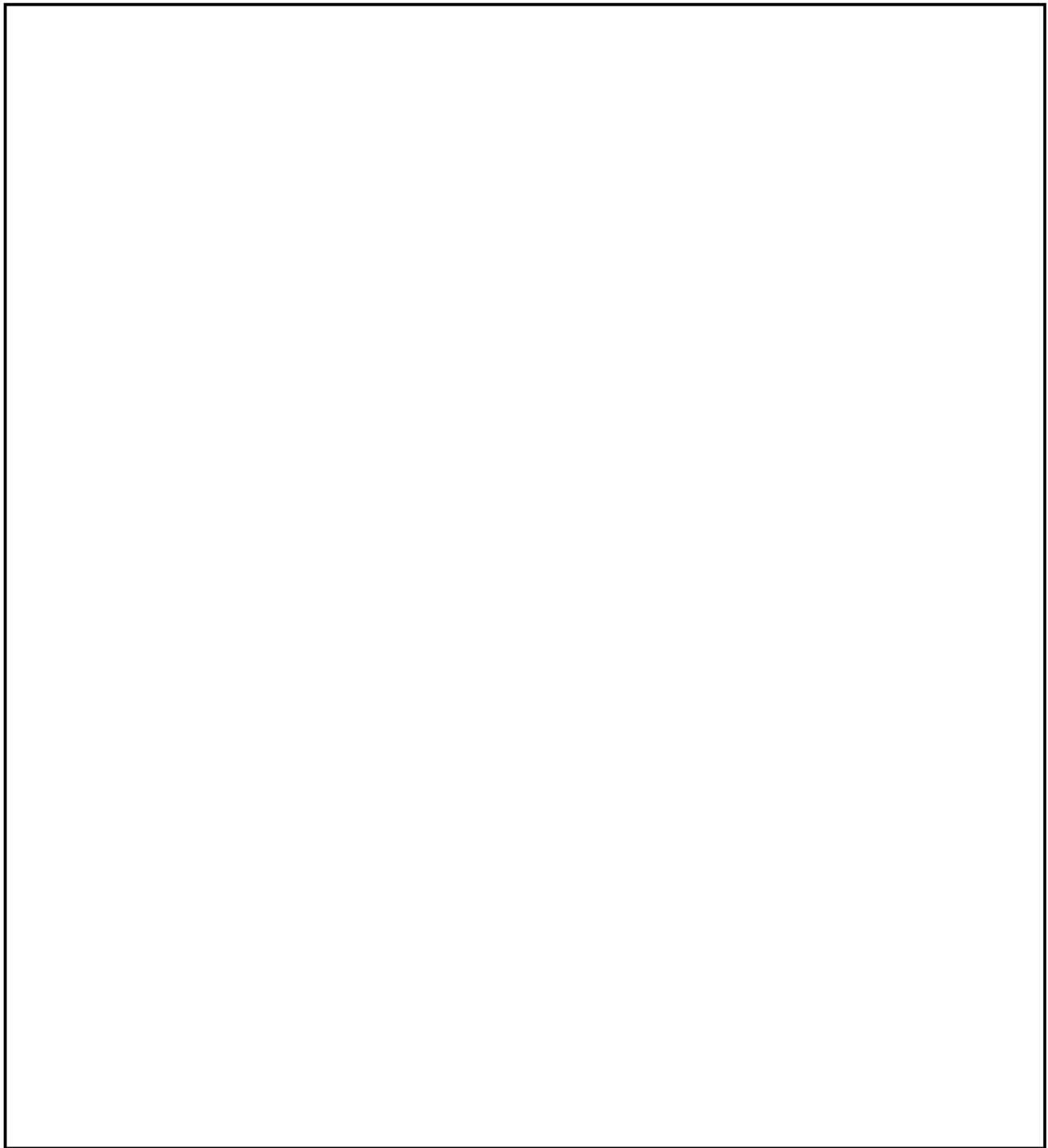
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treated as confidential and is not to be made public except
following the issuance of proper subpoena duces tecum directed
to [redacted]
[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

DATE: 1/27/60

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

DICTATED: 1/22/60

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
PLANE, FLIGHT 967, NEAR
CHANDELEUR ISLAND, LA., 11/16/59
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On January 22, 1960, the records of [redacted]

[redacted] reflected that [redacted]

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issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which subpoena should be
directed to [redacted]
[redacted]

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C. INSURANCE DATA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

DATE: 1/27/60

FROM : SA ROBERT C. LISH *Rec*

DICTATED: 1/26/60

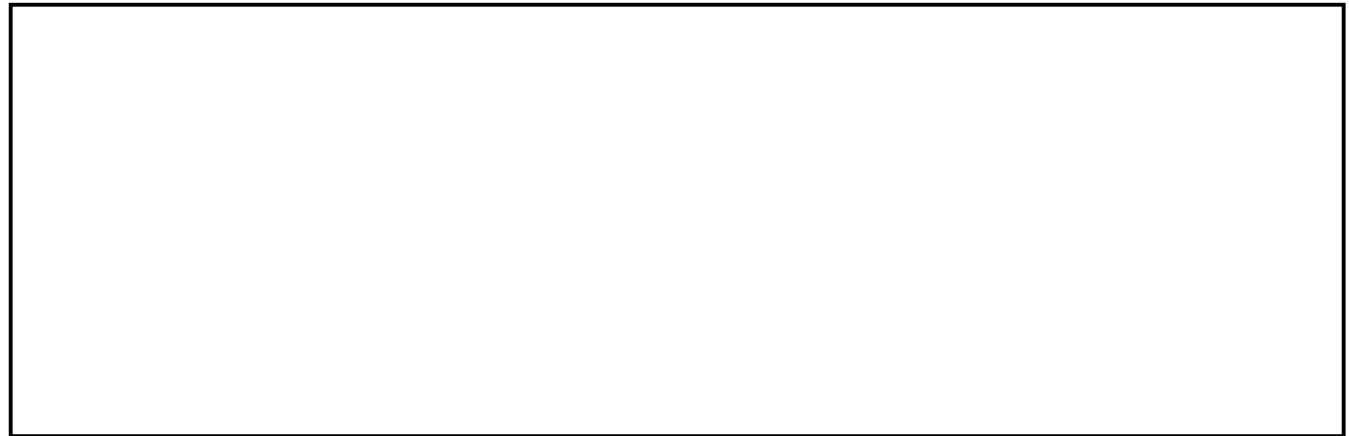
SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES
PLANE, FLIGHT 967, NEAR
CHANDELEUR ISLAND, LA., 11/16/59
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and the following information was obtained:

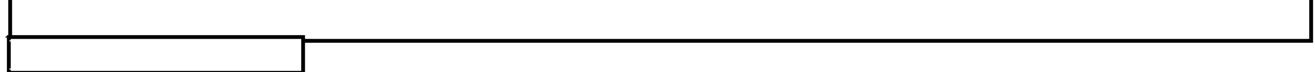
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of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]



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Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42) Date: January 23, 1960
FROM : SAs EUGENE F. WHITEHORNE and B. TOM CARTER
Dictated: January 23, 1960

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIR LINES PLANE
FLIGHT 967 NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LA.; 11/16/59
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Information contained in the files of [redacted]

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be obtained only by subpoena duces tecum. This information which
would be record information only is obtainable by subpoenaing
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/26/60

JAMES H. STEVENS, Mercantile Security Life, 821 Mercantile Securities Building, advised that he formerly operated the Jim Stevens Agency, Oil and Gas Building, and handled general insurance.

STEVENS stated on or about September 9, 1959, he received a telephone call from a DR. ROBERT SPEARS who wanted to take out an accident insurance policy. He stated he did not know SPEARS and asked him how he got his name and SPEARS replied that he had gotten it from the telephone book. STEVENS recalled that SPEARS told him he was staying at the Baker Hotel and had residences both in Dallas and California and that he was doing a lot of traveling and desired an accident policy.

STEVENS stated he told SPEARS to contact MARY LOU STEWART, Surplus Insurance Underwriters, who would issue the policy and that he never met SPEARS in person and knows nothing further concerning him.

STEVENS added it now appeared that SPEARS might have picked out his agency because it was small and he desired as much anonymousness as possible.

Interview with JAMES H. STEVENS File # Dallas 149-42
on 1/26/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/26/60
by Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT  gas

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 27, 1960

MARY LOU STEWART, Underwriter, Surplus Insurance Underwriters, 300 Dallas Federal Savings Building, advised that on September 9, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS, 6116 Gaston, Dallas, Texas, was issued Personal Accident Certificate No. 3087-6785 in the amount of \$20,000.00. The beneficiary under this policy is FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS.

STEWART stated that SPEARS had been sent to the company by JIM STEVENS, a life insurance underwriter and as she recalled the transaction, STEVENS had called on September 9, 1959, and stated that SPEARS was in his office and wanted to take out an accident policy and inquired whether said company would handle same. Upon being advised that said company would issue the policy, STEVENS apparently had SPEARS execute an application for the insurance. On September 15, 1959, SPEARS came to the office of the Surplus Insurance Underwriters with the application and policy No. 3087-6785 issued to him. This policy was dated back to date of application September 9, 1959, and SPEARS paid total cash premium of \$32.50 for one year's coverage.

STEWART stated SPEARS at first wanted the policy to reflect his residence as 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California, but when advised that the company could not issue a policy to a resident of California, he stated that he also had a Dallas residence at 6116 Gaston. SPEARS requested the policy be forwarded to JIM STEVENS and that STEVENS be requested to forward it to 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California.

STEWART stated SPEARS had advised that he talked to a fellow on a plane who told him that Loyd's Insurance was broader than other forms and accordingly this was his reason for desiring policy with Surplus Insurance Underwriters who are underwriters of Loyd's, London.

STEWART added that SPEARS claimed to be in Dallas for the Gift Show and had a Gift Show badge on his coat. He claimed to have some sort of work with disabled veterans.

STEWART advised a claim was made on said policy by letter November 25, 1959, from CHARLES W. TESSMER, Attorney, advising of SPEARS' death November 16, 1959, while a passenger of National Airlines Inc. flight and requesting proof of death forms. A release, upon payment of the \$20,000.00, was signed by FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS, dated December 10, 1959.

Interview with MARY LOU STEWART File # 149-42

on 1-25-60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1-25-60

by Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT (mas)

STEWART stated that the above claim has not been paid and by letter January 21, 1960, the above policy was cancelled as of February 6, 1960.

STEWART furnished copies of the following:

- (1) Typed copy of application (Proposed Form)
- (2) Verifax copy of Certificate of Insurance No.

3087-6785

(3) Verifax copy of letter November 25, 1959, from CHARLES W. TESSMER, Attorney, giving notice of death of Dr. ROBERT SPEARS.

(4) Verifax copy of letter January 7, 1960, from Surplus Insurance Underwriters to H. J. Symons Claim Department.

(5) Verifax copy of Inter-office correspondence January 19, 1960, from Troy Jolly to file.

(6) Verifax copy of release from FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS dated December 10, 1959.

(7) Verifax copy of letter January 21, 1960 to ROBERT SPEARS, giving notice of cancellation of Certificate No. 3087-6785, effective February 6, 1960.

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Mrs. LORAIN HOGAN, I. Reinhardt & Son Insurance Agency, Room 120, Meadows Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that her file concerning Dr. ROBERT SPEARS reflected that R. B. KILMER had written Policy No. FL2-36385 for the American Fire and Casualty Company, Orlando, Florida, for the period August 15, 1954, to August 15, 1957, on the household effects of ROBERT SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$10,000, and that this policy was renewed for the period August 15, 1957, to August 15, 1960, with the Queen City Insurance Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, Policy No. 42-511920. Her records reflected that on June 29, 1959, the value of this policy was reduced to \$2,000.

Her records reflected that Policy No. FL2-36386 for the American Fire and Casualty Company, Orlando, Florida, was issued for the period August 14, 1954, to August 14, 1959, to ROBERT and FRANCES SPEARS in the amount of \$20,000 on the dwelling at 6116 Gaston Avenue. This policy was renewed but was cancelled on September 9, 1959, as the result of the coverage being placed elsewhere. Mrs. HOGAN stated that this was probably due to an additional loan being obtained on the property necessitating the insurance being taken with the insurance company of the choosing of the mortgage company.

Her records reflected that a residence theft policy No. CR 25798 with Anchor Casualty Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was issued to ROBERT SPEARS for the period June 23, 1955, to June 23, 1958, for \$1,000 theft from premises and away.

Mrs. HOGAN stated she has records and notes which reflect that on March 17, 1958, ROBERT SPEARS telephonically contacted Mrs. HOGAN in Dallas and stated he had just arrived in Dallas, and on March 14, 1958, while on his way back to Dallas from Florida he was driving through Tampa, Florida, and had seen a new supermarket on Gandy Boulevard and had stopped to go into the store. After returning to his car from the store he reported that he found everything in his car had been stolen including his income tax records, suit, sportcoat, slacks, sport shirts, initialed briefcase, Rollafex camera, tape recorder, and audiometer. Mrs. HOGAN stated she told SPEARS that if the tape recorder was used in his work it would not be covered by the policy, and SPEARS said it was his hobby and he used it in doing therapy work with disabled veterans. Mrs. HOGAN stated that this loss was reported to

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING (mas)

an adjuster, SAM MURRELL, who is now located in Lubbock, Texas, and this claim was paid in the amount of \$984.45, by a draft delivered to SPEARS by R. B. KILMER on April 10, 1958.

Mrs. HOGAN stated that under Policy No. F12-36386 on the dwelling at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, a claim for water damage occurring September 10, 1956, was paid on February 25, 1957, in the amount of \$278.00. She stated that on September 9, 1959, R. B. KILMER delivered a draft in the amount of \$589.58 to SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, which draft covered a claim for water damage occurring July 13, 1959.

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Mr. R.B. KILMER, [redacted] b6 b7c
 who formerly operated an insurance adjusting firm and is now employed as a solicitor for I. Reinhardt & Son Insurance Agency, Room 120, Meadows Building, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in the presence of his wife and advised that he and his wife first met ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES, who he was courting at the time, sometime in 1947 at the Dallas Aquarium Society. He stated that shortly thereafter he and his wife visited socially with other individuals from the Dallas Aquarium Society in the SPEARS home on North Lake Drive. He stated he wrote insurance on SPEARS' household effects in about 1948 or 1949 while SPEARS was living at North Lake Drive. He stated he recalls SPEARS having some machines which would supposedly tell a person what vitamins they needed and tell them what was wrong with them by a particular light lighting up. He stated that on their first meeting SPEARS told him his parents both died in 1917 while he (SPEARS) was overseas.

Mr. KILMER stated that sometime in 1952 Mrs. KILMER, who teaches Chinese painting, and another lady were considering going into the Chinese painting business and Mrs. SPEARS, who had taken several lessons from Mrs. KILMER, indicated she might want to go into business with her. However, Mrs. SPEARS decided against it stating she was going to be receptionist and nurse for Mr. SPEARS. Mr. KILMER stated Mrs. SPEARS indicated her husband would have offices at their Gaston Avenue residence.

Mr. KILMER stated that Mrs. KILMER suspected something unusual about Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS as did he, because they never wanted to indicate exactly what kind of work they were doing, but always had money. He stated they became completely suspicious in about 1952 when, after a two week trip to California, Mr. SPEARS started calling himself a doctor and they wondered how this was possible, and just stopped seeing them whenever possible, except in connection with the insurance Mr. KILMER was writing for SPEARS.

Mr. KILMER stated he saw Mr. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue on several occasions between 1952 and 1957 in connection with insurance on the household effects and dwelling and always noticed two or three women in housecoats which puzzled him. Mr. KILMER stated that when he first wrote household insurance for SPEARS he received an inquiry from his insurance company, the name of which he cannot now recall, in which the company asked the

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middle name of ROBERT SPEARS because if he was the same ROBERT SPEARS who had once been in Virginia the company did not want to issue a policy to him. When he queried Mr. SPEARS he said he had never lived in the East and had no middle name.

In about December, 1957, Mrs. SPEARS called Mrs. KILMER and invited her and her husband to come see their baby. Mr. and Mrs. KILMER went to see the baby and Mrs. SPEARS told them she had been placed under hypnosis by her husband when she gave birth to her baby.

Mr. KILMER stated that on April 10, 1958, he delivered a draft in the amount of \$984.45 to Mr. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, which draft was the payment of claim for the loss of personal effects from his car at Tampa, Florida, in March, 1958. Mr. KILMER stated this was shortly after the arrest of ROBERT SPEARS in Dallas on abortion charges, and that SPEARS remarked to him that the things in the newspapers about him were not true.

Mr. KILMER stated that about two weeks later he delivered a return premium check to ROBERT SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue because the policy on which the \$948.45 claim was paid was being terminated because of this loss. He stated he recalls that SPEARS made a report of the theft to the Tampa, Florida, Police Department in connection with this claim and claimed all of his tax records were stolen.

Mr. KILMER stated he and his wife saw Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS at the First Community Church in Dallas on Mother's Day, 1958.

On July 14 or 15, 1959, Mr. KILMER stated he saw Mr. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue in connection with water damage in his kitchen, at which time SPEARS stated he was going to be in Dallas about one week.

On September 9, 1959, Mr. KILMER stated he delivered a check to Mr. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue for a claim for water damage occurring in July, 1959, and that Mrs. SPEARS was present.

On September 10, 1959, Mr. KILMER stated he met Mr. SPEARS in the lobby of the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, to get him to sign an endorsement reducing the amount of insurance on the household effects at 6116 Gaston Avenue from \$10,000. to \$2,000.

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Mr. KILMER stated that on January 13, 1960, FRANCES SPEARS called Mrs. KILMER on the telephone and inquired if any of Mrs. KILMER's painting students would like to purchase her paints and equipment as she (Mrs. SPEARS) would have to be working now and was trying to sell everything she could to turn it into cash. According to Mr. KILMER, Mrs. SPEARS told Mrs. KILMER she was considering selling her house on Gaston Avenue and getting a smaller home with a fence for the children. He stated Mrs. KILMER received another call on January 14, 1960, from Mrs. SPEARS stating she would like to get \$20. for the painting equipment in the event any of Mrs. KILMER's students wanted it.

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JOHN T. PARKER, John T. Parker Insurance Claims, Thomas Building, advised that he no longer has records from 1951, but that if he could get the name of the insurance company involved, he could probably locate information regarding TAYLOR.

MR. PARKER stated that last fall, DR. ROBERT A. SPEARS made a claim against one of the companies represented by PARKER for a collision at Dallas, Texas, where the insured ran into the rear of SPEARS' automobile. PARKER advised that his company settled with SPEARS and that no difficulty was involved, and that SPEARS made no claim for personal injury.

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on 1/21/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/23/60
by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM ^{BDO} / gas

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 25, 1960

On January 22, 1960, JOHN T. PARKER, John T. Parker Claims Service, Thomas Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that he conducted an investigation for the United States Aviation Underwriters (a combination of 40 or 50 large insurance companies) which holds liability insurance policies on all the major airlines, in connection with the crash of National Airlines Flight 967, November 16, 1959.

Mr. PARKER advised that he went to the home of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, 6116 Gaston, on November 26, 1959, and was greeted by a Negro maid who informed him that Mrs. SPEARS was not at home but that she could be reached on the telephone. The maid then dialed a number and PARKER spoke to Mrs. SPEARS on the telephone. She told PARKER that she had no comment to make and referred him to her lawyer, CHARLES TESSMER.

Mr. PARKER advised that he had obtained a report from the Retail Credit Company, Dallas, Texas, reflecting investigation on December 3, 1959. The report bears the initials ASM, apparently those of the investigator. Report states that the investigator talked to neighbors and others and examined a previous report made on August 14, 1959, at the request of the Pioneer American Life Insurance Company, Fort Worth, Texas, in connection with SPEARS' application for a \$25,000 life insurance policy. The report of December 3, 1959, states that "informant" advised that SPEARS flew to Florida to collect a \$2,000 debt from an unknown person.

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by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM/pm *BDO*

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JIM MC ANDRUS, Investigator, Reserve Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, advised that E. W. MC KENDREY, Bankers Life and Casualty Company, Chicago, Illinois, telephone SPring 7-7000 has reportedly handled quite a few cases personally with DR. SPEARS where claims had been made against that company.

MC ANDRUS further advised that he had caused a check to be made on the names of SPEARS and TAYLOR with the Casualty Index Bureau, of the Hooper-Holmes Bureau, Morristown, New Jersey, which reflected nothing on SPEARS, and only one reference on WILLIAM ALVIN TAYLOR. On December 22, 1941, Providence Life and Accident Insurance Company, 721 Broad Street, Memphis, Tennessee, reported that claim experience with TAYLOR had been unsatisfactory. MC ANDRUS stated that he received this information by teletype on January 25, 1960..

MR. MC ANDRUS advised that a search of the files of the Reserve Life Insurance Company reflected that in 1952, MRS.

CHARLES C. STOWE, [redacted] was involved in fraudulent claims against Reserve Life Insurance Company and the National Polio Foundation, in connection with a polio case. MC ANDRUS advised that MRS. STOWE had been a nurse at Baylor Hospital and that she and a DR. RUTH JACKSON-Tex. o~ were involved in making fraudulent claims, raising bills submitted to reflect higher charges, and forging the endorsement on a check payable to Brannin-Carrell Clinic. MR. MC ANDRUS advised that MRS. CHARLES C. STOWE [redacted]

MARVIN HICKS MASSEY, [redacted] FRANCES MASSEY. He advised that in 1952, CHARLES C. STOWE was in the insurance business at 212 Fidelity Building, Dallas, Texas.

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on	<u>1/25/60</u>	at	<u>Dallas, Texas</u>
		Date dictated	<u>1/25/60</u>
by Special Agent	<u>BARDWELL D. ODUM / gas</u>		

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CHARLES HOLMANS, Southwest Index Bureau, Tower Petroleum Building, advised that a check of the records shows no information concerning ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and the following information which may pertain to WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR:

(The Southwest Index Bureau maintains a list of claimants in automobile and personal liability cases, as furnished by the insurance companies which are members of the Southwest Index Bureau.)

1. On September 23, 1951, WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, white, male, born at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1901, 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 185 pounds, grey/brown hair, salesman in leather goods, address 1913 West 10th Street, claimed injury to neck, head, right shoulder, and right arm. He was reported by Dallas Railway and Terminal Co., their claim No. 3257-51.

2. WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, residence Wichita Falls, Texas, no other description, was injured in an automobile accident 5 miles east of Floydada, January 21, 1950, and was treated for a badly mashed left arm at the Peoples Hospital, Floydada, Texas. This was reported by the Houston office of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, their file No. 193-KAL-1205, their insured ROY L. LYNCH.

3. WILLIAM TAYLOR, residence Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, white, male, 55 years, claimed his foot was cut August 10, 1957, by a lasting tack in a shoe while the shoe was being taken off in Thom McAn Shoe Store, 1837 Airline Highway, Metairie, Louisiana. TAYLOR listed his residence as 621 Shrewsbury Road, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. This information was reported by AMLICO (American Life Insurance Company), 8130 Palmetto Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, their file No. PL8516-B76-9813.

4. W. A. TAYLOR, white, male, 54 years of age, represented by WALTER L. LAMBRIGHT, attorney, 701 American Investors Building, Houston, Texas, filed claim for damages as result of automobile accident occurring March 18, 1958, at South Park Boulevard and Arvilla Lane, Houston, Texas. This information was furnished by Firemans Fund Indemnity Co., 3400 Montrose, Houston, Texas, their file No. A-846-A-1634, their insured Dr. FRANK FISHERMAN.

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D. MORTGAGE INFORMATION

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WARDEN R. MC FARLAND, McFarland and Cash Real Estate, 6418 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised he has known Dr. SPEARS casually since 1953 when he sold Dr. SPEARS his present home on Gaston Avenue for \$16,000. Since that time Dr. SPEARS has occasionally visited his real estate office to merely pass the time. At no time did he reveal any information concerning his personal affairs. MC FARLAND noted his real estate office is located in the neighborhood of Dr. SPEARS' residence and Dr. SPEARS was known by sight to all employees in his office.

MC FARLAND advised, that according to records maintained by his office, Dr. SPEARS came to his office a day or two before October 14, 1959, and requested his residence be open-listed for sale for \$35,000. Dr. SPEARS indicated he had recently had the mortgage on his residence refinanced and had a \$16,500. mortgage at 6% with Beacon Mortgage Company, 1021 Kirby Building, Dallas. Dr. SPEARS indicated that before having the house refinanced he had the original mortgage down to \$3,000; however, he was in need of cash since he had not sold his California home and had arranged for a new mortgage.

MC FARLAND stated that an employee, Miss VICTA OLSEN had shown Dr. SPEARS' home to a prospective buyer on October 19, 1959, and at that time, Dr. SPEARS appeared to be "camping" upstairs since neither his household effects nor his wife had as yet arrived from California. MC FARLAND stated that OLSEN had a notation to this effect in her office papers.

MC FARLAND stated he could furnish no additional information concerning Dr. and Mrs. SPEARS; however, by letter dated November 25, 1959, he received a letter from LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE of the office of CHARLES W. TESSMER, Attorney at Law, who claimed to be the attorney for Mrs. SPEARS requesting that the open listing of the SPEARS' residence be removed from the market in view of the death of Dr. SPEARS.

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Mr. A. D. ALEXANDER, JR., President, Beacon Mortgage Company, Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that Dr. ROBERT SPEARS first contacted him around September 1, 1959, having been sent to ALEXANDER by the Glenn Justice Mortgage Company, Dallas, Texas, to see about getting refinancing and a cash advance loan on property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. ALEXANDER states he told SPEARS he wanted to see the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue and do a preliminary credit check on SPEARS before making a decision on such a loan.

Mr. ALEXANDER stated that a day or so later he looked at the property but could not get inside the house or the garage or garage apartment. He stated some unknown lady on the premises told him the garage apartment had formerly been used by Dr. SPEARS as a laboratory and that there was considerable equipment and medical supplies valued at approximately \$50,000.00 in this garage apartment and that she could not permit him to enter this apartment. Mr. ALEXANDER stated he returned to his office and tried to contact Dr. SPEARS by telephone. He stated while at the premises at 6116 Gaston Avenue, he noticed two heavy padlocks on the garage doors and the door to the garage apartment was locked.

On September 4, 1959, Mr. ALEXANDER stated he took an application for a loan from Dr. SPEARS in person. He stated he asked Dr. SPEARS if he had ever been convicted of a felony, had any law suits pending or anything against his record, and Dr. SPEARS told him he did not. He stated he asked Dr. SPEARS for what purpose he wanted the proceeds of the loan requested in the amount of \$20,000, and that Dr. SPEARS stated he was buying some property in San Pedro, California, which property was on a hill and consisted of about one acre on a tract of land owned by a man named McELRATH (phonetic). He stated Dr. SPEARS said he was at that time indebted to McELRATH for this property and that the proceeds of the loan he was seeking from Beacon Mortgage Company would clear this indebtedness. Dr. SPEARS told him that a Mrs. LONGHENRY was leasing the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue for \$400 per month with an option to purchase. He stated that Dr. SPEARS guaranteed that in case of default on the loan that the rental fee of \$400 per month could be applied to the balance of the loan.

Mr. ALEXANDER stated that he told Dr. SPEARS he had been refused admittance to the property on the premises at 6116 Gaston Avenue, and Dr. SPEARS made no explanation concerning the refusal other than to say he had left word with everyone at the premises that

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no one was to go in the garage apartment, because he had a considerable amount of equipment, medical supplies and other personal property in this apartment and he did not want anyone to mess with it. DR. SPEARS said he would make arrangements for this material to be removed, after which access to the premises would be permitted. DR. SPEARS stated he had used the garage apartment as an office and laboratory when he was practicing medicine in Dallas. He did not state where he had placed the equipment removed from the garage apartment.

MR. ALEXANDER advised that on September 9, 1959, DR. SPEARS telephonically contacted him, the telephone call believed to be local, and stated he would have MRS. LONGHENRY call MR. O. H. BYNUM, an independent real estate appraiser, to examine the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue.

Later on September 9, 1959, DR. SPEARS came to MR. ALEXANDER's office and stated he had moved the equipment out of the garage and garage apartment and that MRS. LONGHENRY would show the premises to MR. BYNUM. DR. SPEARS then went to the Glenn Justice Mortgage Company office to see BOB SCHULMAN and told SCHULMAN that ALEXANDER needed additional credit information and SCHULMAN sent information contained in the files of Glenn Justice Mortgage Company to MR. ALEXANDER.

MR. ALEXANDER advised that in the early part of October, 1959, DR. SPEARS telephonically contacted him from San Pedro, California, and inquired if the loan had been approved, stating that the man to whom he planned to pay the proceeds from the loan was impatient. DR. SPEARS also stated he had \$10,000 deposited in escrow with the Bank of America, San Pedro Branch, in connection with the purchase of the property in San Pedro, and that as soon as he received the proceeds of the loan he would pay the man in California in full.

On October 9, 1959, MR. ALEXANDER received a telegram from his home office advising him that the loan to DR. SPEARS in the amount of \$16,500 had been approved.

On about October 10 to 12, 1959, MR. ALEXANDER stated he called DR. SPEARS in California, and a woman identifying herself as MRS. SPEARS answered the telephone and said DR. SPEARS was out of town and in all probability was coming to Dallas. He stated he told her the loan had been approved and

she stated she would have DR. SPEARS get in touch with MR. ALEXANDER.

On about October 14, 1959, DR. SPEARS appeared at ALEXANDER's office. In September, 1959, ALEXANDER had been in an accident and had lost part of his index finger on his left hand. ALEXANDER stated he noticed that the right index finger of DR. SPEARS had been amputated below the second joint and that the middle and ring fingers of DR. SPEARS' right hand had been damaged. He stated these fingers appeared to have been damaged five or more years ago. DR. SPEARS told ALEXANDER the injury to his fingers had been caused by an airplane crash and that he thereafter gave up practicing as a surgeon and went into being a general practitioner. DR. SPEARS did not indicate where or when the airplane crash occurred that caused the damage to his fingers.

MR. ALEXANDER stated that it was on this occasion that DR. SPEARS mentioned that he wanted to get some life insurance to protect the mortgage resulting from this loan, but was refused by ALEXANDER because DR. SPEARS was over sixty years of age and ALEXANDER believed the premiums would be prohibitive. When refused on the mortgage cancellation insurance DR. SPEARS stated he would go some place else and get it because he felt he needed it for the protection of his wife and two children who were quite small. DR. SPEARS told ALEXANDER he also needed this insurance because he was commuting back and forth between California and Dallas by commercial airlines and was in the process of engaging in a partnership practice in California and there had been quite a few airline accidents lately.

DR. SPEARS stated he would stay in Dallas and wait if the proceeds of the loan could be obtained by October 15, 1959, but was told by ALEXANDER that this would be impossible and would take about a week to get the papers checked and disburse the proceeds of the \$16,500. approved loan.

Sometime between October 15 and 26, 1959, DR. SPEARS called ALEXANDER to inquire if the proceeds of the loan were available as he was desperately in need of the money.

On October 26, 1959, the proceeds of the \$16,500 loan were disbursed, the closing of the loan being handled by Texas Title Company, Dallas, Texas.

Sometime between October 26, 1959, and November 1, 1959, DR. SPEARS appeared at MR. ALEXANDER's office and said he

was going to Miami, Florida, via Delta and National Airlines to take care of some investments he had in Florida, and that he was sending the proceeds of the loan to his wife in California. DR. SPEARS told ALEXANDER at this time that he was heavily indebted on the property he had in Florida, to which ALEXANDER commented that had DR. SPEARS revealed this before the loan was granted the Beacon Mortgage Company would not have made the loan to DR. SPEARS.

MR. ALEXANDER stated he told DR. SPEARS he was leaving on a trip that evening to Topeka, Kansas, via Kansas City on Braniff Airways and DR. SPEARS remarked that he (ALEXANDER) should be careful as there had been so many airplane crashes. He stated SPEARS said he would be back through Dallas as soon as he settled his business in Florida, and if he made it back he would stop and visit with ALEXANDER. ALEXANDER stated he asked SPEARS at this time where he wanted the payment letter and amortization schedule for the loan sent and DR. SPEARS told him to mail it to his wife in California.

MR. ALEXANDER stated he has not seen SPEARS since, and in view of what he has heard he now feels some of the remarks by DR. SPEARS in their various conversations may have some significance.

MR. ALEXANDER stated CHARLES TESSMER identifying himself as the attorney for MRS. SPEARS called him sometime in December, 1959, prior to Christmas and asked if ALEXANDER's company had a mortgage cancellation insurance policy on the life of DR. SPEARS who had been killed in an airplane crash. ALEXANDER stated that TESSMER told him that MRS. SPEARS insisted that DR. SPEARS had taken out such an insurance policy with ALEXANDER's company. ALEXANDER stated he told TESSMER he had refused to issue such an insurance policy to SPEARS because of his age and the prohibitive premiums. Shortly thereafter, MRS. SPEARS called ALEXANDER and insisted that DR. SPEARS had taken out a life insurance policy with ALEXANDER's company saying that DR. SPEARS had telephoned her stating that he had taken out such a policy with ALEXANDER's company. MRS. SPEARS did not state when DR. SPEARS had telephonically advised her of this, but also stated that she was now living in the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue and would make that her residence. He stated MRS. SPEARS said she would see that the payments on the loan were made and asked when the first payment was due and was told it would be due on January 1, 1960.

MR. ALEXANDER stated the first payment on this loan was received on January 7, 1960, from CHARLES TESSMER, Attorney for MRS. SPEARS, but he does not know if it was a check of TESSMER or of MRS. SPEARS. This check was on the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas.

MR. ALEXANDER advised that in a conversation with DR. SPEARS after the injury to his (ALEXANDER's) hand, he recalls DR. SPEARS suggesting that ALEXANDER see a doctor friend who could relieve pain in ALEXANDER's hand by high frequency sound waves. He stated DR. SPEARS commented he had a thorough working knowledge of high frequency sound waves, but did not have the equipment in Dallas. DR. SPEARS explained that high frequency sound waves were transmitted by putting two electrodes in water and that this was the only way high frequency contact could be made.

MR. ALEXANDER stated that within the past two weeks, date not recalled, he received a telephone call at his office at about 6:00 PM from a man who refused to identify himself, but who stated he wanted to talk to ALEXANDER about DR. SPEARS and asked if ALEXANDER knew DR. SPEARS was a criminal. ALEXANDER stated he told this individual he did not consider it any business of the party calling, after which the individual remarked that DR. SPEARS had been told to get off the ill-fated plane that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico at Tampa, Florida, because there was a gunman aboard. MR. ALEXANDER stated this individual mentioned the alleged gunman by name, but he does not recall the name. He stated this individual then hung up.

MR. ALEXANDER made available his file concerning the \$16,500 loan to DR. SPEARS and the following information was obtained therefrom:

DR. ROBERT SPEARS was born June 16, 1897. He is married to FRANCES SPEARS, age 35, and they have two small children. His residence addresses are listed as 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California, and 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. He listed his employment as a physician for 35 years. He stated he carried life insurance in the amount of \$15,000 but indicated he did not know the name of the company. He listed a Dallas telephone number of Riverside 7-4758.

DR. SPEARS was shown as having the following bank references:

San Pedro National Bank, San Pedro, California
Republic National Bank of Dallas
Bank of America in California.

Dallas and San Pedro credit reports indicated his credit was satisfactory. A credit report dated June, 1959, reflected DR. SPEARS had maintained an office in Dallas and San Pedro, California, as an M. D. and prior to that in Dallas. His annual income was listed as from \$16,000 to \$25,000 from his practice, \$4,800 per year on rental property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and \$4,800 to \$5,000 from a 1200 acre farm in Friona, Texas. His net worth was estimated at \$360,000 consisting of cash, stocks, bonds, equity in real estate in Dallas and California, farm, household goods and personals.

The loan application furnished by DR. SPEARS to MR. ALEXANDER on September 4, 1959, reflects the following assets:

Cash	\$19,000
Stocks and bonds	37,500
Accounts Due	15,000
Automobiles: 1959 Cadillac	5,850
Unknown	2,000
Real Estate owned	268,750
Other investments	18,500
Personal Effects and	
Jewelry	9,500
Equipment and Practice	95,000

This loan application reflected one liability as a loan on real estate in the amount of \$21,700. He listed on this application as bank references the Bank of America, San Pedro National Bank, Republic National Bank and First National Bank, the latter two believed to be in Dallas. On a schedule of his real estate he listed the following:

	<u>Value</u>	<u>Indebtedness</u>
1802 Santa Rean Drive, San Pedro Farm, Friona, Texas, 1200 Acres	\$28,750 200,000	\$20,000 -----

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	<u>Value</u>	<u>Indebtedness</u>
6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$1,700

MR. ALEXANDER stated he would be willing to testify concerning the information furnished by him and from the information contained in the files of his company.

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Mrs. ANN McCARTY, Room 1021, Beacon Mortgage Company, Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that Mr. A. D. ALEXANDER, JR., President of Beacon Mortgage Company, was on an extended business trip and would not return until February 8, 1960.

Mrs. McCARTY advised that she recalls receiving frequent telephone calls from Mr. SPEARS at the Beacon Mortgage Company during September and October and possibly November, 1959. She stated she recalls there were some long distance telephone calls from Mr. SPEARS and that such long distance calls were always from a San Pedro, California, operator. She stated she had no records concerning long distance calls received from Mr. SPEARS unless they were charged to the Beacon Mortgage Company telephone, RIVERSIDE 1-4911. She stated that the Beacon Mortgage Company telephone bills reflect that on September 29, 1959, a call was made by the Beacon Mortgage Company to San Pedro, California, and that she is positive this call would have been to Mr. SPEARS as no other long distance calls would have been made by that company to San Pedro, California.

Mrs. McCARTY stated that from the file concerning the loan made to Mr. SPEARS, the deed of trust on the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was signed before a notary by ROBERT SPEARS at Dallas, Texas, on October 20, 1959, and that FRANCES SPEARS signed the same deed of trust at Los Angeles, California, on October 16, 1959, before a notary.

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MR. EDGAR W. LAYTON, General Counsel, Texas Title and Abstract Company, 259 North Field, Dallas, Texas, made available his file No. 52500 which reflected that a loan in the amount of \$16,500 was made to ROBERT SPEARS and wife FRANCES in October, 1959, by The Victory Life Insurance Company of Topeka, Kansas. This loan was handled through the Beacon Mortgage Company and was closed by the Texas Title and Abstract Company.

This file reflected that on October 26, 1959, Texas Title and Abstract Company received a check for \$16,500 from The Victory Life Insurance Company to finance the loan to SPEARS. On October 26, 1959, DR. ROBERT SPEARS was given a check No. 24476 of the Texas Title and Abstract Company in the amount of \$14,144.10 drawn on the Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas, payable to DR. ROBERT SPEARS. This check was presented to the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas on October 26, 1959, and bears the endorsement "Dr. Robert Spears". The balance of the \$16,500 was for fees and charges except an amount of \$1,407.43 which paid off the balance owing Glenn Justice Mortgage Company by SPEARS on the same property securing instant loan.

This file contained a copy of Joint Tenancy Deed [redacted] filed in the County of Los Angeles, California, June 1, 1959, which reflected ownership of [redacted] as per Map Record in [redacted] inclusive of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder, Los Angeles County, Transferred from OSCAR E. WESER and ELSPETH B. WESER to ROBERT SPEARS and FRANCES LOUISE SPEARS as joint tenants. This deed was mailed [redacted] which property was represented by the deed. [redacted]

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On January 22, 1960, JACK SHANER, Texas Title and Abstract Company, Preston Station (head office 259 North Field Street), Dallas, Texas, advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that he handled the closing of a \$16,500. loan to Dr. ROBERT SPEARS in October, 1959, but had no conversation with him other than just "passing conversation." SHANER stated SPEARS indicated he was proud of his wife and children and exhibited photographs of them to SHANER.

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING/jf

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HENRY WALLS, Assessing Department, Dallas County Tax Office, Records Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that Volume 2, Page 280, Map Records, Dallas County, Texas, show ROBERT SPEARS as the owner of property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. The deed for the property was filed January 30, 1953. He stated a search of the alphabetical listings failed to reflect any other real property in Dallas County owned by ROBERT or FRANCES SPEARS.

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MRS. FLORENCE BACON, Deputy Clerk, Dallas County Clerk's Office, Records Building, Dallas, Texas, made available Deed Record Book 3793, Pages 292 and 293, which reflected the filing of a Warranty Deed showing transfer of property from A. S. WAGNER and wife MAY G. WAGNER to ROBERT SPEARS and wife FRANCES SPEARS for \$12,000 paid by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. The property was described at Lot 8, Block 4/1884, Munger Place Heights Addition to the City of Dallas, Texas, according to the map thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 280, Map records, Dallas County, Texas. This Warranty Deed was executed January 28, 1953, by the WAGNERS and was filed as instrument No. 16446 for record on January 30, 1953.

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING *ps* /ns

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GLENN JUSTICE, President, Glenn Justice Mortgage Company, 1514 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that a short time before August 4, 1959, exact date not recalled, ROBERT SPEARS appeared at his office concerning the obtaining of a loan on his property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

On August 4, 1959, Mr. SPEARS called Mr. JUSTICE stating he was calling from California and discussed the obtaining of the additional loan referred to above. Mr. JUSTICE stated that SPEARS mentioned that he had a real estate transaction in progress in California and he needed the proceeds of the loan immediately or he would lose some money that he had put in escrow.

On August 19, 1959, Mr. SPEARS again called Mr. JUSTICE from California, city not known, to determine if the Glenn Justice Mortgage Company was going to be able to make the requested loan.

Mr. JUSTICE advised that sometime in the early part of August, SPEARS was given a physical examination by Dr. ELDON G. MILLS, [REDACTED] b6 for the purpose of ascertaining Mr. [REDACTED] b7c SPEARS' physical condition in connection with the contemplated loan.

On August 26, 1959, Mr. JUSTICE stated he called Mr. SPEARS at telephone number TE 1-1566, Compton, California, and advised him that the Glenn Justice Mortgage Company would not make the requested loan. Mr. JUSTICE stated it is possible that Mr. SPEARS called him earlier on August 26, 1959, and he was returning the call.

Mr. JUSTICE produced a record of long distance telephone calls from his company which reflected that he had called a Dr. SPEARS on August 26, 1959, at telephone number TE 1-1566, Compton, California.

Mr. JUSTICE advised that the Glenn Justice Insurance Agency had written policy No. 29318 for the Fidelity Southern Fire Insurance Company, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$10,000, covering the household effects at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, for the period August 14, 1959, to August 14, 1964, and included coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief.

A letter addressed to Mr. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, dated November 9, 1959, concerned the changing of the name of the insured in policy No. 29318 from the name of Mrs.

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LUCILLE LONGHENRY to Dr. ROBERT SPEARS. This letter referenced a local telephone call received from Mr. SPEARS on November 9, 1959, indicating he was in Dallas, Texas, on that date.

Mr. JUSTICE advised that his records reflected that a 30-day fire insurance binder on the dwelling at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was issued on August 14, 1959, by the Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, McPherson, Kansas, coverage being in the amount of \$20,000. Another 30-day binder for the same purpose was issued on September 14, 1959, by the Ohio Farmers Indemnity Company, Leroy, Ohio. Another 30-day binder was issued on October 14, 1959, for the same purpose by the Illinois Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois, which binder was canceled on November 2, 1959, when, according to Mr. JUSTICE, insurance was obtained with a company approved by the Beacon Mortgage Company, who had made a loan to Mr. SPEARS on his property at 6116 Gaston Avenue.

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MYRON SCHULMAN, Glenn Justice Mortgage Company, 1514 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, advised DR. ROBERT SPEARS came to him to see about getting a loan on the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, in August, 1959. Glenn Justice Mortgage Company had handled the original loan of \$12,000 obtained by SPEARS in January, 1953, to purchase the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue. The records concerning this original loan reflected a loan application dated January 23, 1953, reflecting SPEARS' residence address as 511 North Lake Drive, Dallas, Texas and his business as that of a physician with the Lakewood Clinic, Dallas, Texas. He listed the Lakewood State Bank and the Dallas National Bank as banking references. He indicated that he owned his residence at 511 North Lake Drive, Dallas, Texas, valued at \$30,000 on which there was a \$12,000 mortgage.

This file reflected that on July 13, 1959, a fire loss occurred at 6116 Gaston Avenue, concerning which DR. SPEARS was paid a claim in the amount of \$589.58. This particular fire damage involved the wall from the ceiling to the floor in the kitchen.

MR. SCHULMAN stated he took an application for refinancing the balance of SPEARS' loan on the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue in August, 1959. He stated SPEARS told him he had purchased the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, on January 23, 1953, for \$37,500. SPEARS desired a loan in the amount of \$25,000. MR. SCHULMAN stated this loan was turned down because the Retail Merchants Credit Association furnished information reflecting unfavorably on DR. SPEARS' morals.

MR. SCHULMAN stated that during his one and only conversation with SPEARS he appeared to be a happy family man who was very proud of his wife and children.

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING /ns

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42)

Date: 1/27/60

FROM : SA ROBERT C. LISH

Dictated: 1/22/60

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE,
FLIGHT 967 NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LOUISIANA, 11/16/59
DAMV.

On January 22, 1960, the records at [redacted]

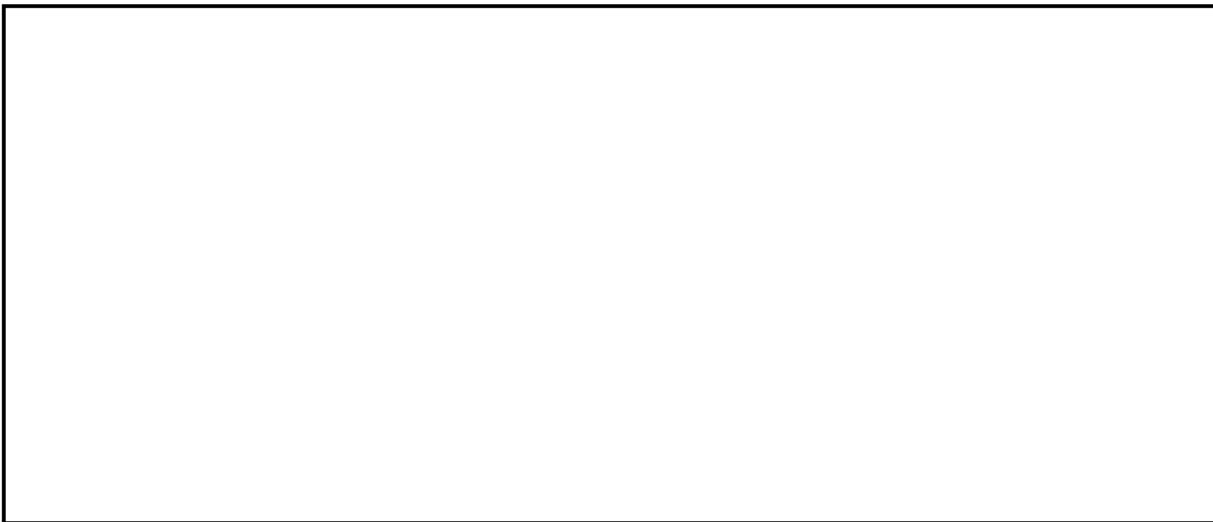
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the following information obtained:

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[redacted] can be obtained only upon the
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]

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Mr. CHARLES W. TESSMER, on interview at 6116 Gaston Avenue, on January 18, 1960, advised that he had represented ROBERT SPEARS in connection with criminal charges pending against SPEARS at Dallas, Texas, and that all criminal charges pending against SPEARS at Dallas had been disposed of and the fines imposed on SPEARS in connection with these cases had been paid and at the time of SPEARS' death, there were no charges pending against SPEARS at Dallas.

He said that SPEARS had briefly discussed the cases pending against SPEARS in Los Angeles but had advised him that he did not consider the cases to be of a serious nature and SPEARS apparently felt that the cases would be disposed of without serious inconvenience to him.

Mr. TESSMER advised that his office is presently handling a civil law suit in which ROBERT SPEARS is suing Mrs. LONGHENRY for \$3,000, in connection with the abandonment by Mrs. LONGHENRY of her lease on the Gaston Avenue property of SPEARS and her disposal of some of SPEARS' personal property which was in the house at the time she leased it. He stated that ROBERT SPEARS was quite provoked at Mrs. LONGHENRY and was very anxious to press this law suit against her since he felt that she had not treated him right in connection with the business transaction.

Mr. TESSMER stated that ROBERT SPEARS had been questioned by the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Dallas shortly after his arrest in Dallas on abortion charges several years ago but that a compromise agreement had been reached and a complete payment and settlement was made by SPEARS and at the time of his death, he was clear with Internal Revenue in all respects.

Mr. TESSMER stated that in his opinion ROBERT SPEARS had no motive for disappearing or for committing suicide.

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on 1-18-60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1-19-60
by Special Agent NAT A. PINKSTON/jf/pm

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WILLIAM GLENN, 1304 National Building, Dallas, Texas, advised he is an attorney and has represented LUCILE LONGHENRY since October 12, 1959, in her legal relationship with SPEARS, as lessee of his home at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. The following is a chronology concerning his contacts with LONGHENRY and SPEARS:

October 12, 1959 - He was consulted by LONGHENRY regarding her legal relationship with SPEARS.

October 15, 1959 - He called SPEARS telephonically and was advised SPEARS would be in Dallas until October 19, 1959 after which he would be out of town.

October 16, 1959 to October 19, 1959 - He talked with SPEARS everyday by phone including Saturday and Sunday. On October 19, 1959, SPEARS advised GLENN he would be staying in Dallas to take care of this situation and not leaving town as planned.

October 19, 1959 to November 3, 1959 - GLENN talked with SPEARS everyday by phone trying to arrange a settlement. On November 3, 1959, GLENN and LONGHENRY decided to discontinue discussions with SPEARS since nothing was being accomplished. He told SPEARS on November 3, 1959, to discontinue calling him and has never heard from SPEARS since that time.

November 13, 1959 - SPEARS filed suit against LONGHENRY on the notes and mortgages which she had executed.

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MRS. LUCILE W. LONGHENRY, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she leased SPEAR'S home [redacted]

[redacted] from June 17, 1959 through October 7, 1959.

She stated she is a Registered Nurse and as such, owns and operates the Community Health and Welfare Service, Preston State Bank, Dallas. She advised she had long had the thought of having a nursing home for elderly patients in a private home in which she could care for about four patients and that MRS. MYRTLE ROOP, [redacted] had spoken to her in March, 1959, about the availability of the SPEARS' home. She said MRS. ROOP is a personal friend who is in the real estate business.

She advised she signed a two year lease in May, 1959, at \$400 a month rental with option to buy and gave SPEARS \$800 at the time of the signing. She stated SPEARS sold almost all of his furniture between May, 1959 and the date he moved out, June 16, 1959, through ads placed in the newspapers. She advised the house was empty when she moved in except for the following items left by SPEARS:

1. Completely equipped kitchens both upstairs and down.
2. Two bedrooms suites upstairs and two odd chairs.
2. Carpets on stair runners and upstairs.
4. Television set.
5. One gallon of green alcohol left in closet.
6. House paint left in garage.
7. Carton of empty pill boxes left in closet.
8. Chassis of trailer left in garage.

She advised SPEARS had a workshop in the garage but took all the tools with him when he left. She stated there was some lumber left in the garage but there were no wires, explosives, or detonating materials on the premises although she stated she might not recognize

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such articles if she saw them.

She advised that after moving into the home on June 17, 1959, she made application with the city for a license which would allow her to care for patients there as a nursing home. She stated that while the application was pending, SPEARS visited her on approximately June 27, 1959 and attempted to get her to buy the home for \$37,500, saying that he needed money badly. She advised he attempted to talk her into bringing patients into the home without any license to operate a nursing home. She stated she was denied the license because of zoning ordinances, and subsequently moved out of the residence on October 7, 1959 since she was not allowed to operate a nursing home in that residence.

She advised SPEARS visited her two or three times between the June 27, 1959 visit and September 9, 1959, when she saw SPEARS for the last time. She was unable to recall the exact dates but they were around every three weeks in July and August, 1959. She stated that each of his visits was for the same purpose - that of getting her to move patients into the house so that she could pay more rent and/or buy the house. She advised he became more and more impatient as time went by and appeared to be in very great need of money. She stated she did not pay any more money after the \$800 deposit except for \$150 which she gave him on September 9, 1959, in full payment for the television set.

She advised SPEARS had quite a bit of mail from various Naturopath Organizations which he picked up each time he saw her. She stated he was always alone and said he was staying at the Baker Hotel although she was never able to contact him there. She stated SPEARS made numerous telephone calls from 6116 Gaston when he visited her but she could not determine what he was saying or who he was calling. She advised he always had a briefcase with him which he refused to let out of his sight. She stated SPEARS showed her "before and after" pictures of women whom he claimed to have done face-lifting work on in California at fees ranging up from a minimum of \$1000. She advised he never discussed any of his working associates or friends.

She stated he told her he needed a \$25,000 loan against the house and made application around September 1, 1959, for this loan from the Glen Justice Mortgage Company, Dallas, but she does not know whether he ever received it.

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She advised that after moving out of the house on October 7, 1959, SPEARS called her from 6116 Gaston demanding she pay back rent. She stated he called her numerous times for the next week until she referred him to her attorney, WILLIAM GLENN.

She advised SPEARS had filed a suit against her but did not care to discuss the terms or other circumstances of the lease without the presence of her attorney.

She advised she has been photographed by Life Magazine on January 21, 1960, but has made no statement to reporters at this time.

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Mrs. LUCILE W. LONGHENRY, [redacted] was reinterviewed in the presence of her attorney, WILLIAM GLENN, and advised the following information regarding her contacts with ROBERT VERNON SPEARS as a lessee in his home at 6116 Gaston. She provided the following chronology of her contacts with SPEARS.

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March, 1959 She first met SPEARS when he showed her the house at 6116 Gaston sometime in March, 1959. She advised it was on a week day but could not recall the exact date.

March, 1959 - May 19, 1959 She advised SPEARS called her regularly on an almost daily basis including weekends in an attempt to get LONGHENRY to move into the house and operate it as a nursing home. She was unable to pinpoint any date during this period in which she can positively state she saw SPEARS.

May 20, 1959 - She signed a two year lease to run June 15, 1959, to June 15, 1961, calling for a monthly rental of \$400 with an option to purchase. She said the lease was signed in TESSMER's office on that date and she presented a check for \$800 to SPEARS as a part of the same transaction.

May 20 - June 9, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

June 10, 1959 LONGHENRY signed a chattel mortgage and promissory note for \$1550 covering the furniture. SPEARS was going to leave in the house when he left. She said the transaction occurred in TESSMER's office and SPEARS was not present.

June 11, 1959 She saw SPEARS at his home at 6116 Gaston loading his car preparatory to departure for California. She said SPEARS told her he was leaving as soon as possible and his family would follow later.

June 11 - June 15, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

June 16, 1959 Mrs. SPEARS moved out of the home at 6116 Gaston.

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June 17, 1959 LONGHENRY moved into the home [redacted]

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June 17 - around June 27, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

Approximately June 27 - 29, 1959 She talked to SPEARS on the telephone two or three times a day during this period regarding when she was going to get patients to move into the home. During this three-day period SPEARS called and left a local number for Mrs. LONGHENRY to call him back and he was present at that number when she returned his calls. She did not see SPEARS in person during this period.

June 29 - August 10, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

Approximately August 11 - 12, 1959 SPEARS contacted her in person and discussed flood damage which had occurred at the Gaston home during the latter part of July. She said the insurance agent who handled the claim and also talked to SPEARS was ROBERT B. KILMER, 120 Meadows Building. She advised KILMER had handled a previous claim by SPEARS for flood damage to the house about two years ago.

August 13, 1959 LONGHENRY signed a promissory note and chattel mortgage on her own furniture which she had moved into the house on June 17, 1959. She advised she signed these documents at SPEARS' insistence since she was behind in her rent payments. The transaction occurred in TESSMER's office and SPEARS was present. She said she drove SPEARS around Dallas on that day looking for "sponge forceps used for packing gauze" but did not find any that he wanted.

August 14 - September 3, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

September 4 or 5 - September 9, 1959 She spoke to SPEARS every day in person or by phone. The last day she saw SPEARS was September 9, 1959, when he talked to her early in the day and then called her in the evening to say he was leaving for California by plane.

September 10 - October 10, 1959 She had no contact with SPEARS.

October 7, 1959 She moved out of the home at [redacted]

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October 11, 1959 SPEARS called her brother in Dallas from California asking if LONGHENRY had moved out.

October 12, 1959 LONGHENRY consulted attorney WILLIAM GLENN regarding her legal relationship with SPEARS.

October 14, 1959 SPEARS contacted her by phone from 6116 Gaston and she returned his call to that office. She said she advised SPEARS to contact WILLIAM GLENN in the future and never talked to SPEARS again.

November 13, 1959 She stated she understood Mr. LLOYD ROHDE, State Medical Association, had seen SPEARS on November 13, 1959, at Casa Linda Barber Shop.

LUCILE LONGHENRY advised she considers she was under a hypnotic spell when she signed the lease, mortgages, and promissory notes although she knew what she was doing. She said he had such a persuasive personality she felt compelled to sign the papers.

On January 26, 1960, ROSCOE WHITE, [REDACTED] advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LUCILLE LONGHENRY, who was leasing the property at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from Mr. SPEARS.

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Mr. WHITE stated he recalls receiving two telephone calls in September or October, 1959, from Mr. SPEARS. He stated he thought both of these calls were local calls, but it is possible one or both of them may have been long distance calls.

Mr. WHITE stated that at the time of the first call Mr. SPEARS wanted to know where he (SPEARS) could locate Mrs. LONGHENRY as she had left [REDACTED] and had taken the keys. WHITE stated he told SPEARS Mrs. LONGHENRY could be located at the Highland Park State Bank.

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On the second call, which Mr. WHITE states was approximately two to three weeks later, SPEARS asked if WHITE was going to pay what Mrs. LONGHENRY owed on the leasing of the property at [REDACTED] and WHITE states he told SPEARS that he had no connection with it and it was strictly between SPEARS and Mrs. LONGHENRY.

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WHITE stated he has never met Mr. or Mrs. SPEARS and that he has had no contact with either of them except the two phone calls mentioned above.

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EDMUND BARKER, Chief of News Bureau, KRLD, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following Photostat of a letter he had obtained from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. This letter is on stationery of the American Naturopathic Association of Calif., Inc., Office of the Secretary-Treasurer, 552 South Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 5, California.

"Feb. 27, 1958.

"Dr. Robert Spears,
6116 Gaston St.,
Dallas, Texas.

"Dear Dr. Spears:

"We were very glad to hear that you had located a \$15,000,000:-deal. They misunderstood me on the phone thinking that I had located one worth \$50,000,000.- They were elated, but when the true facts were brought home, there was a sudden detente.

"However, \$15,000,000:- is a wonderful deal, but there are many obstacles in landing the fish.

"First, there is the obvious fact that the bank, being the executor of the estate will send out several evaluation reports. The bank will of course be very happy, indeed, to have another bid. What they often do is to take a bid and go to another party, telling them see here I have been offered so much, can you better the bid.

"That is the reason why the major oil companies will never disclose their bids ahead of time.

"It would be ideal if you could obtain a firm bid from the Bank to us, no strings attached, or if sealed bids were put in.

"There are several angles to this, but may I suggest to you that you give the following information:

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- "1. Designation of property
2. No. of acreage
3. Location
4. Account of production

"If we had those facts we might send someone down there to get an idea of what the property is worth and place us in a situation better to deal with the situation. I say this since you are going to be away for quite a time. The Turner property was lost because no one was in Dallas at the time. That was a certain deal much easier to handle than a competitive bank deal. I wonder if you could have your very intelligent wife keep in touch while you are away? This is merely a suggestion which I offer for your approval.

"The present curtailment of production is made to order for the major oil companies which may force the sale of properties at their prices.

"I shall write to you anent the Naturopathic situation shortly.

"It is a pleasure to do business with you and I sincerely hope that abundant harvests will be garnered.

"Yours for oil and natural healing,"

The signature on the letter is illegible, but BARKER identified it as being that of Dr. SVEN EEK, whose name is also on the letterhead of the above letter, along with Dr. ROBERT O. FELTON and Dr. RANDOLPH MATHEWS.

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JOHN MARTIN, JR., [redacted] who b6
 is employed as a Safety Assistant, U. S. Post Office, Terminal Annex Building, Dallas, advised he has known DR. and MRS. SPEARS only very casually for a few years, having met them through MRS. MARTIN, who was MRS. SPEARS' hairdresser for several years. b7C

MR. MARTIN stated that on about the day news was received that DR. SPEARS was killed in a plane crash in November 1959, he and his wife visited the SPEARS' residence in Dallas. While there, they noted their furniture was meager and they borrowed a baby bed from another person and loaned it to the SPEARS for the SPEARS' baby.

He stated he and MRS. MARTIN purchased some furniture from the SPEARS in the summer of 1959 and they are now making \$25.00 monthly payments for same. Those payments through October 1959 were mailed to the SPEARS at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California. The November 1959 check was mailed on or about the day of the plane crash that was reported to have killed DR. SPEARS, although the check was dated a day or two prior to that date.

MR. MARTIN examined his canceled checks and found that check which he made available to SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL for possible use as evidence. This check was dated November 12, 1959, payable to ROBERT SPEAR, signed JOHN MARTIN, JR., and was in the amount of \$25.00. The check was endorsed in handwriting in ink "For Deposit Only, R. SPEARS." This check was deposited in the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, on December 18, 1959, and was paid on December 21, 1959, by the First National Bank, Dallas, on which bank it was drawn.

MR. MARTIN said the December 1959 \$25.00 payment was in the form of a check mailed to the SPEARS' residence on about December 21, 1959, and was payable to MRS. SPEARS. This check has not been returned to him by the bank.

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C. N. CORBIN, Station Manager, Delta Airlines, Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, Texas, advised, after examining the manifest for Delta flight #968, for November 12, 1959, that this flight was normally scheduled to depart from Fort Worth at 4:30 P.M., but that day it was late due to mechanical trouble at Los Angeles (before coming to Fort Worth) and awaiting turn around equipment; that it departed Fort Worth at 11:00 P.M., for Tampa.

He advised that this manifest lists one individual named "SPEARS," a passenger for Tampa, but that name was crossed out, with a notation indicating he had canceled his reservation for that flight. No notation appeared indicating whether he traveled any other flight.

He made available the above manifest and it, as well as all manifests concerning Delta flights departing from Fort Worth toward Tampa, on November 12 and 13, 1959, were examined, without the name "SPEARS" being noted for any other flight, or without observing the names TAYLOR, or TURSKA.

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C. N. CORBIN, Station Manager, Delta Airlines, Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, Texas, in addition to information previously furnished by him on January 22, 1960, advised that the passenger and baggage manifest for Flight 968, for November 12, 1959, maintained in his office, reflects 10 first class passengers, 3 being through passengers from points west of Fort Worth (whose names do not appear on the manifest) and 33 tourist passengers, including 12 through passengers from points west of Fort Worth (whose names do not appear on the manifest) traveled on this flight. None of the first class passengers were going to Tampa. Eleven of the tourist passengers had reservations to travel from Fort Worth to Tampa. Two of the eleven namely "SPEARS" and "BLANK" cancelled their reservations, which left nine persons who traveled on the flight via tourist class to Tampa. MR. CORBIN advised that the name "BLANK" appears as an individual who traveled on this flight from Fort Worth to Miami, identity otherwise unknown. MR. CORBIN advised that he could not determine from examining the manifest whether there was any connection between the two individuals named BLANK who had reservations, one to Tampa, (which was cancelled) and one to Miami, who made the trip. He could provide no identifying data concerning either of them.

MR. CORBIN furnished to SA KUYKENDALL his copy of the above mentioned passenger and baggage manifest consisting of two pages (which are carbon copies) and two teletype pages bearing names of passengers from which the manifest was prepared.

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MISS ETHEL SMITH Supervisor, Ticket Counter, Delta Airlines, Love Field, Dallas, Texas, advised that the manifest covering Delta flight #966, for November 13, 1959, Dallas, to Tampa, Florida, reflects the name "SPEARS" as a passenger; that his ticket had been taken up indicating he traveled on that flight. She said that flight departed Dallas at 7:00 A.M., and was due to arrive at Tampa at 12:30 P.M.

MISS SMITH advised that her office maintains no records concerning the description, amount, or weight of the baggage of individual passengers; that the only weight record made is that of the total weight for all baggage loaded onto a particular flight. She also has no records which would identify the ticket clerk who picked up the ticket from SPEARS on November 13, 1960. She said the ticket would reflect initials or some mark that would identify such clerk; that occasionally a clerk marks something on a ticket concerning the passenger's baggage, and a possibility exists such could appear on instant ticket. She identified the stewardesses for the above flight as _____ SLOANE and _____ POMEROY, both based at Dallas.

She advised that the above manifest would be retained by her office for a six months period from November 13, 1959, and she stated her records show this plane had passengers to New Orleans, Tampa, and Miami. Names of all passengers, who actually took this flight to Tampa as shown on the manifest are as follows:

KEARNS
JOHNSON
WILMOT (this and above 2 persons transferred to flight from another, arriving from West Coast)
MIZALES
ANGLIN
OLSON
OLSON
HIBSCHMAN
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KRUTCHMAN
DALTON
DALTON
SPEARS

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BLANK (this name had been cancelled from flight 968,
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STRANGE (this and below listed two names transferred
to this flight from another plane arriving
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MISS EVELYN STROMBERG, Ticket Agent #101, City Ticket Office, Delta Airlines, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, advised she remembers issuing the round trip ticket to DR. SPEARS a few days before the National Airlines plane crashed in the Gulf of Mexico on November 16, 1959. She was shown a Photostat copy of Delta Airlines ticket number 046A374276. She advised after viewing it that she is the individual who prepared that ticket which is dated November 12, 1959.

She recalled that a man who identified himself as DR. SPEARS came to the City Ticket Office, Dallas, around 2 P.M., November 12, 1959, and told her he had reservations for Flight 968 from Fort Worth to Tampa that afternoon. He said he wanted limousine service from the Baker Hotel to the airport (Amon Carter Field, between Dallas and Fort Worth). MISS STROMBERG telephoned Delta reservations office and verified that he had such a reservation. She believes from looking at the Photostat copy of the ticket, she obtained that reservation data from reservation agent 33 or 23, Photostat being somewhat illegible. She then issued the above-mentioned ticket to SPEARS calling for transportation on Flight 968 from Fort Worth to Tampa and return. She had no knowledge of any return reservation being made. She remembers that DR. SPEARS gave her a check in payment for the ticket, which he wrote out in her presence. MISS STROMBERG examined a deposit slip in her office and advised that her deposit slip dated November 13, 1959, reflects a deposit was made that day by her office to the account of Delta Airlines at Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, which included a check given by SPEARS in the amount of \$116.93, which was drawn on the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas. MISS STROMBERG then notified the reservations office that SPEARS wanted a limousine to pick him up at the Baker Hotel for Flight 968. This limousine normally would have picked up passengers for that flight at about 3:20 P.M.

DR. SPEARS then departed and returned about 3 P.M. for the limousine. MRS. MARIE WIGGINS, who works with MISS STROMBERG, talked to SPEARS when he returned that time and told him the flight was late. SPEARS in a nice way gave MRS. WIGGINS somewhat a "bad time" over the plane being late and commented that he did not care to go back home because he had just left home. She does not remember specific comments regarding the plane being late, except that SPEARS appeared unhappy that it was late. He

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finally decided to change his reservation. MRS. WIGGINS then, while MISS STROMBERG was standing nearby waiting on other customers, changed SPEARS' reservation for Flight 966, to depart the next morning, November 13, 1959, and revalidated his ticket by putting the necessary revalidation stickers on it. Thereafter, SPEARS departed. She is not certain, but believes he took a cab when he arrived at, or departed from the City Ticket Office that day. She recalled that he had some kind of a bag, at least one, but she cannot recall anything specific about his baggage. She does not remember whether he had more than one bag and remembers nothing about its size, weight, or description. No other individual appeared to be accompanying him on the trip he was planning.

MISS STROMBERG said she has never had any previous dealings with DR. SPEARS in arranging travel for him and has never seen him to know him except the above one afternoon. She recalled from reading newspaper accounts several years ago that a DR. SPEARS was involved in possible abortion cases in Dallas and presumed this may be the same individual, but she knows nothing regarding SPEARS except as stated above.

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MRS. MARIE WIGGINS, Ticket Agent #103, City Ticket Office, Delta Airlines, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, advised the first she remembers about DR. ROBERT SPEARS was when a man appeared at her office during mid-afternoon of November 12, 1959, the date of a ticket issued by MISS EVELYN STROMBERG of that office to this individual. When she first noticed him, he already had purchased his ticket from MISS STROMBERG. She said she may have been present when he purchased it from MISS STROMBERG, but she did not notice him at that time. When she noticed him, he came in and told her his name was SPEARS and that he had arrived to take the limousine for Flight #968 that afternoon. She told him the flight was late. He then indicated he was unhappy that it was late and asked her several questions, such as why the airlines had not called him to tell him that it was late and similar matters. She does not recall further specific questions or comments of SPEARS in that regard. He finally decided to cancel his reservation for Flight 968 and take a later flight the next day.

A Photostat copy of Ticket #0648374276 issued November 12, 1959, by Delta Airlines was shown to her. She advised after viewing it that she revalidated that ticket for SPEARS on November 12, 1959. She said she first called reservation clerk #28 and obtained a reservation for SPEARS for Flight 966 from Dallas to Tampa on November 13, 1959. After obtaining the reservation, she prepared two revalidation stickers and placed them on the ticket, one on top of the other. The first one covered his travel from Dallas to New Orleans. The other one covered his travel from New Orleans to Tampa. She does not remember revalidating this ticket except on one occasion, which was on November 12, 1959.

MRS. WIGGINS recalled that after she handled the above revalidation SPEARS said he wanted a taxicab. MRS. WIGGINS went outside the office and noticed a cab standing nearby, which was beside the Baker Hotel. He noticed the cab there and said he would get the cab. She did not notice him get in the cab.

She remembered that SPEARS had one bag in his possession which he brought inside her office and placed on the floor before he started talking to her. After they completed their discussion,

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she noticed he picked up this bag and took it toward the taxicab. She definitely remembers one bag in his possession but is not certain that he did not have other luggage. She is not positive about the size of the bag, but believes it possibly was something like a Samsonite suitcase, about regular size, such as a two-suiter. She could provide no descriptive data, such as color or weight for the bag. He said nothing to her to indicate whether he would take a limousine the following morning to Love Field, Dallas, to catch Flight 966. She believed he was wearing a sport coat and a hat, and appeared to be a man in his 50's and was not accompanied by any other individual.

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J. H. MANLEY, Reservation Manager, Delta Airlines, Dallas, Texas, on January 22, 1960, advised his office no longer possesses reservation records for November 12, 1959; that they have been destroyed. He said the only record in existence now concerning an individual's flight on a particular trip would be the airline copy of the ticket, and the copy that was picked up from the passenger as he boarded the flight, which records are at the Accounting Department, Delta, at Atlanta. He identified Delta Ticket Agent No. 33 as Miss DESSE PINCKARD, an employee at Love Field.

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[REDACTED] Miss DESSE PINCKARD, [REDACTED] on January 22, 1960, advised that she is Ticket Agent No. 33 at Love Field. She advised she does not recall issuing a ticket to anyone named SPEARS on November 12, 1959, for a flight from Fort Worth to Tampa. She advised, after viewing a photograph of ROBERT SPEARS, that she does not remember ever seeing such a person.

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MRS. JACQUELIN BAKEWELL, Reservations Agent #28, Delta Airlines, Love Field, Dallas, advised that in November 1959 when she heard news about a Delta plane crashing, she noticed the name SPEARS as one of the passengers and thought that name sounded familiar. She checked back in her reservation records and found that she had either made a reservation or handled a change in reservation for one DR. SPEARS of Dallas for Flight #966, departing Dallas November 13, 1959. She does not recall anything about SPEARS making a cancellation for any previous flight. She found from her records that she was on duty on November 12, 1959, between 10:30 A.M. and 7 P.M., and it had to be during that period that DR. SPEARS called her regarding that reservation. She recalled that the male individual who claimed to be SPEARS seemed to have a very nice manner. She said she granted the reservation at the time of his call and did not find it necessary to call him again. She has no knowledge of the address of that caller. All of her reservation records for November 12, 1959, have now been destroyed.

She stated SPEARS appeared to be traveling alone and gave no indication any other passenger would be traveling with him. No mention was made as far as she remembers concerning baggage. She did not reveal her identity to DR. SPEARS. She stated she recalls nothing about any previous travels or reservations made by SPEARS.

MISS BAKEWELL could not ^{D/P} ~~Know~~ whether SPEARS had in his possession any baggage, while at her office.

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by Special Agent EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (HM)

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VERNON PERCIVAL, Ticket Agent No. 18, Delta Airlines, Love Field, Dallas, Texas, advised he does not remember checking in anyone named SPEARS for Delta Flight 966, Dallas to Tampa, November 13, 1959. After viewing a photograph of ROBERT SPEARS, he stated SPEARS looks somewhat familiar to him, but he could not recall anything specific about ever seeing SPEARS. PERCIVAL examined the manifest in possession of his office concerning Flight 966, and advised he could provide no information whatever concerning any baggage that SPEARS may have possessed when departing from Dallas. PERCIVAL said that, the manifest, in fact, reflects nothing that would indicate whether SPEARS had any baggage or regarding the weight of any baggage carried or checked by that passenger. He said that no records were kept concerning any baggage checks that may have been issued. PERCIVAL reviewed all names on the manifest and was unable to establish the identity of any person listed thereon, from his own personal knowledge, or from records now kept at his office.

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by Special Agent EDWIN C. KUYKENDALL / gas

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Mr. E.E. POTTS, City Transportation Company, Dallas, Texas, made available the taxicab records for November 12 and 13, 1959, and these records were checked for cabs picking up passengers from or delivering passengers to 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

These records show that on November 12, 1959, driver R.C.KENT picked up one passenger at the Baker Hotel at 3:15 p.m., and delivered this passenger to 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, at 3:30 p.m. The fare for this trip was \$1.15. Mr. POTTS stated that R.C. KENT resides at [redacted] and his telephone number is DA 7-0258.

The records further show that on November 13, 1959, driver M.E. MURREY picked up one passenger at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, at 6:00 a.m. and delivered this passenger to Love Field Airport. MURREY reported for work that day at 5:12 a.m. and this was the first passenger he had on that date. POTTS stated that MURREY resides at [redacted]

POTTS further advised that the City Transportation Company operates airport limousines in Dallas, but the limousines do not pick up passengers at residences and deliver them to the airport, or take them from the airport to residence addresses. The limousines travel between downtown stations, and the airport, and return.

No other record of trips made to or from 6116 Gaston Avenue on November 12 or 13, 1960, was located.

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Mr. M. E. MURREY, [redacted] taxicab driver for the City Transportation Company, was shown his trip record for November 13, 1960. He was also shown photographs of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, W. A. TURSKA, and WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR. MURREY picked out the photograph of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS as that of the person he picked up at 6116 Gaston Avenue, at 6 a.m. on November 13, 1959, and took to Love Field Airport in Dallas. MURREY said that SPEARS was the only passenger on this trip. He at first stated that due to the time that has elapsed since this trip, he could not recall whether SPEARS had any luggage on this occasion. After considerable thought, MURREY stated he believes SPEARS had either three or four pieces of luggage. He believes that when he drove in the driveway at 6116 Gaston Avenue, at about 6 a.m. on November 13, 1960, there were three or four pieces of luggage on the front porch. He got out of his taxicab, and walked up to the porch, then Dr. SPEARS came outside. MURREY then placed the luggage in the taxicab and delivered Dr. SPEARS to Love Field. MURREY said he has no idea what the luggage looked like, whether it was heavy or light, and is not positive as to the number of pieces of luggage, but is now of the opinion that there were three or four pieces of luggage.

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JULIUS KAISER, Service Assistant, Dallas, Love Field Terminal, made available his list of overtime lockers, presently pending, which are as follows:

<u>LOCKER NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
322	1/4/60
339	1/12/60
410	1/13/60
367	1/23/60

The contents of the above lockers were inspected with the aid of Mr. KAISER, and found to contain nothing believed pertinent.

Also received were records of all overtime lockers at the Dallas Terminal during November and December, 1959, and January, 1960, and nothing pertinent to this investigation found.

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Mr. R.C. ANDERSON, Security Officer, Amon Carter Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, was interviewed on January 27, 1960. ANDERSON advised that he had made a complete check of the public storage lockers at Amon Carter Airport. He stated that on this date all the lockers were unoccupied and none of them had been "plugged" or was overtime.

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The following investigation was conducted at Ft. Worth, and Dallas by SA THOMAS M. O'MALEY and SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On January 27, 1960, CLARICE "TURK" HOPKINS, Secretary to Reservation Manager, Braniff Airways, advised that their reservation records and manifests are destroyed after being maintained for a three month period. The only possible way to check the period for September 10, 11, 12, 1959, would be through ticket sales.

On January 27, 1960, LLOYD EDEN, Assistant Treasurer, Braniff Airways, Exchange Park, advised that they maintain their tickets in numerical sequence, however, he believed it would be possible to check the dates September 10, 11, and 12, 1959, by going through all the tickets sold in the Dallas area by Braniff on those given dates. Mr. EDEN was furnished the names ROBERT V. SPEARS, R.V. SPEARS, R. SPEARS, BOB SPEARS and GEORGE RHODES. A check of all Braniff tickets sold in the Dallas area on September 9, 10, 11, and 12, were checked with unsuccessful results regarding the above names.

On January 27, 1960, PARKS E. WILLIAMS, Supervisor, Reservation Sales, American Airlines , Amon Carter Field, advised that their reservation records and manifests are maintained for a period of three months at which time they are destroyed. Mr. WILLIAMS stated that the only possible way to check individuals travelling to Los Angeles or New York on September 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1959, would be through the Revenue Accounting Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which place all cancelled tickets are maintained. Mr. WILLIAMS advised that Mr. G.E. TERHORST, Director, Passenger, Revenue Accounting, 910 South Boston Street, Tulsa, telephone LU2-9281, would be the man to contact regarding this information. (It is to be noted that teletype re the above information furnished by WILLIAMS was directed to Oklahoma City Office immediately.)

On January 27, 1960, Mr. JOHN D. JACKSON, Supervisor, Air Freight, Delta Airlines, was contacted telephonically at which time he advised that Delta Airlines has the only scheduled airline flights going direct to Tampa, Florida. He stated that Delta runs two flights daily, namely flight 966 and 918. Mr. JACKSON advised that he would pull from his records all receipts concerning air freight shipments originating at Dallas on the above two flights for the period of November 12, 13, and 14, 1959.

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Mr. JOHN D. JACKSON, Supervisor, Air Freight, Delta Airlines, Dallas, advised SA RICHARD K. PHINNEY on January 27, 1960 that his records revealed only two shipments to Tampa or Jacksonville, Florida were made by an air freight from November 12, 1959, through November 14, 1959. A review of these two transactions revealed there could be no logical connection with Dr. SPEARS.

On January 27, 1960, Mr. J.T. LANDRUM, District Accountant, Delta Airlines, 842 First Avenue, Dallas, advised his records revealed there were no packages sent via air express to Tampa, Florida, on November 12, 1959, through November 14, 1959.

IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SPEARS

B. VISIT TO DALLAS - JANUARY, 1960

Lakewood Hotel
Grande Lodge Motel
Inquiry re 1957 Plymouth for Sale
Juanita Motel, Abilene, Texas

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MR. D. L. SMITH Manager, Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas, [redacted] made available the hotel registration card No. 25036. This card shows that DR. G. E. RHODES & GEO., [redacted], checked into the hotel at 7:26 P.M. on January 7, 1960. They were assigned to room 126, at a rate of \$7.00 per day. They checked out at 10:44 A.M., January 8, 1960, and paid their bill which consisted of \$7.00 for room rent, and 21¢ state tax. No other charges were incurred. The card shows that the guests had baggage. MR. J. F. ESTEP, Room Clerk, handled the registration of these guests.

SMITH stated he checked the persons out of Room 126 on January 8, 1960, but he could not recall the persons or checking them out. SMITH did not recognize the photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS as anyone who had ever been a guest at the hotel.

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Mr. J. FRANK ESTEP, [redacted] advised that on January 7, 1960, he worked as room clerk at the Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas, from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM. He was shown the registration card of Dr. G. E. RHODES & GEO., who registered for Room 126 on January 7, 1960, and he stated he registered one man for this room. ESTEP was shown a photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and stated SPEARS was positively not the person who came in and registered for this room.

ESTEP stated that the man who registered as Dr. G. E. RHODES & GEO. was a white man about fiftyfive to sixty years old, light brown hair, wearing a hat, about five feet eight or nine inches tall, and one hundred fifty pounds. The man was wearing a suit, color and type not recalled, but wore no top coat. The man had some luggage, but the type was not recalled. This man had numerous scratches about his face and nose, but the scratches were not fresh, although they were not completely healed. After the man registered, he went to his room, stayed a short time, then came outside and left for about fortyfive minutes. When the man returned, he stopped by the desk and talked to ESTEP for a few minutes. He said he was a rancher from near Phoenix, and he got scratched up on a barn door. After talking about the weather for about ten minutes, this man went to his room, and was not seen again by ESTEP. ESTEP did not see any other person with this man, and did not see the type car he had.

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Mr. J. FRANK ESTEP, [redacted] was shown a photo of W. A. TURSKA, and he stated positively that TURSKA is the person who on January 7, 1960, registered at that hotel as Dr. G. E. X. RHODES & GEO., and was assigned to Room 126. ESTEP stated that the handwriting on the hotel registration card is that of TURSKA.

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PAIRLEE BRAY, [redacted] advised she is employed as a maid at the Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas. She was shown a photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, and she stated that is the photo of a man who was in Room 126 on the morning of January 8, 1960, when she cleaned the room. The man was in the room by himself, and she saw no one else around the room. She recalled nothing being left in the trash, and did not recall the type luggage in the room.

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OTIS L. JOHNSON, porter, Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas, who resides at [redacted] home telephone number HAL-4610, advised that he works at the hotel from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM each day.

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JOHNSON was shown a photograph of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, and he said that he believes SPEARS was the man who registered as Dr. G. E. RHODES, in Room 126 on January 7, 1960. JOHNSON stated he recalled that this man and a woman checked into the hotel in a car with an out of state license. The man was wearing a brown suit, with a gray top coat, and a brown hat. The woman was 40 or 45 years old, with dark hair that had a reddish tint, hair combed back, about five feet two or three inches tall, and weighed about 120 pounds. The woman was wearing a cloth coat, color not recalled. The couple had two leather men's suitcases, one of which was brown and the other gray, and a ladies overnight case, which was gray. Shortly after the couple checked in, they asked for some ice. Their luggage was carried in the back seat of the car.

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JESSE HAMILTON, Porter, Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas, who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] home telephone HAL-7709, advised he usually works from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. each day.

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HAMILTON was shown the registration card of DR. G. E. RHODES & GEO, for room 126 for January 7-8, 1960. HAMILTON said he recalls taking coffee for two people to this room, shortly after 7:00 A.M. on January 8, 1960. The man who came to the door was about 45 or 50 years old, slender, and about six feet one or two inches tall. Later in the morning, he passed the room and noticed the man that came to the door of the room earlier, taking some luggage to their car outside. He noticed an elderly looking white headed man, heavy set, stretched out across the bed. HAMILTON did not see the car, but noticed the younger man carrying a dark brown Samsonite suitcase, and a clear plastic Val-pak suitcase out the front of the hotel, and turn to the left, as if he were going toward the hotel parking lot directly south of the hotel.

HAMILTON was shown the photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, and stated SPEARS was not the man who came to the door for the coffee, and he never saw the other man well enough to identify him. HAMILTON saw no one other than these two men, about the room.

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Mrs. RUTH REYNOLDS, [redacted] advised she is employed as housekeeper at the Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas. She said that on January 7, 1960, she got off duty at noon, and did not return to duty until January 9, 1960, so she had no occasion to see the occupants of Room 126 on January 7-8, 1960. When she returned to duty on January 9, 1960, none of the maids turned anything in to her which had been left in Room 126 on January 7-8, 1960.

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JESSE HAMILTON, porter, Lakewood Hotel, Dallas, Texas, advised he was unable to recognize the photo of W. A. TURSKA, as anyone who ever has been a guest at the hotel. He could not recognize the photo of TURSKA, as anyone he saw in room 126 on January 7-8, 1960.

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Mrs. MYRTLE WOOD, room clerk and telephone operator, Lakewood Hotel, 1818 Abrams Road, who lives at [redacted] stated she did not recognize the photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS as being a guest at the hotel. She was shown the registration card showing that Dr. G. E. RHODES & GEO. were occupants of Room 126 at the hotel on January 7-8, 1960, and stated she does not recall these guests.

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MR. D. L. SMITH, Manager, Lakewood Hotel, Dallas, Texas, was shown the photo of W. A. TURSKA, and he stated he could not remember ever seeing a person resembling this photo around the hotel.

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LEE JACKSON, [REDACTED] who is employed as a porter at the Lakewood Hotel, stated that he is a relief porter, and on Thursday nights, he goes to work at 11 p.m. and gets off on Friday morning at 7 a.m.

JACKSON stated that on January 7, 8, 1960, he does not recall anyone in or about Room 126 at the Lakewood Hotel, and does not recall being called to the room for any purpose. He was shown photos of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and W. A. TURSKA, and stated that he does not recall ever seeing either of them.

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[Redacted] said the proper person to subpoena should any necessity for the introduction of [Redacted] into evidence, would be [Redacted]

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G. W. CAGE, Manager, Grande Lodge Motel, 1401 North Zang's Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, residence [redacted] stated he recalled the guests registered in Unit 35 of the motel as Dr. GEORGE RHODES and brother from January 8, 1960, through January 11, 1960. He said he recalled that the younger appearing of the two men on January 11, 1960, had asked and was given permission to check out later than the regular 2 p.m. check-out time. CAGE then happened to be in the vicinity of Unit 35 on another matter at about 4:30 or 5 p.m. that day and at that time, the guests were in the process of leaving.

CAGE said he never had occasion to observe either of the guests in sufficient detail to give any adequate description of them, and recalls only that one appeared to be older than the other, the older being about 60 years old or more with gray hair, and heavier set than the younger. He believes they were both wearing caps when they left. As they drove away, CAGE noticed that the younger appearing man was doing the driving, and he judged his age at around 40-45 years.

CAGE said he associates no unusual or remarkable occurrences with the stay of above guests at the motel, and said he did not know whether they had any visitors while there.

CAGE viewed a photograph of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, but said he could not make any positive identification of it as that of the older of the above two men although it seemed similar to this individual. He said there were only two men who stayed in the unit, and he knows of no third individual involved although the registration card shows number of persons as "3".

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Mrs. LILLIAN COLLINS, Grande Lodge Motel, 1401 North Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, [redacted] b6 b7c
 She viewed Grande Lodge Motel registration card No. 85284, which reflects the registration in Unit 35 on January 8, 1960, of Dr. GEORGE RHODES and Bro., and the occupancy by these parties of this unit until January 11, 1960, and said she is the one who handled the registration of these guests. She said that although the card does not designate whether the check-in time was 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 p.m., she recalls that it actually was 11:30 a.m. She also said that at first she thought there were three in the party, and she consequently put down a "3" for the number of persons. She said she definitely remembers, however, that there were only two men in the party, and the "3" is thus in error, and should have been a "2".

Mrs. COLLINS said the driver of the car in which the guests arrived was the one who came into the office and registered. The other man stayed in the car which was parked immediately in front of the office. She did not have an opportunity, however, to observe the individual in the car other than to note that it was another man, and she thinks he was wearing a cap. She was very vague in her recollection of the appearance of the man who did the registering and could describe him only as wearing a cap and "chunky". She said she doubts she could identify this party at this time even if seen in person. She could not identify a picture of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS with this party when it was shown to her. She said she is very poor at identifying automobiles, and could not say what the make of the car was in which these individuals arrived.

Mrs. COLLINS said there was nothing which struck her as in any way unusual in connection with the stay of above guests at the motel. She said she does not know whether they had any visitors. She pointed out that the motel has some 85 units, and is spread over some two or three acres of ground, and that people can come and go easily without being observed.

The registration card, Mrs. COLLINS advised, was completed in the handwriting of the individual who registered with the exception of the car license number which, she explained, she personally placed on the card. She does not remember whether she asked the guest for this information or whether she personally viewed the license on the car, and thus she cannot be certain that the number appearing on the card actually is the full and correct number. It is noted this number is [redacted] b6 b7c

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The only time Mrs. COLLINS saw above guests, she advised, was at the time of their registration.

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Mrs. KATHERINE HOLLIS, [redacted] was interviewed at the Grande Lodge Motel, 1401 North Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, and she identified herself as the maid in charge of units there including unit No. 35. She said she remembered the two men who stayed in unit No. 35 for a period of about four days some ten days or so ago. She said she usually cleans this unit shortly after noon each day, and noted on each day that one of the men was in the unit. She said to her observation this man never left the unit. She viewed the photograph of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, taken December 12, 1958 at Dallas County Sheriff's Office, No. 25716, and stated that the front view in this was that of the man who seemed to stay continuously in the unit.

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Mrs. HOLLIS said she does not recall having seen the second man at all, although she was aware there were two men staying in the unit because both beds were used and there were the clothes of two men there. She said there was no third individual staying in the unit as she saw no evidence of this.

On one occasion while these guests were at the motel, Mrs. HOLLIS remarked, she recalls that they called for maid service in their unit early. She did not get around to doing this, and when she did clean the unit the one who was always there, and whom she identified with the picture of SPEARS, rebuked her for being late, she said, and explained that he had been expecting guests and that was why he had wanted the unit cleaned early. Mrs. HOLLIS said she does not know whether these guests had been there, were still to come, or ever did come. She did not see any visitors coming to the unit and does not know whether the guests ever actually did have any visitors at any time during their stay.

Mrs. HOLLIS said she noted on a couple of occasions when she cleaned the unit of these guests that there were bits of packing material on the floor, being such as is used for packing fragile or breakable items. The appearance of excelsior was described to Mrs. HOLLIS, and she said this is what the material seemed to be. She said further that she noticed at least three and possibly four boxes in the unit, and these appeared to be boxes in which the guests were packing something, and in connection with which they were using the excelsior. She said she never did see inside the boxes, and has no idea what might have been in them. Also, she added, the guests had moved the beds in order to make more room

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in the middle of their quarters. She presumes this was to facilitate the packing they were evidently doing.

Nothing remarkable about the luggage of the guests was noted by Mrs. HOLLIS, and she said that when she cleaned the room, both while they were still there, and after they had departed, she saw or found nothing to in any way arouse her suspicions concerning them or their activities other than the excelsior and packing boxes as mentioned in the foregoing. She said she never had any conversations with them and recalls nothing said by them to her other than that the one who seemed to always stay in the unit did make some remark about having been at the motel on occasion in the past. He offered no detail on this. Mrs. HOLLIS said she has been with the motel for several years, and never saw this guest before.

Mrs. HOLLIS described the boxes referred to above as looking like new and regular packing boxes about 2 feet x 2 feet x 3 feet in size. There were no inscriptions thereon of any kind noted by her.

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MRS. BONNIE STALL, Desk Clerk and Telephone Switchboard Operator, Grande Lodge Motel, 1401 N. Zangs Blvd., Dallas, Texas, said she never had occasion to observe the guests who stayed in unit #35 at the motel from January 8, 1960 to January 11, 1960. She consulted her records, however, and advised that the following telephone calls were made from that unit during this period, all calls from units at the motel having of necessity to go through the switchboard, with the operator of the latter doing the dialing.

1/10/60	to Dallas FRanklin 6-6700	call completed
1/10/60	to Dallas FRanklin 6-6700	no answer
1/10/60	to Dallas FRanklin 6-6700	call completed
1/11/60	to Dallas DAVIS 1-6421	call completed
1/11/60	to Dallas DAVIS 1-1237	call completed

MRS. STALL said that charges would be made for only four calls in connection with the above, since no fee is assessed when the call is not completed.

MRS. STALL said she has no way of checking incoming calls, no record being kept of same. She had no recollection of any such having been received by unit #35 during the period in question, either local or long distance. She said the above record of outgoing calls is a complete record of all calls made from the unit, and no outgoing long distance calls were made.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL E. WULFF on January 21, 1960, at Dallas, Texas:

A check of the current Kriss Kross Directory for Dallas, Texas, lists the following data for three telephone numbers which were listed as charges on the registration of Dr. GEO. RHODES & Bro., Grande Lodge Motel, Dallas, Texas, under card No. 85284:

DA 1-6421
State Highway Department
8600 E U. S. 67
(call made on January 11, 1960)

DA 1-1237
Overload Permit
8600 E U. S. 67
(call made on January 11, 1960)

FR 6-6700
J. B. WOOLEY

[redacted] (two calls made January 10, 1960, as well as one attempt)

City directory for Dallas, 1959, lists a J. B. WOOLEY as a Post Office carrier at an address different than [redacted] however, the address [redacted] is not reflected in the 1959 directory. The current telephone book lists J. B. WOOLEY, [redacted] telephone FR 6-6700.

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MRS. J. B. (HESTER) WOOLEY, unemployed, [redacted] said she is not acquainted with DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA, and advised she knows of no reason why any such person should have called her residence on January 10, 1960, unless it was in connection with a 1957 green and ivory colored Plymouth Belvedere which she and her husband had advertised for sale in the "Dallas Times Herald" newspaper of that date. She said this car was described in the paper as a "1957 Plymouth Belvedere, full power and air, radio and heater." No price was given except to state the car could be had by "taking up payments of \$58.19 per month." No color was mentioned in the paper.

MRS. WOOLEY was unsuccessful in identifying any of the many calls received concerning above car with SPEARS or TURSKA. She said a number of people asked about color, and about how much it would take to pay the car off in a lump sum, but none of these inquiries were such as to remain especially in her mind.

A picture of SPEARS and the picture of DR. WILLIAM TURSKA which appeared in the January 22, 1960, edition of the "Dallas Times Herald" were shown to MRS. WOOLEY, and she said that neither resembled anyone she had ever seen or talked to, either in connection with the sale of the Plymouth or otherwise.

MRS. WOOLEY said the above car was not sold, and is still owned by her and her husband. The car was observed in the garage at the above residence on January 22, 1960, during the course of the interview.

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J. B. WOOLEY, employed as a truck driver for the U. S. Post Office, Terminal Station, Dallas and residing [redacted] [redacted] advised he does not know and has never met DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS. He said he knows of no reason why his residence would have been called by anyone from the Grand Lodge Motel except that he did have his 1957 green and ivory colored Plymouth Belvedere advertised in the Dallas Times Herald newspaper for that date, January 10, 1960. He said as a result of this advertisement, which ran from January 7, 1960 through January 10, 1960, he received a large number of telephonic inquiries at his home. He said a few of the callers subsequently came and looked at the car but no one, either the telephone callers or the ones who came to the house, asked any unusual questions concerning the car or seemed to have any out of the ordinary interest in any of its characteristics. He said several people asked what color it was, but none, as he recalls, seemed to be interested in this alone, and he attached no significance to any such inquiries.

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WOOLEY said he does not recall anyone who called concerning his car mentioning the name SPEARS, TURSKA, RHODES, or SEARLES, and likewise does not recall that anyone made any mention of being at a motel. He said he could not in any manner place which one of the many calls he received might have been from SPEARS or TURSKA or anyone connected with this investigation.

A picture of SPEARS, and the photograph of DR. WILLIAM TURSKA which appeared in the evening edition of the Dallas Times Herald on January 22, 1960, were shown to WOOLEY and he said neither resembled anyone he has any recollection of ever having seen.

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Dr. HARRY M. HOXSEY, Hoxsey Oil Company, 4403 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, residence [redacted] also a b6 b7c naturopath but not engaged at this time in active practice, when shown a photo of Dr. WILLIAM A. TURSKA, identified this immediately as a picture of a fellow naturopath, Dr. WILLIAM A. TURSKA.

HOXSEY said his acquaintanceship with TURSKA was not of a social or close personal type and was based primarily on having met him at several naturopath conventions in the past. He explained also that he operated a clinic in Dallas prior to 3 or 4 years ago for the treatment of cancer, and that TURSKA had referred a few patients to him there. He said that at that time, he believes, TURSKA was located on the West Coast.

Dr. HOXSEY said TURSKA dropped into his office a few weeks ago, and after consultation with his attorney, JAMES McCORMICK, JR., and going back in his mind over his personal activities, he placed the date of this visit as January 15, 1960. He said, as he reconstructed his activities, that he was not even in his office on January 11, 1960 to his best recollection. He said he went to Oklahoma City on business on January 7, 1960 and stayed there until January 9, 1960 when he returned to Dallas. He did not go to his office on Sunday, January 10, 1960, and on Monday, January 11, 1960, he had a cold and stayed at home all day taking an anti-histamine, conducting what urgent business he had, by telephone.

In support of the date of TURSKA's call being January 15, 1960 HOXSEY said he recalls that while talking to him he was busy signing certain pipe line reports, the signing of which had been his principal purpose in going by his office. These particular pipe line reports, he recalled, have to be signed and out by the 15th of each month, and almost without exception never come into his office until that date, and have to be signed and sent out the same day.

In connection with the foregoing, HOXSEY said his travels, business contacts, and activities are extensive and at a fast pace, and he could be wrong, but that at this time he would "swear" he saw TURSKA on January 15, 1960 and not January 11, 1960. He said when the case first "broke" in the papers, which he thinks was on about January 21, 1960, he recalls that when he saw it he remarked to his wife that TURSKA had been in his office "just a week ago."

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Dr. HOXSEY said TURSKA had no ostensible important reason for coming to see him. He merely said he was "just passing through town and thought I'd drop by and say hello." He asked about Dr. HOXSEY's family, and told him of the subsequent conditions of a cancer patient he had at one time referred to Dr. HOXSEY. After no more than five minutes he took his leave, telling Dr. HOXSEY he is now in the Phoenix area, and that Dr. HOXSEY should drop in and see him there sometime. He gave Dr. HOXSEY one of his cards showing his address.

TURSKA was waiting for him at his office when he arrived, Dr. HOXSEY said, and he remembers he was reading a "Look" magazine. He stood and they shook hands, and he noted that TURSKA was wearing a bow tie. He said he definitely has no recollection whatever of having seen any scratches or cuts of any kind on TURSKA's face, and feels that if such had existed to any noticeable extent he would have taken note of and remembered them.

Dr. HOXSEY said he never knew Dr. ROBERT SPEARS except more or less by name, and does not remember ever having personally met him. He said he had never seen Dr. TURSKA and Dr. SPEARS together in the past and did not in any way associate one with the other. The name of Dr. SPEARS was not mentioned during his conversation with TURSKA.

Dr. HOXSEY said he does not know how TURSKA arrived at or left the vicinity of his office, and did not observe his car, if he was driving one.

Dr. HOXSEY said that, in retrospect, he has a feeling TURSKA must have had some reason for coming to see him about which, after they met, he changed his mind. He explained that he and TURSKA were never close enough associates, to his mind, to have justified a visit from TURSKA just for the purpose of a "social chat." What the matter/might have been the real original purpose for TURSKA to come and see him could be, Dr. HOXSEY said he could not even venture a guess.

Dr. HOXSEY said he never knew and never had any personal or business contacts with attorney JULIAN FRANK, and, as a matter of fact, knows of this individual only by virtue of the newspaper publicity surrounding his death of recent date in an airplane crash. He said he knows of no relationship between FRANK and TURSKA, and said his acquaintanceship with Dr. SPEARS was not such that he would logically have any knowledge as to whether SPEARS and FRANK knew each other or ever had any business or other mutual dealings.

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MRS. KAY HUNT, [redacted] secretary in the office of the Hoxsey Oil Company, 4403 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, advised that she located a hotel receipt which shows that DR. HARRY M. HOXSEY was a guest at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the nights of January 7, 8, and 9, 1960. She was shown photographs of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and W. A. TURSKA. She stated that W. A. TURSKA came to the office of the Hoxsey Oil Company in Dallas on the morning of January 11, 1960. She recalled that TURSKA telephoned and asked for DR. HOXSEY, telling her that he was DR. TURSKA. MRS. HUNT at that time told TURSKA that DR. HOXSEY was not in his office, but she expected him in about an hour. About an hour later, TURSKA arrived at the office, identified himself, and she sent him in to see DR. HOXSEY who was in his office. DR. TURSKA visited with DR. HOXSEY about five or ten minutes, and left. MRS. HUNT stated she made no notations of the visit of TURSKA, and has no records or other means of positively identifying the date that TURSKA was in DR. HOXSEY's office. However, she believes DR. HOXSEY did come to his office for a short time on January 11, 1960, and that this was the date TURSKA contacted HOXSEY.

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W. C. WILKERSON, owner and manager, Juanita Motel, 3153 South First, Abilene, Texas, made available guest registration card dated January 11, 1960, reflecting two individuals, registered as W. E. RHODES and brother, stayed at that motel on the night of January 11, 1960. Their address was shown as [redacted] Make of car, Cadillac, year model not shown. License shown as Arizona; numerals not listed.

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WILKERSON advised that he placed the amount \$6.00 and tax .18 on the registration card, the remainder being filled out by the guest. WILKERSON was unable to identify a photograph of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS as being identical with either of the guests; stating he was the one who checked them into the motel and knew of no one else having contact with the guest. There were no telephone calls or other charges listed. WILKERSON requested that the registration card be returned to him after it has served its purpose.

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IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SPEARS

C. INFORMATION FROM HOUSEHOLD HELP

VERNICE DARBY
KATHERINE MC NEIL
ALTA WASHINGTON
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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 27, 1960

Mrs. MACK (VERNICE) DARBY, [redacted] b6 advised that sometime about the middle of 1951, she started working as a maid for Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT SPEARS in Dallas, working three days a week. She worked there several days a week, until 1954, when she quit to have a baby. She was off work for three or four months, then started working for the SPEARS again. She worked for them again, about three days a week, until 1956, when she again quit to have a baby, and was off for three or four months. During 1957, and 1958, she only worked occasionally at the SPEARS home, and not regularly. In September, 1959, she started working regularly for the SPEARS. On June 15, 1959, VERNICE accompanied Mrs. SPEARS and her two children, via plane, to San Pedro, California. She worked for the SPEARS in California, at a salary of \$59.00 a week and room and board, until July 2, 1959, when the SPEARS returned her to Dallas, via plane. The only acquaintances of the SPEARS that she met while in California, was a Dr. LOOMIS, who had a home up in the mountains. In November, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS and the children returned from California, and she started working for the SPEARS again, full time. Dr. SPEARS returned to Dallas, two or three weeks before Mrs. SPEARS and the children did, and apparently lived at the house at 6116 Gaston. Mrs. SPEARS returned to Dallas from California on a Sunday, and VERNICE started working for her full time on the next day. On Wednesday, Dr. SPEARS told VERNICE that he had to go to Miami on Thursday, and asked VERNICE if she could work for them on Thursday, since VERNICE was supposed to be off that day. Mrs. SPEARS spoke up and mentioned to Dr. SPEARS that he had not told her he was going. Dr. SPEARS then said that he had told her about the trip. Mrs. SPEARS agreed that he had told her about the trip, but she didn't know he was going so soon after she returned from California, or she would have waited a little longer before returning to Dallas. VERNICE agreed to work for the SPEARS the following day. On this Thursday, VERNICE arrived at the SPEARS home between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. She noticed that Dr. SPEARS had his big brown suitcase already packed, upstairs. About 1:00 p.m., Mrs. SPEARS left for her appointment with a beauty operator. The name of the beauty shop is not known, but the beauty shop has telephone number DA 1-6822. A little while after Mrs. SPEARS left for the beauty shop, VERNICE saw Dr. SPEARS go up into the attic, and come back down with two small suitcases which apparently were already packed. He brought his big bag and the two small ones, then, down the stairs to the first floor in one trip, and set them down at the foot of the stairs. VERNICE described the larger of the two small bags,

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as being soft like leather, and light brown in color, about two feet long, ten inches wide, and six inches thick. The bag had a handle on it, but not a zipper. It opened in the middle, like a regular suitcase, and had metal latches on it. VERNICE had seen this bag around the SPEARS home before the SPEARS went to California in 1959, and Dr. SPEARS usually kept a lot of papers in it, in his office. The other small bag appeared to be of the same color, and matched the one Dr. SPEARS usually kept the papers in. This smallest bag was almost square, and about a foot long and not quite that wide. It appeared to be a new bag, and VERNICE had never seen it before. VERNICE had not noticed Dr. SPEARS in the attic at any other time that week, until he went up and brought the two small bags down. While Dr. SPEARS was getting ready to leave, VERNICE walked by the bags at the foot of the stairway, and started to move the bags near the front door. She is positive there were three bags there. She started to pick up the middle size bag, but it was so heavy that she did not even lift it from the floor. VERNICE explained that she is expecting a baby in February, and for that reason, did not try to pick up the bag. She could make no estimate as to how much this bag weighed, but knows that it was heavy. She heard nothing rattle inside the bag, and has no idea what was inside, because she could not tell from her effort to lift it, what the bag might contain. Dr. SPEARS called a taxicab, and when the cab came, he turned to her and said, "Goodbye, VERNICE, take care of my family." He had never said anything like that before, and she thought this was unusual, but this was the only unusual thing about Dr. SPEARS' actions that she noticed. Dr. SPEARS carried the three bags out to the taxicab and left. He had been gone only a few moments when the airline office called, and told her that Dr. SPEARS' plane had been delayed and would not leave on time. VERNICE told them that Dr. SPEARS had already left for the airport. In about an hour, Dr. SPEARS returned and told her he was going to catch the plane the next morning. VERNICE did not see how he returned to the house, and did not see him enter the house. She did not see any of the three bags he left with, and assumed he had left them at the airport. She said it was possible that he brought them back home with him, but she is positive she did not see them around the house. Mrs. SPEARS returned from the beauty shop at about 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. VERNICE left the SPEARS house about 6:15 p.m. The following morning she came to work about 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. and Dr. SPEARS had already left.

VERNICE said that she had never seen Dr. SPEARS take any bags on any trip with him, prior to this one, except his large brown bag. A day or two after Dr. SPEARS left, Mrs. SPEARS

mentioned to VERNICE that Dr. SPEARS took some of his old clothes to Miami, to give them to AL TAYLOR. VERNICE said this was the only time she ever knew of Dr. SPEARS giving any of his clothing to AL TAYLOR. She said that Dr. SPEARS usually sent his old clothing and shoes, to an elderly man who was an old friend of Dr. SPEARS, who lived away from Dallas somewhere. VERNICE does not know who this old man is, or where he lives.

The night after Dr. SPEARS left for Florida, a friend of Mrs. SPEARS came to spend the night with her, because Mrs. SPEARS does not like to stay by herself. This woman is known to VERNICE only as "Miss ETHEL." Miss ETHEL is a white woman about thirty-two or thirty-three years old, five feet, four inches tall, has brown hair, weighs about 160 or 170 pounds, and worked for some church in the Oak Cliff part of Dallas. She drives a light blue and white 1954 to 1956 Chevrolet. Mrs. SPEARS has known Miss ETHEL since about 1957, because Miss ETHEL first started to come to Mrs. SPEARS for treatments for nervousness about that time. In about 1957, Miss ETHEL lived in the SPEARS home for several months. VERNICE did not know what kind of treatments Mrs. SPEARS would give Miss ETHEL, but they would go into the treatment room where Mrs. SPEARS had a desk, chair, and couch, and Mrs. SPEARS would talk to Miss ETHEL. Mrs. SPEARS also used some kind of black box that looks like some kind of radio. Mrs. SPEARS would usually treat Miss ETHEL for about an hour each time. Miss ETHEL stayed in the SPEARS home at night from the time Dr. SPEARS left for Florida, up until Mrs. SPEARS' relatives came to stay with her after the airlines notified Mrs. SPEARS that the plane on which Dr. SPEARS was traveling, had crashed. Just before Christmas, Miss ETHEL went to Tennessee to visit her relatives, and then moved to somewhere in Tennessee, possibly to Memphis to go to work.

While Dr. SPEARS was in Florida, VERNICE recalls no telephone calls from Florida to the SPEARS home. On the Monday morning that Dr. SPEARS was supposed to return to Dallas, three letters came in the morning mail, addressed to Mrs. SPEARS, which apparently were address by Dr. SPEARS, because it looked like his handwriting.

On the Monday morning that Dr. SPEARS was supposed to return to Dallas, VERNICE called Mrs. SPEARS about 7:00 a.m. and told her that her daughter was sick, and she couldn't come to work that day. Mrs. SPEARS told her that Dr. SPEARS was not there, as his plane was late. At about 7:30 a.m., Mrs. SPEARS called VERNICE and told her that the plane which Dr. SPEARS was on, was reported missing. Mrs. SPEARS asked VERNICE to bring her daughter with her, and come on over and help her, so VERNICE did so. Mrs. SPEARS was crying a lot, and seemed to be upset. A lot of people that were friends of the SPEARS started telephoning and coming by, but VERNICE does not remember who they all were. VERNICE is of the opinion, judging from Mrs. SPEARS

actions, that Mrs. SPEARS thought her husband was on the missing plane. The next day, Mrs. SPEARS parents, her oldest sister and husband, came to stay with Mrs. SPEARS, and the next day another sister, her brother, and her brother's wife came to stay with her.

After the relatives all left, Mrs. SPEARS' actions were not unusual, and she had no visitors that were not usual friends. VERNICE does not recall anyone in particular spending any time with Mrs. SPEARS, and Mrs. SPEARS did not go out any.

On Thursday January 7, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS got another woman, KATHERINE MC NEIL, to come to work for her and stay with her. VERNICE recalls this date, because Mrs. MCNEIL came on Thursday, which was the day VERNICE was off that week.

On Friday, January 8, 1960, VERNICE came to work about 8:30 a.m. A little after ten o'clock that morning, Mrs. SPEARS took [redacted] to get a haircut. At about 10:45 a.m., the telephone rang, and VERNICE answered the phone. A man said, "Is Mrs. SPEARS in?" VERNICE said she immediately recognized the voice as that of Dr. SPEARS, and it scared her, but she told him that Mrs. SPEARS was not in. The man then said, "When do you expect her?" VERNICE told the man that she was expected back at any time, and the man asked her where Mrs. SPEARS had gone. She told him that she had gone to take her boy to get a haircut, and asked if she could take a message. The man replied that he had no message to leave, and then hung up. VERNICE then told Mrs. MC NEIL that the man who called sounded just like Dr. SPEARS. In a few minutes, Mrs. SPEARS returned with her son, and VERNICE asked Mrs. SPEARS if she knew of anyone whose voice sounded like Dr. SPEARS. Mrs. SPEARS asked her why she wanted to know, and VERNICE told her that a man had just called and asked for her, and his voice sounded just like Dr. SPEARS. Mrs. SPEARS' face turned red, tears came to her eyes, and she started shaking. However, Mrs. SPEARS started naming people and asking VERNICE if it could have been their voice that she heard. VERNICE told her that the man's voice didn't sound like any of them, but sounded just like Dr. SPEARS. Mrs. SPEARS then informed her that it couldn't have been Dr. SPEARS, and there was no further discussion about it. VERNICE said there is no question in her mind, but what it was Dr. SPEARS who called that morning.

At about 1:30 p.m. on January 8, 1960, a man came to the door, and Mrs. SPEARS introduced this man to VERNICE as Dr. TURSKA, a friend of Dr. SPEARS. VERNICE recalled that Mrs. MC NEIL had shown VERNICE a sack of oranges which Dr. TURSKA had brought the day before, and the oranges were supposed to be

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from Phoenix. Mrs. SPEARS and Dr. TURSKA went into the office and talked for about thirty minutes, then left together in Mrs. SPEARS car. Mrs. SPEARS did not return until about 5:30 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. VERNICE did not see Dr. TURSKA any more. The following Monday, the garage was cleaned out, and Mrs. SPEARS told VERNICE she had sold some of Dr. SPEARS' tools and things to Dr. TURSKA, and he cleaned everything out on Saturday. VERNICE worked the rest of this week, except Thursday, and the following week she worked only on Friday. Since that time, she has not worked any more, since Mrs. SPEARS had Mrs. MC NEIL working for her and VERNICE is expecting her baby.

VERNICE said that after Dr. SPEARS was reported missing on the airplane, Mrs. SPEARS called several lumber yards, trying to sell some lumber that was in the garage. One man came by and offered her four dollars for the lot, and Mrs. SPEARS would not sell it. Another man came by and offered her twenty dollars for the lot, and was supposed to come by the next day to pick it up, but has never returned.

VERNICE said she has never seen any explosives around the SPEARS home. Dr. SPEARS would talk on the telephone a lot, and read a lot, but he seldom had a visitor at the house.

VERNICE never saw any persons come to the house to see Dr. SPEARS for a treatment, but Mrs. SPEARS treated quite a few people from time to time. Mrs. SPEARS treated people mostly, by just talking to them.

VERNICE said she had no indication that Dr. SPEARS might be alive until January 8, 1960, when she got the phone call and recognized Dr. SPEARS' voice. She was so convinced that it was Dr. SPEARS, that nothing Mrs. SPEARS said to her changed her mind.

VERNICE stated that Dr. SPEARS used the bolts of cloth that were stored in the garage, to make aprons, which he sold to other doctors. Dr. SPEARS cuts out the cloth, and sews up the aprons on the sewing machine. The aprons are short ones that are tied about the waist, and are shorter than knee length. The aprons are split in front, so that they look like the front of a pair of men's shorts.

VERNICE said she has never seen Dr. SPEARS drink any intoxicating beverages. About Christmas, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS bought a fifth of whiskey as a gift for someone, and bought herself a pint of whiskey which she kept at home. Other than this, she does not recall any intoxicating beverages about the SPEARS home.

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MRS. KATHRYN MC NEIL, [redacted] advised that early in January, 1960, she went to the Household Employment Agency, 901½ ELM Street, Dallas, Texas, to secure employment. She was referred to a MRS. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. She was interviewed by MRS. SPEARS the same date and the following date MRS. SPEARS phoned her and asked her to come to work the next date.

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MRS. MC NEIL related that she believes she went to work for MRS. FRANCES SPEARS on January 7, 1960, at about 9:00 AM. Prior to this employment, she had no knowledge of MRS. SPEARS or her husband. She was employed to do housework and assist in caring for two young children. On the first day of her employment, MRS. SPEARS showed MRS. MC NEIL newspapers, which told of the crash of an airplane in November, 1959, and told her that her husband, DR. SPEARS, was killed in this plane crash.

A photo of W. A. TURSKA was exhibited to MRS. MC NEIL, and she stated she recognized the photo as that of DR. W. A. TURSKA. On the first date of her employment at the SPEARS home in Dallas, Texas, DR. TURSKA came to the door at about 2:00 or 3:00 PM, as she now best recalls, and asked for FRANCES. MRS. MC NEIL said she did not, at that time, know the first name of MRS. SPEARS, so she asked the man who he wanted to see. The man told her he wanted to see MRS. FRANCES SPEARS, telling her he was DR. TURSKA. MRS. MC NEIL then went into the room of the house which is used as an office, where MRS. SPEARS was working and told her that a DR. TURSKA was there to see her. MRS. SPEARS told her to let him in, as he was a friend of her husbands. MRS. MC NEIL is of the opinion that MRS. SPEARS was quite surprised when she told her that DR. TURSKA was at the door. DR. TURSKA went into the office, where he and MRS. SPEARS talked. MRS. MC NEIL did not hear any of their conversation, although they did not close the door to the room where they were talking. At the time she let DR. TURSKA into the house, she noticed that he had evidently parked his car in the driveway behind MRS. SPEARS' car. TURSKA's car was an old 1949 or 1950 automobile, make not noticed, which was light green in color. She did not notice what kind of license plate the car had on it. DR. TURSKA stayed in the office talking to MRS. SPEARS, until about 8:30 or 9:00 PM. MRS. SPEARS was with him most of the time, but did come outside

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several times to see about the children. DR. TURSKA drank a cup of coffee in the office. At about 8:30 or 9:00 PM, MRS. SPEARS told MRS. MC NEIL that she was going to leave with DR. TURSKA as they were going down to the Lakewood Shopping Center, nearby, to get something to eat. MRS. MC NEIL did not notice whether they went in TURSKA's car, in SPEARS' car, or together in one of the cars, as she did not see them actually leave the house. MRS. SPEARS was gone about an hour, and then returned to the house. Following her return, MRS. SPEARS received no callers or telephone calls, to MRS. MC NEIL's knowledge. MRS. MC NEIL recalled that TURSKA brought a sack of oranges with him when he first came to the house, telling them he had brought them from Arizona.

MRS. MC NEIL recalled that when DR. TURSKA first appeared at the home, she noticed that his face was scratched or superficially cut, in several places. She later mentioned it to MRS. SPEARS, and MRS. SPEARS told her that TURSKA was painting his house, and fell off a ladder.

The following day, TURSKA came back to the SPEARS residence, but MRS. MC NEIL cannot recall whether it was during the morning or afternoon. MRS. SPEARS and TURSKA talked a while and then MRS. SPEARS showed TURSKA some lumber and tools which were in the garage. TURSKA spent an hour or so at the SPEARS' home, then left, and took nothing with him. MRS. MC NEIL did not see whether TURSKA came in a car or not. MRS. MC NEIL stated that TURSKA was at the SPEARS home for a short time on the following day, Saturday, but she does not now recall how long he stayed, or what time of day he came there. On Sunday, TURSKA did not come to the SPEARS' home.

On Monday, TURSKA built a trailer in the garage, packed it with a number of things, and left late that night. TURSKA started working on the trailer about 8:30 or 9:00 AM, ate lunch at the home, and stayed there all day, working on the trailer and packing things. MRS. MC NEIL did not see the things he packed on the trailer.

MRS. MC NEIL related that on the first day she worked for MRS. SPEARS, MRS. SPEARS told her that a man might come by to look at some lumber that she had for sale. MRS. SPEARS showed MRS. MC NEIL some lumber, paint, and a sack of cement in the garage, and told her that if the man came by, that she should tell him that MRS. SPEARS wanted \$20 for

the lot. MRS. SPEARS told MRS. MC NEIL the man's name, who was supposed to come by, but MRS. MC NEIL does not now remember the name. MRS. MC NEIL is positive that MRS. SPEARS did not mention the name of TURSKA to her, as that of the man who might come by to look at the lumber. However, no one ever came by the house to look at the lumber, either that day or at any time since. The lumber was later used by TURSKA, to build the trailer which he used to haul a quantity of things away from the SPEARS house.

MRS. MC NEIL stated that during the time she worked at the SPEARS home, prior to the time it became public knowledge that DR. SPEARS was alive and had been located, she could recall no telephone calls which MRS. SPEARS received from a man, and she had no visitors other than DR. TURSKA. Other than showing her the newspaper about the airplane crash in which DR. SPEARS was reportedly killed, MRS. SPEARS never discussed the plane crash with MRS. MC NEIL. MRS. MC NEIL recalled seeing no letters bearing a postmark from any town in Arizona, but sometimes MRS. SPEARS picked up the mail and MRS. MC NEIL never saw it.

MRS. MC NEIL said that her salary for working for MRS. SPEARS is \$30 per week, and she lives and eats at the SPEARS home.

MRS. MC NEIL stated that her maiden name was KATHRYN O'CONNOR. She was first married to HARRY HOOD in 1932 in Camden, New Jersey, and divorced from him in 1945, in Dallas, Texas. She was next married to ROBERT MC NEIL in 1953 at Buffalo, New York, and divorced him in 1959, in Dallas, Texas. She is presently renting a room from MRS. STELLA MAE WHITAKER, a sister of her first husband, HARRY HOOD. She said she has never been arrested for any offense.

MRS. MC NEIL advised she has seen or heard nothing since being at the SPEARS residence, to lead her to believe MRS. SPEARS might have been aware of the fact DR. SPEARS was not actually dead, prior to DR. TURSKA's visit. She said that even after TURSKA's first visit, she saw no outward change in the demeanor of MRS. SPEARS, which would indicate she might be upset or excited over anything TURSKA had told her.

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MRS. ALTA WASHINGTON, [redacted] advised she began working for MRS. SPEARS in April, 1959, in the capacity as a nurse for MRS. SPEARS' infant child. She worked in this capacity for approximately six weeks and left the employment due to personal illness. During this period she was closely associated with both DR. and MRS. SPEARS and considers them to be excellent employers. She noted that DR. SPEARS was particularly devoted to his children and during this period he made two trips to California. MRS. WASHINGTON was unable to specifically recall the exact dates of her employment; however, she returned approximately two weeks later to assist MRS. SPEARS in packing preparatory for a move to California, where DR. SPEARS had found a home at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California. She recalls this occurred in June, 1959, and she worked for MRS. SPEARS for two days prior to her move to California.

Having learned that DR. SPEARS was allegedly aboard the National Airlines plane that crashed on November 16, 1959, she wrote a letter of sympathy to MRS. SPEARS at her California address. Several days later she received a telephone call from MRS. SPEARS who indicated she had returned to Dallas and requested assistance for a few days.

MRS. WASHINGTON went to MRS. SPEARS' residence in Dallas at her request on the date that MRS. SPEARS' household effects arrived from California. She stated she worked for MRS. SPEARS for approximately one week and is firmly convinced that MRS. SPEARS actually mourned the death of her husband. MRS. WASHINGTON stated she has no reason to believe that MRS. SPEARS saw her husband during the period of approximately one week she worked for her following the plane crash. She could furnish no personal background information on either DR. or MRS. SPEARS.

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 on 1/25/60 at [redacted] Date dictated 1/26/60
 by Special Agent ROBERT G. KUNKEL / gas

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ZEFFIE MC COY, Negro female, [redacted]
 [redacted] the wife of A. J. MC COY, [redacted]
 [redacted] advised that on December

7. 1959, she was residing at [redacted]

[redacted] when she was directed by the Texas Employment Commission to apply for a job as maid at the home of a FRANCES SPEARS on Gaston Avenue in Dallas, Texas. She stated MRS. SPEARS hired her as a maid to wash, iron, cook and watch the SPEARS children and she started the job on December 8, 1959, and lived at the residence of MRS. SPEARS. She stated on December 8, 1959, she made a phone call from the SPEARS home in Dallas to her husband in Tyler, Texas, at LYric 3-5975, to let him know where she was working.

MC COY advised the work at the SPEARS home was too hard and that MRS. SPEARS could not pay her \$40 a week so she quit about 4 days after December 8, 1959. She stated during the short period she was in the SPEARS home, MRS. SPEARS mentioned her husband, a DR. SPEARS, two or three times, and cried, stating that DR. SPEARS was dead, having been killed in an airplane accident.

MC COY stated as she was in the SPEARS home only a short time, she had no further information concerning SPEARS and had never seen DR. SPEARS or heard him mentioned other than as above by MRS. SPEARS.

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 by Special Agent ALAN L. MANNING / gas

IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SPEARS

D. REFLECTED BY GASOLINE CREDIT CARDS
NOVEMBER, 1959 - JANUARY, 1960

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/25/60

S. J. BARRETT, District Credit Manager, the Magnolia Petroleum Company, was able to furnish from records the following information: Mobil Gas Credit Card No. 891-730-297-1 was issued in duplicate to Dr. ROBERT SPEARS in December, 1957, for use in the calendar years 1958-59. The address reflected for Dr. SPEARS is 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Duplicate cards were automatically issued in December, 1959, in the same name and address to renew the cards which would expire in December, 1959. The two new cards, which bear the identical number to those mentioned above, were of a Series No. 2, which means they do not reflect an expiration date.

Mr. BARRETT stated there had never been any difficulty with the Dr. SPEARS account; that is, payments had always been prompt. BARRETT stated he had checked this account and located no invoices for the month of October, 1959, and located only one invoice for the month of November, 1959.

The invoice for November is dated November 6, 1959, and bears number 4677795. It reflects the purchase of gasoline in the amount of \$5.35 at the London Brothers Service Station, Friona, Texas, which is in Parmer County. This invoice is signed "R. SPEARS." No license number is reflected on the invoice, nor any other data which identifies the vehicle being used by the customer.

Mr. BARRETT stated that on January 27, 1960, the records of his office should reflect information on invoices which would cover the past thirty days.

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on 1/22/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/22/60

by Special Agent JOSEPH J. HANLEY

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LOUIS A. HOWARD, Credit Department, Magnolia Petroleum Company, 3710 Rawlins, made available the microfilm records of invoices billed to the account of Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, to whom duplicate credit cards were issued under #891-730-297-1. The records reflected the following data:

<u>MONTH and YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
June 1958	No billing
July "	" "
August "	" "
September "	" "
October "	" "
November "	On November 6, 1958, Invoice #710164 reflects purchase in amount \$4.75 made at Mobil Station #463001, Los Angeles 45, California; Texas license KW-3487 and signature R. SPEARS
December 1958	No billing.
January 1959	No billing
February "	" "
March "	" "
April "	" "
May "	Two invoices for purchases (2) made on March 24, 1959, described below.

Invoice #560079, Mobil Station 438069, Holtville, California. Amount \$2.75. Texas license MO 9810 and the signature R. SPEARS.

Invoice #80800, Mobil Station 520060, New Tacna, Arizona. Amount \$5.70. Texas license MO 9810 and the signature R. SPEARS.

<u>MONTH and YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
June 1959	No billing
July "	" "
August "	" "
September "	" "

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by Special Agent JOSEPH J. HANLEY/11

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<u>MONTH and YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
October 1959	No billing
November "	One invoice for purchase made on November 6, 1959, described below.

Invoice #4677795, London Brothers Station, Friona,
Texas. Amount \$5.35. No license number shown and the signature
is R. SPEARS.

December 1959	No billing
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It is noted that Mr. HOWARD advised the Magnolia
Petroleum Company did not receive any notification from Mrs.
ROBERT SPEARS to the effect her husband had been killed.

Mr. HOWARD mentioned that records of invoices
billed to this account for the period beginning January 1 to 20,
1960 are not available at the present time. He stated such
records should be available by January 30, 1960.

IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SPEARS

E. REFLECTED BY TELEPHONE CALLS
NOVEMBER, 1959 - JANUARY, 1960

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (149-42) ✓ Date: January 21, 1960

FROM : SA ROBERT C. LISH P Dictated: January 21, 1960.

SUBJECT: CRASH OF NATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE,
FLIGHT 967, NEAR CHANDELEUR ISLAND,
LOUISIANA, NOVEMBER 16, 1959
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On January 21, 1960, the records at [redacted]

[redacted] reflected
the following information:

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The above records can be obtained only upon the issuance
of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]
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IV. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SPEARS

F. MISCELLANEOUS PRECEDING
NOVEMBER 12, 1959

General Background
Police Records
Military Service Records

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 27, 1960

LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE, Attorney, 702 Texas Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, who maintains his office in the suite occupied by CHARLES TESSMER, advised that he met ROBERT SPEARS in about June, 1959, at which time Mr. SPEARS was in the process of leasing his property at [redacted] Dallas, Texas, to Mrs. LUCILLE LONGHENRY. He stated thereafter he had contact with Mr. SPEARS in connection with a civil suit brought against Mrs. LONGHENRY by Mr. SPEARS. He stated he met Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS after the alleged death of ROBERT SPEARS on November 16, 1959, in connection with matters concerning the estate. He stated he believed Mrs. SPEARS first contacted him on November 23, 1959, in connection with the estate.

Mr. WESTERLAGE furnished the following information from a review of his records and from recollection:

On August 13, 1959, Mrs. LUCILLE LONGHENRY, CHARLES TESSMER, LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE and ROBERT SPEARS had a conference at the office of Mr. WESTERLAGE, at which time Mrs. LONGHENRY signed a note for delinquent payments on the property she was leasing at [redacted] Avenue.

On approximately October 15, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS discussed contemplated civil action against Mrs. LUCILLE LONGHENRY.

On November 7, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS telephonically contacted Mr. WESTERLAGE via a local Dallas telephone call at Mr. WESTERLAGE's home in connection with the civil suit against Mrs. LONGHENRY and about the location of certain furniture.

On November 12, 1959, ROBERT SPEARS telephonically contacted Mr. WESTERLAGE via a local Dallas telephone call, at which time he stated he was supposed to be going to Tampa, Florida, on that date and wanted to know if his going to Florida would interfere with the civil suit being brought against Mrs. LONGHENRY, and Mr. WESTERLAGE states he told Mr. SPEARS that as long as he was sure he would be back at the time the deposition was to be taken from Mrs. LONGHENRY, his absence would not interfere with the civil action. ROBERT SPEARS stated he would be gone three or four days and stated he was going to sell some property in Tampa. Mr. WESTERLAGE stated he got the impression the property involved was real estate.

Interview with LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE File # 149-42
 on 1-27-60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1-27-60
 by Special Agents CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. and ROBERT P. GEMBERLING /pm

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On November 17, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE directed a letter to Mrs. SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, expressing his sympathy and telling her that when she reached the point where she could discuss business matters to contact him in connection with the civil suit pending against Mrs. LONGHENRY.

On November 23, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS signed a Power of Attorney affidavit at Mr. WESTERLAGE's office, giving WALTER ELY, attorney, Los Angeles, California, authority to appear in court in her behalf and on behalf of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, and in any case where he was charged in the State of California and to perform the necessary duties to secure dismissal of charges, if any, and to secure a refund from JUANA MARTINEZ and/or JOSEPH T. FORNO and/or the National Automobile and Casualty Insurance Company of all money to which Mrs. SPEARS was entitled by reason of the payment on July 31, 1959, in the amount of \$1,000 and the \$2,500 payment on September 15, 1959, and to secure personal property of Mr. SPEARS in the possession of the Police Department, Sheriff's Office or District Attorney's office, which was seized July 31, 1959.

On November 25, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE stated Mrs. SPEARS appeared at his office, and he prepared letters for her as follows:

A letter dated November 25, 1959, to McFarland and Cash, 6418 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advising them that as a result of the death of Dr. SPEARS on November 16, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS was withdrawing the house at 6116 Gaston Avenue, from proposed sale and desired to terminate any agreement Dr. SPEARS had made for the sale of the house.

Letter dated November 25, 1959, to the Automobile Loan Department, Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, advising them of the death of Dr. SPEARS in order to enable the bank to make a claim against the Prudential Life Insurance Company for payment of the balance of the Automobile Loan Account No. 2-11445.

Letter dated November 25, 1959, to the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, Omaha, Nebraska, re policy No. 500HM334720-45 concerning Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, advising that company of the death of Mr. SPEARS and requesting Proof of Loss forms for execution by Mrs. SPEARS.

Letter dated November 25, 1959, to the Surplus Insurance Underwriters, P. O. Box 176, Dallas, Texas, re certificate No. 3087-6785, concerning Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, giving them notice of the death of Dr. SPEARS and requesting Proof of Loss forms for execution by Mrs. SPEARS.

Letter dated November 25, 1959, to the Aviation Department, the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, 90 John Street, New York 38, New York, re policy No. CC29765 concerning Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, advising that company of the death of Mr. SPEARS and requesting Proof of Loss forms for execution by Mrs. SPEARS.

On November 27, 1959, a letter was directed by Mr. WESTERLAGE to the American Savings and Loan Association, Whittier, California, advising that organization of the death of Dr. SPEARS and asking them if there was any mortgage retirement in connection with the mortgage held by that firm on the property at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California.

Mrs. SPEARS executed a Power of Attorney and Contract of Employment for TESSMER's services on November 30, 1959.

An affidavit was received from the National Airlines dated November 27, 1959, showing the passenger list for Flight No. 967, November 16, 1959, containing the name of ROBERT VERNON SPEAR, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

On December 3, 1959, he had Mrs. SPEARS sign an Application for Probate and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed.

On December 7, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE advised that Mr. TESSMER wrote a letter to National Airlines, P. O. Box National Airlines, International Airport Branch, Miami, Florida, to the attention of Mr. JOHN L. MORRIS, Vice President, in which letter Mr. TESSMER thanked Mr. MORRIS for the affidavit certifying that SPEARS was a passenger on National-Delta-American Interchange Flight No. 967, November 16, 1959. Mr. TESSMER informed Mr. MORRIS that he was handling various matters for Mrs. SPEARS and he told him he had a request from a court in California for a list of the passengers aboard the flight.

On December 9, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE stated he wrote a letter to the Internal Revenue Service, Dallas, Texas, about getting a waiver from the Internal Revenue releasing the bonding company on Dr. SPEARS' bond in California of any liability for estate taxes or any lien. On December 11, 1959, the Internal Revenue Service replied that they could not furnish release of lien but advised that since there was a duly appointed Executrix and Administratrix of the estate, the bonding company could not be held personally liable for the release of the funds to the estate.

On December 11, 1959, Mr. WESTERLAGE advised that Mr. TESSMER received a letter from WALTER ELY, [redacted] Los Angeles, an attorney, who advised Mr. TESSMER that he (ELY) could not

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obtain a release of the cash collateral without a release from the Inheritance Tax Commissioner. Mr. ELY advised further that he was unable to move fast enough, and Attorney FORNO filed a suit and attached the \$2,500. In the letter, he advised further that the complaint names Mr. SPEARS and Mrs. SPEARS as well as numerous fictitious persons as defendants and prays for \$5,000. ELY stated it was his intention to file a cross complaint bringing in Miss MARTINEZ, former secretary of Attorney FORNO, in attempt to recover \$750 of premium charged Dr. SPEARS for making bail. Mr. ELY wrote that he had reason to believe that Miss MARTINEZ knew at the time the \$1,000 premium was collected that the bail would be immediately reduced to \$2,500. Mr. ELY expected to plead that the contact was illegal and FORNO and MARTINEZ engaged in a conspiracy to solicit the representation in violation of the Canons of Ethics of the California Bar Association. Mr. ELY stated in his letter, "At the time I obtained the exoneration of the bail, FORNO was present in court. He knew that I presented evidence of the death of Dr. SPEARS, and I cannot understand why he has named a dead man as a defendant in his action."

On December 14, 1959, the will of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was admitted to probate and Mrs. SPEARS, together with two witnesses to the handwriting of Mr. SPEARS, were present.

By letter dated December 17, 1959, the Aviation Underwriters, 90 John Street, New York, New York, referring to policy of the Fidelity and Casualty Company No. CC29765, asked that the Proof of Death forms furnished Mrs. SPEARS on December 1, 1959, be executed and returned together with coroner's statement or death certificate in addition to submitting a specimen of Dr. SPEARS' signature as it appears on some document, such as a canceled check.

Mr. WESTERLAGE exhibited a letter dated December 16, 1959, from Mr. TESSMER to the Associated Aviation Underwriters, regarding Fidelity and Casualty Policy No. CC29765. In this letter, Mr. TESSMER advised that he was submitting executed Proof of Loss, Photostat copies of affidavit and telegram from National Airlines, Inc., and a check evidencing the signature of Dr. SPEARS. In the letter, Mr. TESSMER stated he would appreciate the Associated Aviation Underwriters forwarding payment to Mrs. SPEARS at his office in the near future.

On December 21, 1959, Mrs. SPEARS consulted with Mr. WESTERLAGE regarding the sale of the residence at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California.

On the same date, Mr. WESTERLAGE stated Mr. TESSMER sent a letter to Mr. JOHN HILL, Attorney At Law, Mafrige Building, 411 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas, advising Mr. HILL that SPEARS was killed in

a National Airlines plane crash in November, 1959. He further advised Mr. HILL that he was representing Mrs. SPEARS in her estate matters and also in her claim for the wrongful death of her husband vs. the airlines. Mr. TESSMER pointed out in the letter that he was not familiar with negligent actions against airlines, and he offered Mr. HILL 50 per cent of the fee if HILL would handle the matter for him.

Mr. WESTERLAGE stated that Mr. TESSMER received letters on December 24, 28, 30 and 31, 1959, from Mr. ELY concerning the possibility that Attorney FORNO in Los Angeles would amend the complaint, include the estate of SPEARS as a defendant with the possibility that FORNO might make a good attachment.

In a letter to Mr. ELY on December 31, 1959, Mr. TESSMER advised Mr. ELY "I had a long conversation with Mrs. SPEARS and she is fully cognizant of things that could happen. She says this -- enter appearance -- She is aware there is a slight possibility of a higher judgment than the \$2,500. She says this -- Tell Mr. ELY to make this FORNO get it the hard way."

Mr. WESTERLAGE advised that on December 24, 1959, he filed an Application for Sale of Real Estate in California signed by Mrs. SPEARS which involved the sale of the property at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, Miraleste (San Pedro), California.

On January 5, 1960, he entered a report of sale in connection with the California property and discussed with Mrs. SPEARS on that date about her getting a widow's allowance or a partial distribution of the assets of the estate. He stated that on that date she indicated she would think about it and let him know, as her children were sick at that time and he believes that on the following day, she reportedly took a child, or her children, to the hospital.

On January 9, 1960, he wrote a letter to Palo Verdes Escrow Company, Inc., P. O. Box 246, Redondo Beach, California, in connection with the sale of the property at 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California, enclosing the following executed forms: copy of the will, Inheritance Tax Affidavit, Affidavit - Death, and affidavit from the airlines and the deed.

On January 9, 1960, Mr. WESTERLAGE stated he also wrote a letter to JAMES P. MOORE, Mutual of Omaha, P. O. Box 3189, Dallas, Texas, re claim No. 4285654, enclosing Proof of Death forms executed by Mrs. SPEARS, affidavit from National Airlines, Inc., in lieu of death certificate, Internal Revenue Form 712 to be executed

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by official of Mutual of Omaha, and Letter of Administration issued by the Probate Court of Dallas County as proof of Mrs. SPEARS' capacity to act for the estate.

Mr. WESTERLAGE concluded that no personal contact was had with Mrs. SPEARS subsequent to January 5, 1960, until she contacted him on January 22, 1960, concerning the Mercantile National Bank endeavoring to repossess her car.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 27, 1960

Mr. R. B. KILMER, [redacted] telephone No TA 1-5767, advised that he recalls receiving a long distance telephone call from Mr. SPEARS in about August, 1959. He stated he does not know from what city the call came, however, he recalls that Mr. SPEARS stated he was in California and that the call was some time between July 13, 1959, and September 9, 1959, because it concerned water damage, which had occurred at Mr. SPEARS' residence, 6116 Gaston Avenue, on July 13, 1959, and Mr. KILMER had written the insurance on the residence at 6116 Gaston Avenue.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/25/60

ROBERT H. CHILES, Assistant Auditor, Hotel Baker, 1400 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, advised his records disclosed two registrations during 1959 for DR. ROBERT SPEARS, 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California. He produced registration card No. E 72100 which showed SPEARS checked in at 7:26 am., August 11, 1959, and checked out at 4:30 pm., August 13, 1959, after payment of \$16. The card further reflected SPEARS made 10 local telephone calls on August 12, 1959, and 6 local telephone calls on August 13, 1959. CHILES advised the hotel keeps no record of the telephone numbers called locally.

CHILES produced registration card No. F 621 which showed SPEARS checked in at 5:13 pm., September 2, 1959, and checked out at 4:31 pm., September 9, 1959, when he received \$155.56 back from the \$200 payment he made September 3, 1959. The card further reflects SPEARS made 4 local telephone calls on September 3, 1959, 1 local telephone call on September 4, 1959, and 1 local telephone call on September 5, 1959.

CHILES advised a search of his records failed to reflect a registration during 1959 for WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR.

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on 1/22/60 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 1/22/60
by Special Agent RICHARD K. PHINNEY / gas

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 26, 1960

O. H. BYNUM, [redacted] advised that ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES, were unknown to him. He stated he had never met either of them, but in September, 1959, exact date not recalled, he went to 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, to appraise the property as an independent appraiser for the Beacon Mortgage Company who was considering making a loan on such property. He stated a young man about 19 years of age showed him the house at 6116 Gaston Avenue. He stated he did not examine the garage or garage apartment at this address.

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Mr. BYNUM stated that a DON DOSSETT who runs Dossett Cleaners in the 9000 block of Garland Road, lived next door to ROBERT VERNON SPEARS when SPEARS lived at North Lake Drive and has commented that he now wonders what SPEARS was doing leaving his home after midnight and returning about 5 a.m. According to BYNUM, DOSSETT indicated that this happened frequently but did not indicate the year or years SPEARS resided on North Lake Drive.

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING/pm

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/26/60

MR. ROBERT H. CHILES, Assistant Auditor, Baker Hotel, Dallas, advised a review of his records disclosed Room No. 1039, was registered to SPEARS on September 2, 1959, and occupied on all nights from September 2, 1959, through September 9, 1959, according to reports of the maids who cleaned the room. He said all rooms found unoccupied are reported as such by the maids. He advised in addition, there is a valet charge for September 8, 1959, which would indicate the occupant had requested service on that date.

CHILES further advised SPEARS was registered in Room No. 1607 from August 11, 1959, through August 13, 1959, and that the maid's records indicate the room was occupied each of those nights.

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by Special Agent RKP RICHARD K. PHINNEY / gas

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 25, 1960

HAROLD VAN BUREN, [redacted] who operates as a manufacturer's representative with his brother as "THE VAN BURENS" advised that his business telephone number is RIVERSIDE 7-4758. He stated he became acquainted with DR. ROBERT SPEARS in about 1943 or 1944 at which time SPEARS was in prison in McAlester, Oklahoma. He stated this acquaintanceship resulted from his (VAN BUREN) purchasing leather goods from SPEARS which SPEARS was making while in prison.

MR. VAN BUREN stated he considers SPEARS to be a friend at the present time and that he had known MRS. SPEARS since about 1950. He stated he last saw DR. SPEARS in the first part of October, 1959, when SPEARS came to VAN BUREN's place of business. He stated SPEARS indicated he had flown into Dallas from Los Angeles because he was having difficulty in collecting the rent from the tenant occupying his property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

MR. VAN BUREN stated he recalls that some mortgage company telephonically contacted DR. SPEARS at his (VAN BUREN's) business telephone number RIVERSIDE 7-4758 in October, 1959. He stated he has visited in SPEARS' home at 6116 Gaston Avenue and considered both SPEARS and his wife to be trustworthy, reliable people, neither of whom would have any part of a fraud or scheme which could result in serious injury to anyone.

MR. VAN BUREN stated he feels very doubtful that MRS. SPEARS knew of DR. SPEARS being alive prior to the time she has stated she first heard from him in January, 1960, because he feels she would not be a party to such a scheme.

MR. VAN BUREN stated he assumed that DR. SPEARS was making his living by practicing Naturopathy. He stated he has never heard DR. SPEARS discuss hypnosis.

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On January 24, 1960, Mr. FRED H. JOHNSON, who resides at [redacted] was interviewed at the Dallas FBI Office. He was first contacted at his residence where he advised he was the person who repossessed a 1959 Pontiac at the home of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, on January 23, 1960. He explained that he is employed as a Special Investigator, Installment Banking Department, Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas. The 1959 Pontiac was financed for ROBERT VERNON SPEARS by the Mercantile National Bank. He stated he contacted Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS at her home, 6116 Gaston Avenue, on January 23, 1960, and she requested that the bank take the car; that she did not feel she was in position to own a car of that price at this time and would probably try to find a cheaper car. He stated he took the 1959 Pontiac and stored same at 800 South Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas. He advised he would be very glad to make the car available to FBI agents.

Mr. JOHNSON then accompanied SA MILTON L. NEWSOM to 800 South Ervay Street, where JOHNSON obtained the Pontiac and drove same to the Dallas Police Department Garage, located at Canton and South Central Expressway, Dallas. Mr. JOHNSON turned the car over to SA NAT A. PINKSTON for inspection and searching.

Mr. JOHNSON advised, while on the way from [redacted] to 800 South Ervay, that he has known ROBERT VERNON SPEARS for a number of years and considered SPEARS a friend. He also stated he had known FRANCES SPEARS prior to her marriage to ROBERT VERNON SPEARS.

Mr. JOHNSON voluntarily accompanied SA NEWSOM to the Dallas FBI Office to furnish complete information relative to his knowledge of Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS.

JOHNSON advised he first met SPEARS approximately 12 or 15 years ago. He recalled that SPEARS was at that time residing 812 North Marsalis, Dallas. He stated SPEARS was in the leather "handy-craft" business at that time. He recalled that at about the same time he met one GENE REMBERT (Phonetic), a test pilot for North American Aviation Company, Dallas. (This company no longer in business at Dallas.) He could not recall if REMBERT introduced

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him to SPEARS or if he met REMBERT through SPEARS. He said REMBERT and SPEARS were very good friends and appeared to be close associates at that time. He advised the last word he had concerning REMBERT was that he had moved to California.

JOHNSON said he does not know the basis of the association between REMBERT and SPEARS, but recalls that SPEARS was very interested in flying and in airplanes, and had spoken of his war-time exploits as a pilot in World War I.

He advised that in all the years he has known SPEARS he has thought of him as being one of the kindest and most unselfish persons he has ever known. JOHNSON said he was completely shocked to learn that SPEARS had any kind of criminal record and first came to know this when SPEARS was involved in an arrest by the Dallas Police for abortion in March, 1958. He said SPEARS never spoke to him about anything that would indicate illegal activity on his part. He advised SPEARS never discussed his business and always conducted himself as a devoted husband and upstanding citizen. JOHNSON continually emphasized, however, that his association with SPEARS was in a very casual way, and stated, "When I heard he had a criminal record I decided I actually did not know him at all."

JOHNSON advised that when he first met SPEARS he would occasionally drop by SPEARS' apartment on Marsalis. He advised FRANCES SPEARS lived at the same address at that time in an upstairs apartment. SPEARS lived on the ground floor. They were not married at that time. He said SPEARS started going with FRANCES and eventually they were married. JOHNSON advised he has never known SPEARS to associate with any other woman.

JOHNSON advised he did not meet but very few acquaintances of SPEARS. He said SPEARS recommended that he go to a Dr. PAUL LANDRY, who had an office on Sunset Street in Dallas, for treatment of a back ailment he (JOHNSON) had suffered in an accident. He said he went to Dr. LANDRY's office two or three times. Dr. LANDRY is now deceased, according to JOHNSON.

JOHNSON then advised that he met WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR in Dallas and later came to know TAYLOR as a close friend of SPEARS. JOHNSON related that he met TAYLOR in the following manner:

Around 1950 or 1951, JOHNSON was residing in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, and went to a small drive-in cafe, name unrecalled, on Lancaster Boulevard near Tyler Street, one night. As he was leaving the drive-in in his car, he backed the car out of the parking place and in doing so, struck a man walking behind the car, knocking the man to the ground. JOHNSON got out of his car and helped the man up. He asked the man if he was injured and this person replied that he did not believe so. JOHNSON left his name and address, and the name of his insurance company, with the man in the event complication developed. JOHNSON stated he then reported the accident to his insurance company. Approximately three or four days later his insurance company contacted him and advised him that the person he backed into with his car was confined in the Baylor Hospital. JOHNSON stated he went to Baylor Hospital and this individual was in bed in a cast covering most of his body. JOHNSON stated this individual turned out to be WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR. JOHNSON said he learned either through TAYLOR or later through SPEARS that TAYLOR and SPEARS were very good friends. JOHNSON advised he thinks his insurance company probably paid TAYLOR's hospital bill. He said he does not know if any other payment was made to TAYLOR. JOHNSON further advised that he cannot remember the name of the insurance company he was doing business with at that time but would attempt to obtain this information and advise.

JOHNSON advised he saw TAYLOR about three or four times following the above accident at SPEARS' home. He said he believes SPEARS was residing on Lakeshore Drive at that time, in 1950 or 1951. He advised he never knew anything about the association of SPEARS and TAYLOR and has not seen TAYLOR since about two or three weeks after the above accident. He said SPEARS might have told him that TAYLOR was in Florida, but he can not recall when or just what the occasion was that SPEARS would tell him this. He advised he did not get to know TAYLOR and actually does not know anything about him except for the above.

JOHNSON advised that the only other person he can remember that may know about SPEARS' trips and other activities is a man with the same name, ROBERT SPEARS, who lived next door to SPEARS on Lakeshore Drive, and through whom SPEARS was able to buy General Motors automobiles. He advised this ROBERT SPEARS is an official in the General Motors Company, in the Pontiac Division. He then advised that one JOHNNY CREEL, Van Winkle Motor Company, Dallas, handled car purchases by SPEARS and was

the person that delivered the 1959 Pontiac to SPEARS when he purchased that car.

JOHNSON advised he does not know any other individuals who might have information about ROBERT VERNON SPEARS.

JOHNSON stated he has seen and talked with SPEARS "off and on" throughout the years he has known him. He said he probably saw SPEARS about eight times in 1959, probably two occasions at SPEARS' home and about six times at the Mercantile National Bank. He advised he had no way of establishing the specific dates when he saw SPEARS or even the approximate dates, except for the last time he saw him. He said he last saw SPEARS at the Mercantile National Bank just a few days before the airplane crash. He said SPEARS came to the bank and stopped by to see him for just a few minutes, and at that time told him that he (SPEARS) was leaving for Florida in the next day or two. JOHNSON said there was nothing in SPEARS' manner to indicate that he was depressed, worried, or upset about anything; that he conducted himself in his usual manner.

JOHNSON advised that he felt he could check bank records and advise on January 25, 1960, the exact date SPEARS was in the bank on the occasion referred to above.

JOHNSON advised he does not believe SPEARS had any knowledge of electronic devices and stated that this opinion is based on the fact that SPEARS never mentioned anything of this type to him during the time he has known him. JOHNSON stated he has searched his mind completely for any indication that SPEARS might have been involved in the bombing of the plane but he cannot recall anything in his past association with SPEARS that would even hint at that possibility. He stated he will immediately advise the Dallas FBI Office should he remember any detail in his association with SPEARS that would be helpful in this investigation.

On January 25, 1960, JOHNSON telephonically contacted SA NEWSOM and advised he had checked records at the Mercantile National Bank and ascertained the following:

SPEARS borrowed \$2500 from the bank and executed a note on September 3, 1959. He said he is reasonably sure SPEARS was in the bank personally on that date as he believes he was contacted by SPEARS relative to this loan. He further advised that on October 26, 1959, a checking account was opened at the

bank under the name Mr. and Mrs. R. SPEARS and a \$2000 deposit was made to that account. He advised he does not know if SPEARS was in the bank personally on that date. He further advised that the address given for the SPEARS was 1802 Santa Rena Drive, San Pedro, California, when that account was opened. He stated a change of address was noted in the file dated November 12, 1959, changing the address of SPEARS back to 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. JOHNSON advised he is reasonably certain SPEARS was in the bank personally on November 12, 1959, and feels that this is the date when he last saw SPEARS.

JOHNSON further advised that he had checked his personal records for any information of value. He was unable to find anything connected with SPEARS or additional associates of SPEARS. He said he was unable to ascertain the name of the insurance company that handled TAYLOR's accident. He said he would make further attempts to obtain this information and advise.

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MRS. EDYTHE EATHERLY, employed in the Exchange Department in the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas, Dallas, Texas, stated that she is acquainted with ROBERT SPEARS as a customer of the bank and recalls that he was brought to her window on about October 26, 1959, by MRS. JEAN MC CASLAND of the New Accounts Department of the bank, and at that time SPEARS informed MRS. EATHERLY that he desired to purchase 6 cashier's checks made payable to MRS. R. SPEARS. These cashier's checks were paid for out of a check which SPEARS possessed, being drawn on a title company, name not recalled. Out of this check, SPEARS purchased six cashier's checks, five in amounts \$2000 each, and one in the amount of \$1500, and the remainder of the check from the title company was put into the checking account, which he had just opened with MRS. MC CASLAND.

MRS. EATHERLY said that SPEARS made no comment as to why he was requesting that the cashier's checks be made payable to MRS. R. SPEARS or what his plans were for the use of these cashier's checks.

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MRS. JEAN MC CASLAND, [redacted] telephone DAVIS 1-5076, employed in the New Accounts Department, Mercantile National Bank at Dallas, Dallas, Texas, advised that on the morning of October 26, 1959, she observed ROBERT SPEARS standing in the lobby of the bank near her desk. She said that she did not at the time recall the name of this individual but did recognize him as a customer of the bank and inquired as to whether or not she could be of some assistance to him. The man informed her that he desired to open a checking account and MRS. MC CASLAND invited him to be seated at her desk and she took the necessary information for the opening of a new account and had SPEARS sign the new account card.

SPEARS requested that credit for the opening of this new account be given to his friend, FRED JOHNSON, an employee of the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas. MRS. MC CASLAND explained that the bank employees receive some consideration for the attaining of new accounts and hence this request was made.

SPEARS informed MRS. MC GASLAND that he desired to open the checking account out of a part of the proceeds from a check, which he held from a title company and with the remainder, he desired to buy some cashier's checks. MRS. MC GASLAND then took SPEARS across the lobby to a window in the Exchange Department where SPEARS was waited upon by MRS. EDYTHE EATHERLY.

According to MRS. MC GASLAND, SPEARS explained this transaction, with reference to the buying of the cashier's checks, by saying that he intended to send them to his wife and he desired that she have them before they moved to Dallas.

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Miss SIBYL (PAT) BRADLEY, Office Manager, Grady D. Hopper and Company, Auditing Firm, 3007 Knox Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone IA 6-8626, advised that she met Mr. SPEARS in July or August, 1958, while she was working as a secretary in the office of CHARLES TESSEMER in Dallas, Texas. She stated she saw Mr. SPEARS on numerous occasions thereafter, but has no way of recalling the specific dates. She stated in her conversations with Mr. SPEARS they discussed hypnotism because she was interested in it and as she recalls she asked most of the questions. She stated she also discussed her boy friends with Mr. SPEARS and that he mentioned his family frequently.

Miss BRADLEY stated she prepared some lease papers in connection with the contemplated leasing of 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, for Mr. SPEARS in about the spring of 1959, while she was working in the office of Attorney CHARLES TESSEMER. She stated Mr. TESSEMER did not handle lease work and she performed these duties for Mr. SPEARS on her own. She stated she met Mrs. SPEARS in May, 1959, when Mrs. SPEARS executed the lease, which she had prepared.

Miss BRADLEY stated that during the months of June, July and August, she talked with Mr. SPEARS on numerous occasions in connection with the leasing of the property and that she possibly received at least one long distance phone call from Mr. SPEARS from San Pedro, California in August, 1959, at telephone Lakeside 6-8626. She stated that she was working for Mr. TESSEMER up until some time in July, 1959, and recalls receiving several calls from Mr. SPEARS at Mr. TESSEMER's office in connection with the leasing of the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue.

Miss BRADLEY stated she specifically recalls and has records to show that on August 13, 1959, Mr. SPEARS brought Mrs. LONGHENRY to her and had Mrs. LONGHENRY sign a note at that time.

Miss BRADLEY stated she last saw Mr. SPEARS on Sunday, November 8, 1959, at 6116 Gaston Avenue, when she was at that address to look at some of the appliances which Mr. SPEARS stated he might sell to her if he did not sell them with the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, which he was at that time considering selling. Miss BRADLEY stated that she was trying to get

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Mr. SPEARS to let her list the property at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with the Town and Country Real Estate Firm where her present office is now located and that Mr. SPEARS stated he wanted to try and sell the property himself. She stated he remarked it was costing him too much money to travel back and forth from California in connection with the leasing of the property and that he was going to have to get rid of the property.

Miss BRADLEY stated she had seen him and had been in contact with both he and Mrs. SPEARS frequently during the summer of 1959, but had no way of knowing the exact dates and could see no reason why this information should be of any value. Miss BRADLEY was reluctant to discuss the SPEARSES stating she was busy and would have no information and at the conclusion of the interview stated she knew she could not be of any help in this matter but that if she could help FRANCES SPEARS she would certainly like to do so.

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Mrs. ELSIE VIOLET ABADIE, also known as KIRK, SIMPSON, nee SULLIVAN, [redacted] telephone Davis 7-5722 employed as a waitress, Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Plaza, Dallas, Texas, advised she first met Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS some 6 years ago when Little Bit of Sweden first opened at 254 Inwood Plaza. At that time Dr. SPEARS came in as a customer accompanied by Uncle MERT and Aunt EFFIE. Subsequent to that time through the years whenever he came in he always asked for Mrs. ABADIE as Cousin ELSIE. During these years he would come in with his wife FRANCES or as many as 12 or 14 people. Dr. SPEARS frequented Little Bit of Sweden one or two times a week, once a month or maybe once in six months. About 1½ to 2 years ago he stopped coming in.

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Dr. SPEARS did not come out to Little Bit of Sweden again until the latter part of November, 1959 when he came in on a Sunday evening, date unrecalled, accompanied by three other people, two men and a lady. Mrs. ABADIE didn't wait on SPEARS this night because she was serving a banquet. She advised that Dr. SPEARS and party were handled, she believes, by one DONNA THOMPSON. Mrs. ABADIE talked to SPEARS and asked how FRANCES and the children were. Mrs. ABADIE stated that she knew none of the people with SPEARS but they on previous occasions had accompanied him to Little Bit of Sweden. Subsequent to their departure, DONNA THOMPSON told Mrs. ABADIE that one of the party had at one time been her doctor.

On the following Tuesday after the aforementioned Sunday in November, 1959, Dr. SPEARS again came to Little Bit of Sweden. Mrs. ABADIE waited on Dr. SPEARS and party, consisting of a lady described as blonde, dyed, upswept, 5'1", small, very neatly dressed, approximately 40-45, accompanied by her son, 19-20, 5'10", 180, black hair, dark eyes. Dr. SPEARS asked ABADIE if she recalled Aunt [redacted] and Cousin [redacted]. ABADIE states she remembers seeing them before with SPEARS but could not recall their names. Dr. SPEARS showed her pictures of his children. Mrs. ABADIE asked him if they were going to be in Dallas long. SPEARS told her that he was going to Florida but hoped to be in California with the family by Christmas time. That evening the bill came to \$10.50. She remembers this because the smorgasborg is \$3.50 per person.

Whenever Dr. SPEARS would come to Little Bit of Sweden, he would always introduce the people in his party as Aunt for a female,

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Uncle for a male and children as cousins. Dr. SPEARS never discussed his business with ABADIE or in her presence. She stated she never saw him outside of work. Mrs. ABADIE stated she knew nothing of his background except what she had read in the paper. She stated Dr. SPEARS never drank.

Mrs. ABADIE stated she did not see Dr. SPEARS again.

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DONNA LEATA THOMPSON, also known as SEITZER, MC MANN, SUMBLIN, nee ELLIS, Waitress, Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Village, residing at [redacted] telephone CH 7-6830, advised that she does not know DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, however, sometime in the early or middle part of November, 1959. MRS. THOMPSON recognized a DR. WINTON WELSH, [redacted] and party of two at this restaurant. After the departure of DR. WELSH and party of two, MRS. THOMPSON was informed by ELSIE ABADIE that one of the men in WELSH's party was one DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS.

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MARY JANE LAKE, nee DAY, Cashier, Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Village, residing at [redacted] [redacted] advised that she recalls DR. SPEARS as being a customer of Little Bit of Sweden for some 6 or 7 years. MRS. LAKE stated that after DR. SPEARS' trouble in Dallas regarding abortions that he did not appear again at the restaurant until sometime in early November, 1959, date unrecalled. MRS. LAKE was unable to furnish any other information regarding DR. SPEARS or the names of any people who in the past may have accompanied him to the restaurant.

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WILLIE MAE JACKSON, also known as WILLIE MAE HANES, nee MACY, Waitress, Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Village, residence [redacted] advised that sometime in the early or middle part of November, 1959, on a Sunday evening, date not recalled, DR. SPEARS came into Little Bit of Sweden, accompanied by another gentleman and a lady. MRS. JACKSON stated that normally one ELSIE ABADIE waits on DR. SPEARS and party but in that she was busy, she handled the party. MRS. JACKSON stated that DR. SPEARS was a regular customer at Little Bit of Sweden but this was the first time he had been into the restaurant in almost a year. MRS. JACKSON advised that she did not know the names of any individuals who have accompanied SPEARS to the restaurant in the past.

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ELsie V. ABADIE, [redacted] employed as a waitress at Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Village, was exhibited photographs of WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA and WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR which she identified as being members of DR. SPEARS' party at one time or another during his visits to the restaurant.

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WALTER H. MURPHY, Owner, Little Bit of Sweden, 254 Inwood Village, advised that DR. SPEARS on occasion frequented his restaurant as a customer, but MR. MURPHY stated that he would not know the doctor or his wife if he saw them.

Photographs of WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA were exhibited to MR. MURPHY with unsuccessful results.

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Mrs. CHARLENE STANFIELD, [redacted] advised that about seven years ago she bought the Charmae Beauty Shop which is located at 411 Casa Linda Plaza, and at that time, Mrs. ELLA MAE MARTIN was an operator in the shop. One of her customers was FRANCES SPEARS and Mrs. SPEARS has continued to be a customer of Mrs. MARTIN. Mrs. STANFIELD stated that occasionally Mr. SPEARS would bring Mrs. SPEARS to the shop or come after her. Mrs. STANFIELD stated that her acquaintance with the SPEARS was very slight and that the only time she was ever in the SPEARS home was the day that Dr. SPEARS was reported as being killed in the crash of an airliner in the Gulf of Mexico, in November, 1959. Mrs. STANFIELD advised that she went to the SPEARS home with Mrs. MARTIN. Mrs. SPEARS seemed completely upset, and Mrs. SPEARS said she did not seem to know what to do. Mrs. STANFIELD stated that Mrs. SPEARS gave every indication of believing that her husband was dead.

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MRS. JOHN MARTIN, JR., nee ELLA MAE BAKER, [REDACTED] b6
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 who is an employee of Char-Mae Beauty Salon,
 411 Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas, on January 25, 1960, advised she
 first met MRS. ROBERT SPEARS, who then was a customer at
 Williams Beauty Salon, Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas. During that
 time she also met DR. ROBERT SPEARS, who occasionally came by
 that shop to pick up MRS. SPEARS following an appointment. MRS.
 MARTIN has served as MRS. SPEARS' hairdresser most of the time
 from 1953 to the present. MRS. SPEARS came to her for appoint-
 ments at Char-Mae Beauty Salon after MRS. MARTIN moved to that
 establishment. She saw MRS. SPEARS usually about once a week.

MRS. MARTIN recalled that when she heard about DR. SPEARS
 being killed in a plane crash in November 1959, she and MR.
 MARTIN went to the SPEARS' home at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, to
 offer their assistance to MRS. SPEARS and to extend sympathy.
 That visit was one or two days after the plane crash. She
 observed the SPEARS had very little furniture in their home since
 they had just moved to Dallas from California and they did not
 have sufficient furnishings. MRS. SPEARS baby was ill with a
 cold. MR. and MRS. MARTIN felt sorry for MRS. SPEARS and the
 baby and borrowed a baby bed from MRS. E. D. JOHNSON, [REDACTED]

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 (a customer of MRS. MARTIN, who according
 to MRS. MARTIN does not personally know the SPEARS) and delivered
 the baby bed to the SPEARS' home for use. The bed is still there.
 Many persons were at the SPEARS' home that day, identities being
 unknown to MRS. MARTIN.

MRS. MARTIN said that during the first hairdressing
 appointment after the plane crash, she and MRS. SPEARS discussed
 the possibility of MRS. SPEARS going to the Gulf Coast to try
 to look for some object that could have belonged to her husband.
 MRS. SPEARS said, however, because of her baby and her problems
 at home she probably would be unable to go there, as much as she
 would like to do so. During that discussion, MRS. MARTIN told
 MRS. SPEARS she was sorry about her husband being lost and MRS.
 SPEARS appeared very emotional during that discussion, crying
 some of the time. MRS. MARTIN said that MRS. SPEARS appeared
 grief-stricken during that appointment and also on the occasion
 of the next hairdressing appointment a week or two later. MRS.
 MARTIN advised she was convinced that MRS. SPEARS thought her
 husband was dead during the latter part of November and early

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part of December 1959 because of her display of emotion. During the second hairdressing appointment after the plane crash, another operator at that beauty salon named DOROTHY HINKSON entered into the conversation and said that she had just put her daughter on a plane to go to Japan. MRS. HINKSON and MRS. SPEARS both became emotional and both cried.

MRS. MARTIN stated that during mid-summer 1959 DR. and MRS. SPEARS moved to California. Shortly before they departed MRS. SPEARS told her they had to sell their furniture. MRS. MARTIN stated she and her husband purchased a bedroom suite and a few other pieces of furniture from DR. and MRS. SPEARS for \$295.00. They paid \$60.00 down and were to pay \$25.00 per month until it was paid out. Since Summer 1959 they have been mailing checks to the SPEARS in California, which payment was due on the 15th of each month. MRS. MARTIN recalled that she and her husband mailed the November 1959 payment to the SPEARS at 6116 Gaston, Dallas, knowing that they had just returned from California. After hearing about the plane crash, they wondered if MRS. SPEARS would be able to cash the check, because they thought it had been made out to either DR. SPEARS or to both of them. She said the check was mailed on about the day of the plane crash, which would be two or three days after the date on the check. They discussed at the time the fact that the check would not have been delivered to SPEARS in time for him to endorse it prior to the crash.

MRS. MARTIN stated WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and WILLIAM TURSKA are unknown to her. She stated that she has not seen MRS. SPEARS since she noticed newspaper accounts to the effect that DR. SPEARS was not killed in the plane crash. She said MRS. SPEARS had always been a very pleasant individual and she has never known any questionable activities on the part of MRS. SPEARS at any time. She stated she has known DR. SPEARS only very casually.

MRS. MARTIN on January 26, 1960, advised after examining her appointment book at Char-Mae Beauty Salon, that all appointments MRS. SPEARS had with that shop since MRS. SPEARS returned from California in about October or November 1959 are as follows: November 12, 1959; November 27, 1959; December 9, 1959; December 31, 1959 (MRS. MARTIN was not working that day and the appointment was handled by operator ALEENE BURCH); and January 6, 1960.

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Mr. L.J. Avery, owner of Casa Linda Barber Shop, Casa Linda Plaza, advised he has known Dr. SPEARS for at least eight years, and that he last saw Dr. SPEARS in his barber shop on November 12, 1959, when he brought his son in for a haircut. He recalls that at this time Dr. ROBERT SPEARS advised he had originally planned on flying to Florida on that date but due to inclement weather he was now going to fly to Florida on November 13, 1959. Mr. Avery stated Dr. SPEARS always talked about his numerous trips to California and Florida but never discussed the purpose of these trips with him. Mr. Avery stated he recalls that Dr. SPEARS carried an honorary deputy sheriff or deputy constable badge with him, however, he never got a good look at this badge to see by whom it was issued.

Mr. Avery stated at the time Dr. SPEARS was in his barber shop on November 12, 1959, he gave no indications that anything unusual was about to happen or that he would not be back in the near future.

Mr. Avery stated that he has not lost a customer in any other plane crash, but did think he lost Dr. SPEARS, his customer, in the plane crash off the Louisiana coast.

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Dr. GLENN TERRY, MD, obstetrician, [redacted] advised that he first met FRANCES SPEARS, May 7, 1957, when she appeared at his office as a maternity patient in her first pregnancy. He advised that prior to having Mrs. SPEARS as a patient he had heard from unknown sources, in the years before, rumors that her husband ROBERT V. SPEARS, self-styled "doctor" was a naturopath and was known in Dallas as an abortionist.

Dr. TERRY advised that FRANCES SPEARS appeared in his office every two weeks from May 7, 1957, until the birth of her child, [redacted]. He advised that during this period, he occasionally saw Mr. SPEARS but did not discuss anything with him other than the condition of SPEARS' wife. Dr. TERRY advised that his records reflect that on May 7, 1957, \$100. cash was received from FRANCES SPEARS and that on January 4, 1958, an additional \$115. cash was received. He stated that this money was not in check form and would have been received by Miss EDGAR DINE SHAW, his receptionist and bookkeeper, who is presently employed by Dr. MARK L. LEMMONS, Medical Arts Building, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. TERRY advised that on September 8, 1959, FRANCES SPEARS again visited his office and became a patient in her second pregnancy. He advised that she continued bi-weekly visits until the birth of her second child, [redacted]. Dr. TERRY stated that during this period he believes that ROBERT SPEARS visited his office on one occasion and called several times regarding FRANCES SPEARS' condition. Dr. TERRY stated that one or more of these calls originated in Los Angeles, California, although he stated he cannot pinpoint the dates of the calls.

Dr. TERRY advised that his records reflect that \$100. cash was received on October 6, 1958, from FRANCES SPEARS, \$50. cash on February 9, 1959, and \$50. cash on May 6, 1959. He advised that all of this money would have been received by his receptionist and bookkeeper, Mrs. MARY PHILLIPS, who is still employed by him.

Dr. TERRY stated that during the time FRANCES SPEARS was his patient, there was some discussion by her on the fact that her husband had a diathermy machine. He advised also that on one or two occasions FRANCES SPEARS stated that she wished that Dr. TERRY would speak to her husband regarding her husband's "morals."

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Dr. TERRY stated that he did not speak to ROBERT SPEARS concerning this matter and is of the opinion that FRANCES SPEARS was referring to ROBERT SPEARS' abortion practice rather than any conduct between ROBERT SPEARS and another woman.

Dr. TERRY advised that he does not recall either FRANCES or ROBERT SPEARS mentioning a neuro-calometer and stated that this is a machine designed for colonic irrigation.

Dr. TERRY stated that he does not know WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR.

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Mr. CHUN WAH, [redacted]
The Chines Cottage Restaurant, 4830 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas,
was shown a photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, and he advised that he
does not know SPEARS, and does not recall ever seeing him in his
restaurant, or that SPEARS has ever contacted him about anything.

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Mrs. OPAL ROBINSON, [redacted] who is employed as hostess at The Chinese Cottage Restaurant, 4830 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was shown a photo of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS. Mrs. ROBINSON stated she believes SPEARS has been a customer at the cafe, but she does not recall seeing him there in the past six months, and she is not sure that he was ever a customer there.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT:

On January 21, 1960, a check of the Identification Records, Dallas Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, reflected that ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, Sheriff's Office #25716 was last handled February 9, 1959. The record reflects the following local arrests:

8/10/45 HF/Postal Insp.; Rel 8/11/45.
3/5/58 Atpted Abort. #37243; \$2500 P.P. Bond, 3/5/58
Illegal Pract. Medicine #15076-B; \$1000 P.P.
Bond 3/5/58.
3/20/58 Drugs #15221-B; \$500 P.P. Bond 3/20/58.
3/28/58 No Billed Abortion #37243.
4/1/58 Abortion #C-4904-H; \$2500 P.P. Bond.
12/12/59 Att/Abort #C-4904-H; \$1,000 fine and \$30 cost
pd to Ct. 12/12/58.
2/9/59 Prac/Med/W/O/Lie #15076-B.

He was described as follows:

White male, born June 26, 1894, Springfield, Missouri, 6', 200 pounds, blue eyes, grey hair, ruddy complexion, occupation - physician; Social Security #218-12-4726. A photograph available in the file was dated December 12, 1958. At the time of arrest, December 12, 1958, SPEARS listed the following relatives: Mother - HELEN SPEARS (deceased); Father - GEORGE SPEARS (deceased); Wife - FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston, Dallas, Texas.

The following individuals were listed by SPEARS as friends: CHARLES W. TESSMER, [REDACTED]
WILLIAM T. HART, [REDACTED]

A search of the following names in the Identification Records of the Dallas Sheriff's Office reflected no information concerning WILLIAM T. HART, WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR, WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA.

by SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT

On January 20, 1960, a review of the file of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS in the office of the Dallas County District Attorney, File #1080, Case #C-4904-H reflected that NAPOLEON BARBEE, Barbee's Prescription Pharmacy, 713 West Jefferson, residence 1444 Sylvan, was the contact man of SPEARS March 3, 1958 in **Barbee* abortion matters.

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On January 20, 1959, the records of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office reflected NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BARBEE, Sheriff's Office #90585, FBI #825178C, described as white male, born March 15, 1879, Crockett, Texas, height 5'9", weight 170, blue eyes, grey hair, fair complexion

The following investigation was conducted by SA MILTON L. NEWSOM on January 21, 1960:

Lieutenant WILLIAM B. FRAZIER, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department, made available his files concerning ROBERT VERNON SPEARS which reflected information concerning one arrest of SPEARS in Dallas as follows:

On March 3, 1958, SPEARS was arrested by Officers ERICH KAMINISKY and C.A. MOORE at the Alamo Plaza Motel, Fort Worth Avenue, Cabin 346, in the act of performing an abortion on [redacted]

[redacted] later gave signed statement concerning the abortion performed on her by SPEARS and stated that she and [redacted]

[redacted] first went to NAPOLEON B. BARBEE, a pharmacist at 713 West Jefferson, who subsequently arranged for the abortion with SPEARS. [redacted] admitted paying SPEARS \$200 for the abortion.

Case was filed March 4, 1958 charging SPEARS with conspiracy to commit a felony (abortion) and he was found guilty of this charge on December 12, 1958 and was fined \$1,000 and court costs. SPEARS was also charged March 4, 1958 with unlawfully practicing medicine and was found guilty on February 9, 1959 and fined \$50 and costs.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BARBEE was charged on March 4, 1958 with conspiracy to commit a felony (abortion) and was no billed by Grand Jury on March 28, 1958.

Personal history of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS included in this file reflects he was born June 26, 1894 at Springfield, Missouri; height 6'; weight 210; eyes blue; hair grey. He stated he has been a physician for 23 years. His parents, GEORGE and HELEN SPEARS, are deceased. He said he was in the U.S. Air Force from 1918 to 1919 and received an honorable discharge. He said he married FRANCES SPEARS December 22, 1950 at Dallas, Texas.

Personal history of BARBEE reflects he resides at 1444 North Sylvan and was born March 15, 1879 at Crockett, Texas; height 5'11"; weight 175; eyes blue; hair gray; wears glasses; occupation, pharmacist; wife, SUSIE GRAF BARBEE.

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A note in file reflected that Dallas attorney LLOYD W. WESTERLAGE, Texas Bank Building, came to Lieutenant FRAZIER's office on December 9, 1959 representing the estate of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and asked for the doctor's bag and tools confiscated by the Police Department when SPEARS was arrested on March 3, 1958. He stated SPEARS died in an airplane crash in the Gulf of Mexico on November 16, 1959. Lieutenant FRAZIER made note that cases against SPEARS had been disposed of and he authorized WESTERLAGE to pick up the bag and tools from the Dallas Police Department property room. WESTERLAGE had power of attorney to pick up SPEARS' property.

Lieutenant FRAZIER checked property room on January 21, 1960 and ascertained that the bag and tools referred to above are still in the property room and were not picked up by WESTERLAGE. Lieutenant FRAZIER put a hold on this property and instructed property room employees not to release the property under any circumstances without first clearing with him.

Detective C.A. MOORE, Special Services Bureau, Dallas Police Department, recalled that when SPEARS was arrested he had on his person a letter from a doctor in California in which this individual wrote concerning a swindle scheme involving large amounts of money and which appeared to be a scheme of fraud involving the doctor in California and SPEARS. He could not recall further details of the letter but stated that the letter had been placed in the Police Department property room with other personal effects of SPEARS. Detective MOORE went to the property room and ascertained that the above mentioned letter had been returned to SPEARS along with other personal property when SPEARS was released on bond following the arrest on March 3, 1958. He stated, however, that the letter had been described in property room files by recording the name and address of the doctor in Los Angeles which is as follows: SVEN EEK, [redacted]

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Further review of records in the Special Services Bureau reflected no additional information concerning SPEARS or any associates of SPEARS.

Identification Officer JESSE VICKERY, Dallas Police Department Identification Division, on January 21, 1960, made available identification record of SPEARS which reflected he was arrested on one other occasion in Dallas on October 27, 1944 for investigation. He was released on the same date. No additional information concerning SPEARS was in this file other than FBI Identification Record.

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The following investigation was conducted on January 25, 1960 by SA JAMES N. RYAN at Friona, Texas:

On January 25, 1960, Friona telephone directory was examined by SA JAMES N. RYAN and number 5921 was listed to IRA HOLT, [REDACTED] Number 2612 was listed to Mrs. OTIS E. MASSEY, [REDACTED]

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Mrs. OTIS E. MASSEY, [REDACTED] advised IRA HOLT was married to one of her grandchildren. She stated this grandchild was the daughter of Mrs. V.M. FERGUSON of Friona.

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AT FARWELL, TEXAS

On January 25, 1960, CHARLES LOVELACE, Sheriff, Parmer County Sheriff's Office, advised SA RYAN he has known OTIS MASSEY and the members of his family, including FRANCES MASSEY SPEARS for the past 20 years. He stated MASSEY is a land owner and farmer who has farmed near Friona since 1925. He stated he is a law abiding citizen, and that none of the members of his family have any criminal record. He advised two of the MASSEY sons, RUSSELL and EDWARD, have been in the irrigation well drilling business, and have drilled wells all over the entire county.

He further advised EDWARD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He said Dr. SPEARS is unknown to him.

The following investigation was conducted by SA MILTON L. NEWSOM at Dallas, Texas:

On January 21, 1960, files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were reviewed personally and reflected that ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was first listed in their files December 14, 1945. Last inquiry was received by the Retail Merchants Credit Association June 9, 1958. Inquiries concerning credit ratings of SPEARS have been made by the following since 1945: A Harris, 1945; Neiman's, 1946; Volk's, 1946; Potts-Knaur Leather Company, 1948; St. Petersburg, Florida, February, 1949; Dreyfuss, 1949; Sangers, 1940; Magnolia Oil Company, 1954; Humble Oil, 1954; Florence Miller Cosmetics, 1954; Carrier-Bock Corp., 1954; Austin, Texas, December, 1954; Methodist-Cokesbury Book Store, 1955; San Antonio, Texas, 1955; Reynolds-Penland, 1957; Peaslee-Gaulbert Paint Company, June 9, 1958; and Mercantile National Bank inquired on January 21, 1960.

The file reflected that SPEARS told the Retail Merchants Credit Association in December, 1945, he had been in Dallas two years and came here from England. At that time he said he was in the leather business for himself. All relatives deceased. He was 51 years of age and single in 1945. He said he had no real estate. Records reflect in 1949 he had \$12,000 in war bonds and \$1,000 life insurance.

Residences for SPEARS according to Retail Merchants Credit Association records: 812 North Marsalis in 1945; 1115 Lake Shore Drive, 1950; 511 North Lake Drive in 1955; 6116 Gaston Avenue, 1958.

Records reflect he was born June 26, 1894 in Missouri. In 1954 he advised the Retail Merchants Credit Association that the leather business he was in is now only a hobby.

"Dallas Morning News" clipping dated March 6, 1958 reflected ROBERT VERNON SPEARS was free on \$4500 bond following charges of abortion on 32 year old oil secretary in Dallas. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BARBEE was charged with conspiracy in connection with the abortion and newspaper article indicated BARBEE made arrangements with the oil secretary and her boy friend to contact SPEARS.

Retail Merchants Credit Association records contain no additional information concerning SPEARS.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas, Texas:

On January 21, 1960, Mrs. CAROLYN LOBBAN, Deputy Clerk, District Court Clerk's Office, Records Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that she could locate no record of any civil action involving ROBERT SPEARS since January, 1957.

On January 21, 1960, Mrs. JESSEBELLE OLIVER, Deputy Clerk, Dallas County Clerk's Office, Records Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that she could locate no record of any civil action involving ROBERT SPEARS since January, 1957.

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On January 22, 1960, the St. Louis Office was requested to review the military service file of ROBERT VERNON SPEARS. On January 22, 1960, St. Louis advised as follows:

A review on January 22, 1960, by SE JAMES W. ESTEP of the military service record on file at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, Army Serial No. 1073188, reflected that he enlisted in the regular army at Fort Logan, Colorado, January 3, 1918. At that time he stated he was born in Springfield, Missouri, and gave his age as 21 years and four months. He served with the Army Air Service at Kelly Field, Texas, from January 5, 1918, to March 14, 1918. He served overseas with the 314th Aero Squadron from July 15, 1918, to January 22, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Fremont, California, on February 12, 1919, by reason of demobilization in the rank of sergeant.

SPEARS' character at discharge was recorded as excellent. There was no record of court martial or absence without official leave. He was sentenced to ten days confinement to the post on April 3, 1918, by his commanding officer for failure to salute an officer. His military occupation was not shown and there was no record of his receiving any technical training.

This file contains a set of fingerprints dated July 13, 1935, from the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflecting violation of immigration law (illegal entry) awaiting trial under the name LIONEL BYAM, born June 26, 1894, in Missouri. This card contains a notation indicating that he is identical with ROBERT V. SPEARS who enlisted January 3, 1918, at Fort Logan, Colorado.

He has also used the name CLYDE STRINGER with birth date June 26, 1894, at Cassville, Missouri. In addition to this date of birth he has also used August 26, 1896, Springfield, Missouri.

His civilian occupation was shown as chauffeur and mechanic. His addresses were shown as General Delivery, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in 1918 and as General Delivery, Tiffin, Ohio, in 1919. His address was also reflected as Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1927. His only relative was listed as Miss ERNA GALYEAN, cousin, Rich Hill, Missouri, in 1918. This cousin was also reflected as ERMA GALYEAN of 314 Barrett Place, San Antonio, Texas, in 1919.

V. KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR

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J. C. SANDERS, Security Officer, Statler Hilton Hotel, checked all registrations under the name of WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and his known aliases back through October, 1959, and none could be found under any of these names.

Mr. SANDERS stated it is possible that TAYLOR did stay at this hotel under a name other than his own or one of his known aliases, and that this registration might be identified by looking for registrations of individuals from Tampa, or checking telephone calls made by all registrations from that area during the period of October and November, 1959. This would entail the physical checking of some six to eight thousand individual billing statements and picking out from among these the possibilities, and then checking telephone calls, etc., on the selected ones to see if any of these items will identify the registered guest as having been TAYLOR.

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Mrs. JAMES A. GUILLOD, 5527 Morningside, telephone TAylor 3-6740, said that her parents and the parents of WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR resided next-door to each other in Memphis, Tennessee, commencing about 1903 and from that date until around 1918 or 1920 she knew "ALLEN", however he ran with a different crowd of young people and she remarked that her mother would not permit her to associate with ALLEN and indicated that he was "wild". She said that ALLEN's father drank excessively and that his son helped his mother spend her inheritance from an estate and that later she sewed for a livelihood.

While she knew ALLEN, he married a young woman who at the time was employed in a Memphis bank. This marriage ended in a divorce, this being around 1918 to 1920, following which ALLEN went to Florida. His mother later moved to be with him there and later had bad health and about five years ago she died in Florida.

Mrs. GUILLOD received notice of the death of TAYLOR's mother through ROBERT SPEARS, a friend of TAYLOR, to whom TAYLOR had sent a telegraphic message requesting that Mrs. GUILLOD be notified. SPEARS by telephone did call and advise her of the demise of TAYLOR's mother. Later she received a long detailed letter from ALLEN relating circumstances surrounding the death and the funeral of his mother in which he went to great lengths to explain how much she meant to him. Mrs. GUILLOD considered that he had been inattentive and lacking in his affections as a son to a mother during her lifetime. Mrs. GUILLOD sent the letter on to her mother at Memphis, Tennessee to read, after she had sent \$5.00 to TAYLOR to serve as a memorial in lieu of flowers she did not get to send at the time of this woman's funeral.

The next contact Mrs. GUILLOD had with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR was about three and a half years ago, exact date not recalled, but in the summertime, when he by telephone called her at her residence one afternoon and advised that he was in Dallas visiting his friend, ROBERT SPEARS. Mrs. GUILLOD invited him out to dinner but TAYLOR declined stating that SPEARS and some other male friends were going to have a party that night. He

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did promise to come by to see her the following morning. Mrs. GUILLOD expressed the hope that he would come by before her husband had gone to his office, but TAYLOR did not appear until about 8:00 A.M., alone, and stayed only for a short while. He was not accompanied by his wife and their child, he explaining that they did not accompany him to Dallas inasmuch as the wife planned to take the child to see Disneyland in California.

So far as Mrs. GUILLOD knows, TAYLOR visited only ROBERT SPEARS and/or his family on this trip, which, insofar as Mrs. GUILLOD knows, was a social visit and which TAYLOR represented was only for a short duration.

Mrs. GUILLOD said that she had no knowledge concerning any trips TAYLOR might have made to Dallas to receive any medical treatment or otherwise, other than the trip made three and a half years ago and which was the last contact she has had with this person directly or indirectly.

She does not know of any contacts TAYLOR has in Dallas other than ROBERT SPEARS and/or SPEARS' married daughter, name unknown, who resides at [redacted] and whose marriage took place about the date of TAYLOR's visit.

Mrs. GUILLOD has no knowledge regarding any hobbies of TAYLOR or the nature of his employment except she does recall he possibly was engaged in the selling of office supplies.

She related that her husband was acquainted with TAYLOR at the time she and her husband resided in Memphis, Tennessee and there they met at the YMCA, both engaging in the game of basketball.

Before the termination of this interview, Mr. GUILLOD returned to his home and was interviewed.

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JAMES A. GUILLOD, 5527 Morningside, stated that he first became acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR at Memphis, Tennessee, at which place he met him at the YMCA, where both engaged in playing basketball. Outside of this contact, Mr. GUILLOD has not been with TAYLOR and has not seen this individual since TAYLOR moved from Memphis, Tennessee around 1918 or 1920. Mr. GUILLOD said that he was aware of the death of TAYLOR's mother and of the fact that a message had been received concerning her death through ROBERT SPEARS, whom GUILLOD does not know. He also informed that TAYLOR had called his (GUILLOD's) wife at Dallas about three and a half years ago and had visited in their home, but he did not see TAYLOR at the time and has no information concerning the purpose of TAYLOR's visit in Dallas.

Mr. GUILLOD said that he has no knowledge concerning TAYLOR's associates, contacts, interests in life and has no information to offer concerning the personal and intimate life of that individual.

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FRANCES FRASER, Assistant to Administrators Office, Director of Volunteers, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, advised that Personnel Records for that hospital reflect no DR. WILLIAM P. TAYLOR has ever been employed there since 1949.

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by Special Agent JAMES W. SAMMON /ns

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MARGARET DALE, Receptionist for DR. DAN BRANNIN, Optometrist, Medical Arts Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that DR. BRANNIN was not available. She stated that an examination of DR. BRANNIN's records reflect that W. A. TAYLOR, 1913 West 10th Street, Dallas, Texas, age 50 in 1951, was examined by DR. BRANNIN on April 30, 1951, and given a prescription for glasses. She advised that there is no other record of TAYLOR, and that there is no handwriting of TAYLOR in the file.

MARGARET DALE further advised that ROBERT A. SPEARS was last examined by DR. BRANNIN for glasses in June of 1957 and previously was examined in January, 1949; August, 1951; and August, 1954. She stated that each examination was a routine examination for glasses, that no examination for accident was ever made, and that no handwriting of SPEARS is available. She stated that the last address appearing on her records is 6116 Gaston, Dallas, Texas.

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[Redacted] He advised that
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by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM ^{1/21/60} gas

Following investigation was conducted at Dallas, Texas, on January 21, 1960, by SA BARDWELL D. ODUM:

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Administrative Officer, Southwest Clinic Association, Medical Arts Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that Dr. E. R. RICHARDSON left Dallas on the morning of January 21, 1960, to fly to New York, New York, where he will visit his mother. He will leave New York Sunday, January 24, 1960, at 6 p.m. to go to Chicago, where he will attend the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons meeting at the Palmer House. He will stay in Chicago until January 29, 1960, and will be residing at the Sheraton Towers.

On January 21, 1960, Mrs. E. R. RICHARDSON, [REDACTED] advised that while in New York, Dr. RICHARDSON can either be reached [REDACTED] Mrs. ERNEST VAN D. JONES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone PL 1-1815, [REDACTED]

Mrs. RODMAN RICHARDSON, [REDACTED]

The Dallas Office furnished above information to New York January 21, 1960. On January 22, 1960, the New York Office furnished the following:

Dr. EDWARD RICHARDSON advised he is a partner in the Southwest Clinic, Dallas, and in 1950-1951, had courtesy privileges at Baylor Hospital, Dallas. RICHARDSON viewed a newspaper photograph of WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and stated that the person in this photograph looked familiar as one he may have seen a long time ago. RICHARDSON stated TAYLOR's name was not familiar and he had no recollection of ever having treated TAYLOR at Baylor Hospital in 1951. He advised he might recall this person if he could see the 1951 hospital records. RICHARDSON stated definitely that he had no recent contact with TAYLOR and that if TAYLOR had called RICHARDSON for an appointment, his name would have been listed by the telephone operator at the Southwest Clinic. RICHARDSON stated he was going from New York City to Chicago and would be there until January 28, 1960, when he would return to Dallas.

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JOHN C. CREIGHTON, Manager of the John T. Parker Claims Service, Ft. Worth Office, Neil P. Anderson Building, Ft. Worth, Texas, stated he recalled investigating an accident involving a man who claimed he was backed into by an automobile operated by FRED JOHNSON, a used car dealer in Oak Cliff Section of Dallas at that time. Mr. CREIGHTON stated that he cannot recall that the man's name was TAYLOR, but that he does recall that the man was thin and tan complected. He stated that he asked this man why he had not made a claim earlier and the man stated that he had been in the hospital for treatment and could not report it.

Mr. CREIGHTON stated that he recalls this case because there was a considerable lapse of time between the accident and the reporting of same to the insurance company. Mr. CREIGHTON stated that FRED JOHNSON stated that he was backing out of a drive-in when he heard something and saw this man sort of jump up on the back of JOHNSON's car and roll off to the ground. JOHNSON stated that the man said to forget it, that he was not hurt, and thus JOHNSON did not report the accident to the company at that time. CREIGHTON stated that the loss was under a dealer's liability policy rather than under a personal liability policy. He stated he cannot recall the name of the company, but that the insurance was handled by Floyd West & Company.

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[Redacted] advised [Redacted]
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above can be produced in court by the issuance of a
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ROBERT COX, Floyd West and Company, general insurance agents, 2103 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that he searched claim and general records but was not able to locate the file pertaining to the claim against the insurance held by FRED JOHNSON.

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MR. A. L. RIDDELL, Claims Manager for the Dallas Transit Company, on January 21, 1960, advised that the Dallas Transit Company had had a claim lodged against them by WILLIAM A. TAYLOR of 1913 West Tenth Street. TAYLOR claimed that he suffered a neck injury on September 23, 1951, while riding on a Dallas Transit Company streetcar at the time it crashed into an automobile. MR. RIDDELL stated that this claim was settled for TAYLOR for \$750.

MR. RIDDELL could furnish no further information concerning TAYLOR.

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[REDACTED] stated she is the proper person to subpoena should these records be of evidentiary value at a later date in court.

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On January 21, 1960, DR. CASEY E. PATTERSON was interviewed at his office in the Medical Arts Building, Dallas, Texas. DR. PATTERSON stated that he first saw WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, who listed his residence as 1913 West Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas, on September 26, 1951, because of an injury TAYLOR had received on September 23, 1951, at a time when he was riding on a Sunset streetcar that crashed into an automobile in Dallas, Texas. DR. PATTERSON said the patient claimed he was sitting in his seat dozing and the impact snapped his head forward and backward injuring his neck. DR. PATTERSON stated that the patient stated he had no previous trouble like the injury he received in this collision and that the pain was at the bottom of his neck to the back of his head, right shoulder, right arm. He claimed that his right arm was weak and his right index and middle fingers were numb.

DR. PATTERSON stated later, during the course of the interview with TAYLOR, TAYLOR did state that approximately 30 years prior he had received a fall from a Pardell bar, falling on his head, and also when he was a small child, he fell off a horse and hurt his neck.

X-rays were made of the patient which were interpreted as extensive bone changes about the lower cervical spine; however, no positive conclusion could be reached relative to the injury received by the patient in the streetcar-automobile accident. He stated that TAYLOR was hospitalized on September 27, 1951, at Methodist Hospital for traction and then subsequently, he recommended that TAYLOR wear a brace. He stated that TAYLOR was discharged from the hospital on October 1, 1951. He stated further that TAYLOR visited his office on October 8, 1951, October 17, 1951, and November 12, 1951. DR. PATTERSON stated that was the last time he had had any contact in any manner with TAYLOR.

DR. PATTERSON stated that he had not had any contact with TAYLOR prior to September 26, 1951, nor had he had any contact with him since that time.

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VI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS TO ROBERT AND FRANCES SPEARS.

A. PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS.

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JAMES ANDRUS, Investigator for Reserve Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, advised that while he was investigating naturopaths, in connection with fraudulent claims against his company, he learned that there is some connection between DR. WINTON WELSH, Mesquite, Texas, [redacted] and DR. SPEARS. He stated that apparently SPEARS was referring abortion patients to WELSH. He also advised that the present MRS. SPEARS and the former MRS. WELSH (WELSH is now remarried) are connected in some way.

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ANDRUS advised that ELOYD RONDE, Investigator for the State Medical Board, conducted an investigation of naturopaths, including DR. SPEARS. He stated that RONDE lives in Dallas, but if necessary can be reached through DR. MC KINLEY CRABB, Secretary of the State Licensing Board, Medical Arts Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

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MR. LLOYD RHODE, [redacted] advised that he is an investigator for the Texas State Medical Board, and in this capacity has had many dealings with DR. ROBERT SPEARS. MR. RHODE suggested that DR. WENTON L. WELCH, D.O., of [redacted] be contacted regarding DR. SPEARS. RHODE stated that DR. WELCH is a very close personal friend of SPEARS and admitted to him (RHODE) that he had visited socially with SPEARS shortly before SPEARS departed for Florida in November 1959. RHODE explained that DR. WELCH [redacted]

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[redacted] After much difficulty, DR. WELCH was able to regain his license about two years ago and he, therefore, is in a very precarious position with the State Board of Medical Examiners because of his connection with SPEARS. For this reason, RHODE feels that WELCH is in no position to not cooperate fully with the FBI on all his personal knowledge of DR. SPEARS. MR. RHODE further advised that DR. J. V. STONE, an osteopath, now a patient at Parkland Hospital, also has some knowledge of DR. SPEARS and that a DR. W. T. HART, a former naturopath and now a chiropractor and licensed drug dispenser in Dallas, Texas, is also well acquainted with SPEARS. RHODE stated that a DR. BRONI, a former naturopath (FNU), who used to have an office on Lovers Lane, but who is no longer in Dallas, is also acquainted with him. RHODE stated that when SPEARS was president of the naturopath association, he was opposed by some of the naturopaths who considered him a crook and in fact one DR. NANCE (FNU), who is now believed to be residing in Monterrey, Mexico, brought suit against SPEARS in Dallas County charging SPEARS with embezzling \$30,000 from the Naturopath Association while he (SPEARS) was president of this group. RHODE believes that another former naturopath, a DR. RAYMOND HOYLE, was also a party to this suit and would have considerable knowledge of SPEARS' activities. According to RHODE, HOYLE is working with and through his father, a DR. L. A. HOYLE, a Dallas chiropractor. MR. RHODE further advised that a barber named AVERY (FNU), the owner of the Casa Linda Barber Shop in Dallas, was acquainted with SPEARS, and in fact, cut SPEARS' hair and had a conversation with him shortly before SPEARS departed for Florida.

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Dr. WENTON L. WELCH, D. O., [redacted]
advised as follows:

Dr. WELCH stated he first met Dr. ROBERT SPEARS sometime in 1950, exact date unrecalled, shortly after he (Dr. WELCH) [redacted]

Dr. SPEARS contacted him for the purpose of "buying his abortion practice." WELCH stated he was [redacted]

[redacted] According to Dr. WELCH, during this period his only source of income was from money given him by SPEARS for referrals on abortion cases. WELCH stated SPEARS loaned him \$900 in 1951 to begin his practice anew in Mesquite, Texas, after which time he (WELCH) had nothing further to do with illegal abortions.

WELCH stated he and his wife became close social friends of Dr. SPEARS and his wife, and between 1950 and 1954 they saw each other on the average of three times a week. Dr. WELCH stated [redacted]

[redacted] he had to avoid SPEARS since he was desperately trying to regain his license which he did regain in 1957. During this time he only met SPEARS on one short visit during Christmas, 1956. After obtaining his license again, he did reestablish friendship with Dr. SPEARS on a social basis only, however, he avoided contact in public as much as possible so (WELCH) would not loose his license again.

According to Dr. WELCH, based upon his social contacts with SPEARS and his (Dr. WELCH's) knowledge of the illegal abortions, he feels certain that SPEARS has been actively engaged in illegal abortions from the time that he first met SPEARS in 1950 up until the recent plane crash on November 16, 1959. Dr. WELCH stated that based upon conversations with SPEARS he feels reasonably sure that he was probably engaged in illegal abortions for at least ten years prior to 1950. Dr. WELCH stated that although SPEARS had a license as a Naturopath from 1952 until about 1955, he does not

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know of a single patient that he ever handled as a Naturopath and he believes that SPEARS merely was using this as a front for his abortion practices. WELCH stated that SPEARS has some medical background from somewhere but he has no knowledge of where he received this training.

Dr. WELCH stated he does know, based upon conversations with SPEARS, that SPEARS did reside in Los Angeles, California, prior to World War I and again, according to SPEARS' statements, was engaged as a bootlegger during the Prohibition Era in the Seattle area. SPEARS had mentioned to him on several occasions, how he used to smuggle whisky by boat from Canada into Seattle, Washington. WELCH stated that although SPEARS has never told him, he feels certain from remarks that he has made, and based upon his (WELCH's) knowledge of prison life, that SPEARS has served at least one sentence in a penitentiary.

According to Dr. WELCH, the only profession that he knows that SPEARS has practiced in the last ten years or more, is that of an illegal abortionist and that he has averaged probably as many as thirty abortions a month. Dr. WELCH based this upon conversations that he has had with SPEARS and on his own personal knowledge from his own past experiences in the illegal abortion field.

Dr. WELCH stated SPEARS had no knowledge of hypnosis other than what he may have read in books. However, SPEARS' wife, FRANCES SPEARS, has gone in for hypnosis as a sort of a sideline or hobby and fancies herself to be quite a psychologist although she is completely untrained in this field.

Dr. WELCH stated SPEARS left Dallas because things were getting "too hot for him" in the abortion field and he went to California around September, 1959, for this reason. At this time Dr. WELCH stated he was at SPEARS' house when he moved out and, in fact, bought some furniture from SPEARS and also bought an IBM Typewriter from SPEARS. According to WELCH, two weeks after SPEARS went to California, he returned to Dallas for a short visit and stayed at the Baker Hotel and then returned to Dallas again two or three weeks later and again stayed at the Baker Hotel. Dr. WELCH stated that based upon conversations with SPEARS, he believes the purpose of these visits was in connection with his abortion activities. Dr. WELCH stated that SPEARS returned to Dallas sometime around the end of October, 1959, for the purpose of trying to sell

his house in Dallas and he lived there while his family remained in California.

Dr. WELCH stated he contacted SPEARS at his residence one day just after he had had his telephone re-connected. SPEARS at this time stated that he had just gotten something "hot" from a friend of his in Florida named TAYLOR. Approximately two weeks after this phone call WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR came to Dallas, Texas, and stayed at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas. Dr. WELCH stated he then learned from SPEARS that TAYLOR had come to Dallas for the purpose of arranging with SPEARS to make a medicine to be used in illegal abortions. WELCH stated he never saw TAYLOR, merely hearing this from SPEARS. According to Dr. WELCH, a product known as Lilly Soft Soap, which has been recently withdrawn from the market, is the main base for making this abortion medicine, and TAYLOR, who was engaged in the business of selling this medicine to unknown individuals in the State of Florida, had been unable to acquire any of this type of soap or a similar type soap. SPEARS had informed TAYLOR that he (SPEARS) could obtain a similar type soap which could be used for this abortion medicine. SPEARS and TAYLOR then formed an agreement to split any profit from this operation fifty-fifty, and SPEARS had estimated they could gross \$1,000 a week on this operation. SPEARS allegedly had a contact where he could get this soap and could then manufacture the medicine and TAYLOR would sell it. It was decided that since there was a risk involved in shipping it interstate that SPEARS would come to Florida and manufacture the medicine from this soap and would then turn it over to TAYLOR for sale while he (SPEARS) returned to Texas. Dr. WELCH stated he believes this type soap that SPEARS had access to came in eighty pound kegs and is the type used to make liquid soap such as is used in public washrooms.

Dr. WELCH stated he and his wife visited SPEARS and his wife at SPEARS' residence on or about November 10, 1959, shortly before SPEARS departed for Florida. It was at this time that SPEARS told WELCH of his agreement with TAYLOR. WELCH also stated that on his previous visit to SPEARS' residence in late October, 1959, at the time SPEARS advised him of his phone call from a friend in Florida, SPEARS had advised WELCH that he had recently purchased a \$100,000 policy which only cost him \$60 which covered him for death on any public conveyance. After hearing of the plane crash in which Dr. SPEARS was allegedly killed, this thought immediately flashed

in his (WELCH's) mind and Dr. WELCH claimed he had always had a suspicion in the back of his mind based upon his knowledge of Dr. SPEARS, that SPEARS had done just what it has now been proven he has done. WELCH feels certain that based upon his knowledge of SPEARS and his illegal abortion racket, that SPEARS must have "conned" TAYLOR into boarding the ill-fated airplane in his place under some pretext in connection with their abortion racket and that possibly he could have given TAYLOR a container of explosives, telling him it was the abortion medicine and asked him to deliver it to Dallas. Dr. WELCH stated he feels certain that because of SPEARS' past prison sentences [redacted] that SPEARS, through contact with other criminals, must have some knowledge of explosives or certainly that through his contacts could have easily gotten someone familiar with explosives to have rigged an explosive device for him.

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Dr. WENTON L. WELCH, D.O., [redacted]
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Dr. ROBERT SPEARS gave no indication to him that he had ever known an individual named JULIAN FRANK, and Dr. SPEARS had never mentioned New York City to him in any of their numerous conversations. Dr. WELCH stated his wife and Dr. SPEARS' wife were also very close friends, as were he and Dr. SPEARS.

Dr. WELCH stated that Dr. SPEARS and his wife were definitely having marital trouble when they moved to California in September, 1959. Mrs. SPEARS objected to Dr. SPEARS' illegal abortion activities and because of this threatened to leave Dr. SPEARS several times. Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS advised him when she returned from California in about November, 1959, that when Dr. SPEARS was arrested in California for illegal abortion she again considered leaving him. Dr. WELCH stated that Dr. SPEARS did not want to leave his wife since he loved both his wife and children very much and he always succeeded in talking his wife out of leaving him.

Dr. WELCH stated that Dr. SPEARS liked to read "Popular Science" and "Popular Mechanics" magazines and was interested in such matters, however, he knows of no particular electronic aptitude on the part of Dr. SPEARS. Dr. WELCH stated he knows Dr. SPEARS quite well and in fact knows him on what he (Dr. WELCH) termed the "criminal level." However, based upon his knowledge of criminals [redacted]

[redacted] he does not believe that Dr. SPEARS, whom he termed as a "con man," would ever engage in a crime of violence. Dr. WELCH stated he has known of few "con men" who would commit crimes of violence.

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Dr. S. T. McMURRAIN, [redacted] a chiropractor, advised that four or five years ago he had attended a lecture in the home of Dr. SPEARS who at that time lived in the Lake Highlands area. He recalled that they viewed a picture in addition to the lecture given by a person he could not recall, and therefore he has not had any contact with Dr. SPEARS, other than this one visit.

Dr. McMURRAIN stated his son, Dr. JOHN R. McMURRAIN, of Garland, Texas, was in attendance at the home of Dr. SPEARS at a later date and might give information concerning his background and activities.

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Dr. JOHN R. McMURRAIN,

[redacted] a chiropractor, advised that in January, 1957 or January, 1953, he was invited to the home of Dr. SPEARS on Gaston Avenue in Dallas to listen to a series of lectures which had been taped concerning matters pertaining to psychology. These meetings were planned by FRANCES SPEARS, the wife of Dr. SPEARS, and Dr. McMURRAIN stated he had little contact with Dr. SPEARS. Dr. McMURRAIN attended about six discussions on psychology at the SPEARS' home, which were of one and a half or two hours in duration. Dr. McMURRAIN stated Mrs. SPEARS seemed to be interested in psychology and had planned these meetings. He said that Dr. SPEARS would come in occasionally and speak to those present but did not take part in the lectures or otherwise.

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Regarding the subject of hypnosis, it was Dr. McMURRAIN's belief that Dr. SPEARS was not versed in this art and that his wife was only conversant with hypnotism. It was Dr. McMURRAIN's belief that Dr. SPEARS had no knowledge of electronics although he had in his home a radionic machine which was made in California but the manufacturer's name could not be recalled.

Those present at these psychology lectures were Dr. McMURRAIN; Dr. GARY BENNETT, [redacted] whose office is 2700 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas; Dr. PAUL LANDRY, now deceased, and two young ladies, the names not being recalled.

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During his contacts with Dr. SPEARS, he noted that SPEARS had a congenial disposition but Dr. McMURRAIN never saw any patients at his home. He did hear Dr. SPEARS refer to "his girls" which Dr. McMURRAIN believed were persons who were having difficulty in weight control. Dr. SPEARS did not mention the names of any of these persons but did mention he had a leather company which he either owned or had an interest in. Dr. SPEARS was interested in a movement called "National Health Guild, or something like that" which Dr. McMURRAIN understood to be a guild devoted to the healing arts in some way.

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Regarding SPEARS' criminal activities, Dr. McMURRAIN stated he had been arrested for abortion because he had seen this in a local newspaper.

Dr. McMURRAIN stated his wife had only seen Dr. SPEARS on one occasion, that being a year or two ago when Dr. SPEARS came to their home with a man named MERL P. BECK

[redacted] and who is employed by an ultrasonic manufacturing concern believed to be the Lindquist Manufacturing Company. On this occasion, SPEARS came with BECK who was there for the purpose of selling a diathermy machine to Dr. McMURRAIN. On this occasion, they stayed only a few minutes.

Dr. McMURRAIN did not know WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR and stated he had known SPEARS since January, 1957 or January, 1958. He stated SPEARS was connected with the Naturopathic Society in an official capacity.

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DR. WILLIAM T. HART, [redacted] advised he knew ROBERT VERNON SPEARS only as a member of the Texas State Naturopaths Association and had never associated with him socially. When SPEARS was arrested in 1958 for abortion, SPEARS called him from jail and requested him to get an attorney for him. He stated that he called JACK KELLER, attorney at law, who arranged bond for SPEARS. HART advised he has had no recent contacts with SPEARS and knows nothing concerning his background. HART added he possessed no information pertinent to instant investigation.

HART advised with reference to individuals who might know something about SPEARS, that SPEARS practiced at one time with TOM PRICE, Lakewood Shopping Center, also that HENRY SCHLICHTING, Midland, Texas, was active in the association with SPEARS and reportedly had backed him as president of the association.

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Dr. THOMAS E. PRICE, [redacted] advised he had met ROBERT V. SPEARS a few years back but has not seen him since June or July, 1959, and does not possess any information pertinent to instant investigation. He stated the only criminal activity that he had ever heard of SPEARS being connected with, was abortions.

PRICE advised with reference to individuals that might know something about SPEARS, that SPEARS was a former neighbor of Dr. R.E. HIBBARD when SPEARS resided on [redacted] and that Dr. HIBBARD had maintained an office at [redacted] and SPEARS had hung around his office. He also advised that Dr. WENTON L. WELCH was a friend of SPEARS and that he had heard that a woman formerly known as Dr. ESTELLE CLASON, now re-married to an individual who runs the beauty shop at 3525 Turtle Creek reportedly had known SPEARS in Oklahoma.

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Dr. D. HUGH McCALL, Optometrist and Naturopath, [redacted] advised he had known Dr. ROBERT SPEARS for approximately five years. He stated about five years ago Dr. SPEARS visited various business people connected with the medical profession and introduced himself as being engaged in medical activities. He reported he knew Dr. SPEARS casually, having had coffee with him on several occasions at meetings of the Naturopathic Association. He stated he was confident that Dr. SPEARS had not been educated in the naturopathic field but had obtained his license to practice as a naturopath under a new law which had been passed by the Texas Legislature. This law provided that affidavits be submitted by those desiring to be licensed as a naturopath by submitting four affidavits of persons who could attest to the fact that the individual had been practicing naturopathy. He was not cognizant of who made the affidavits but upon receiving his license, Dr. SPEARS became very active in the Association of Naturopathic Physicians. Dr. SPEARS became the president of this association about three years ago principally because he was the only naturopath who would do the actual work of the association. He remarked that the State Board which granted Dr. SPEARS his license had no other choice than to do so inasmuch as the law provided that a person who had known Dr. SPEARS for two years could have made the affidavit attesting to his naturopathic ability.

Dr. SPEARS attended the annual meetings of the association and it was his understanding that Dr. SPEARS was well connected politically in this state but the persons were unknown to Dr. McCALL. He did recall that on one occasion Dr. SPEARS stayed in the same hotel in Dallas with Gov. SHIVERS, but he could not give any details concerning their association.

Dr. McCALL was also acquainted with Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS, stating she seemed to be "very nice" and he never had known either SPEARS or his wife to drink intoxicants. He believes Dr. SPEARS to be a person of good moral character. While McCALL was acquainted with Dr. SPEARS he did very little practice and at one time had his office in his home in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas.

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Dr. McCALL described Dr. SPEARS as a "sort of politician" inasmuch as he kept abreast of the legislative activities in this state at all times. SPEARS always dressed well and had a quiet and unassuming personality.

Dr. McCALL stated he read in the papers about three years ago that Dr. SPEARS had been fined for abortion in Dallas. He could give no details concerning this offense, he said, but he met Dr. SPEARS several days later and SPEARS did not even mention this occurrence.

It was McCALL's belief that the thirty-five naturopaths in Dallas and perhaps most of the 400 naturopaths in the state, have heard of Dr. SPEARS since he was the president of their association.

While in Dallas, Dr. SPEARS possessed a radionics instrument which was used for diagnostic purposes, which instrument was manufactured in California. Dr. McCALL stated the instrument diagnosed by means of radio waves emitted from the body. Dr. McCALL stated that PAUL LANDRY, a naturopath in Dallas, was prominent in advocating the use of this instrument for diagnostic purposes. LANDRY is now deceased, Dr. McCALL stated. He stated that SPEARS' radionic instrument looked like a marble table inasmuch as it had dials and numbers. This instrument was supposed to be set on a certain number for different diseases or ailments, he said. Dr. McCALL did not know whether SPEARS was proficient in the use of this machine or not and he did not know whether SPEARS possessed any knowledge of electronics.

Regarding his contacts, he stated Dr. TOM PRICE, a chiropractor in the Lakewood section of Dallas, might have been acquainted with SPEARS inasmuch as it was his (McCALL's) understanding that SPEARS formerly had an office in the Lakewood section of Dallas. He also stated that Dr. WILLIAM NANCE, who is employed as a pharmacist by the Sun Drug Store, Richardson, Texas, might have knowledge of SPEARS' activities.

It was McCALL's belief that SPEARS must have been an abortionist at the time he was in Dallas unless he derived some income from a leather business in California which he

spoke of. Dr. McCALL stated he had heard, from a source he could not recall, that SPEARS was the owner or part owner of some leather manufacturing shops on the West Coast. Dr. McCALL stated he did not know the city in which these shops were supposed to be located.

Regarding his friends, Dr. McCALL stated that SPEARS had no close friends among the naturopaths that he knew about. He stated that about one month ago an insurance man had come to his office, his name and company being unknown, and stated he was investigating SPEARS' death in the airplane crash. This insurance salesman indicated there was a large insurance policy on SPEARS' life and the insurance man told Dr. McCALL that he doubted if SPEARS was dead. Dr. McCALL expressed disbelief that he was alive at that time and he stated he was shocked when he learned that SPEARS was alive.

He stated that Mrs. McCALL was only casually acquainted with Dr. SPEARS and could not give any background concerning him.

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Dr. WILLIAM O. NANCE, [redacted] advised b6 b7c he has been a naturopath for over 20 years and had become acquainted with SPEARS about 10 years ago at a Naturopath Organization meeting. He stated he had been at the SPEARS' home once or twice but never really got to know SPEARS. He said few people trusted him since he was unwilling to discuss the source of his income but that he was a hard man to evade. He advised SPEARS was dismissed from the Naturopath Organization 4 or 5 years ago upon the recommendation of HENRY SCHLICHTING, [redacted] who had information regarding SPEARS' criminal record.

NANCE advised that the last time he saw SPEARS was around August 1, 1958, when SPEARS came by NANCE's office to say hello. He said in their conversation that day, SPEARS mentioned being in trouble in Dallas over income tax and abortion matters. He advised he had no other information regarding criminal activities of SPEARS.

NANCE advised SPEARS never appeared to have any interest or knowledge of electronics but did have an avid interest in hypnosis. He said SPEARS had a number of books on the subject of hypnosis and had mentioned that he was taking lessons on hypnosis at that time.

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Dr. CLYDE KEELER, Keeler Chiropractic Clinic, 2800 Oaklawn, Dallas, Texas, advised he met ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and his wife approximately five years ago at a Chiropractic Seminar at the Melrose Hotel, Dallas, Texas, held by Dr. GEORGE A. WILSON of Long Beach, California. A few months after this Mr. SPEARS telephoned him and said a Mr. HUNTER, who sold and manufactured physiotherapy equipment might have something Dr. KEELER was interested in. Dr. KEELER stated he went to ROBERT SPEARS' home at which time he was living east of White Rock Lake. He stated he recalls the Mr. HUNTER commenting about how and where SPEARS got all his money.

Dr. KEELER stated he saw SPEARS and his wife at a Naturopathic Convention in Los Angeles, California, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in August, 1957, where they attended a lecture on hypnotism and that Mr. SPEARS arranged for him to attend this lecture.

Dr. KEELER stated he had coffee at the SPEARS home at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, on approximately two occasions prior to March, 1958, at which time both Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS were present. He stated he recalls SPEARS telling him after the birth of his first child that he had hypnotized his wife for the birth of this child.

Dr. KEELER advised that approximately one year to eighteen months ago and after March, 1958, SPEARS telephoned him and cautioned him about being careful of a man named RAYMOND HOYLE who had just had his Chiropractor's license suspended. He stated he always considered it strange that SPEARS should caution him when SPEARS himself had been convicted of abortion in Dallas in March, 1958.

Dr. KEELER stated that he recalls on one of the occasions prior to August, 1957, when he was having coffee at the SPEARS' home, SPEARS mentioned a Dr. CHRISTIAN A. VOLF, who in August, 1957, was practicing at Santa Barbara, California. Dr. KEELER stated that SPEARS mentioned that Dr. VOLF had a method of producing sound waves on records for use in restoring hearing. Dr. KEELER stated that thereafter Dr. VOLF was deported to Copenhagen, Denmark, for illegal practice and that thereafter he (Dr. KEELER) purchased nine of these sound wave records from SPEARS for \$10 each and later found these records had cost SPEARS only \$2 each.

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Dr. SIDNEY GAULT, partner in the Southwest Clinic, Medical Arts Building, advised that his first contact with FRANCES SPEARS was when she was single, and was using the name FRANCE MASSEY, about 1950. Dr. GAULT stated that he made a house call at her home which was an apartment house in the Oak Cliff Section of Dallas 1950, and treated her for a cold or some such minor ailment. He stated that he is unable to locate a record on this matter since it was so long ago.

Some time later, Dr. GAULT advised he met ROBERT SPEARS, who was a leather goods salesman. Dr. GAULT advised that over a period of years he treated ROBERT SPEARS for minor ailments, but could find no record except treatment on August 11, 1953, for cut fingers on SPEARS' right hand. He had injured them by catching them in the V-belt of a lawnmower. On August 17, 1953, Dr. GAULT advised ROBERT SPEARS was admitted to St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and on August 18, 1953, underwent surgery in which the first and second joints of the right index finger were amputated, and the skin at the end of the right middle finger was sutured closed where 1/4 inch of the finger had been torn off. Dr. GAULT advised that according to his records, ROBERT SPEARS was released from St. Paul Hospital, August 19, 1953.

Dr. GAULT advised that on one occasion, about 1953, he and his wife, Mrs. GAULT went to SPEARS home on North Lake Drive where they saw a large machine in the house, this machine being described as a "neuro-calometer." Dr. GAULT advised that after seeing this machine, he realized that Dr. SPEARS was a naturopath and advised Mrs. GAULT that he wanted no more to do with him.

Dr. GAULT advised that from time to time he has heard rumors from various sources, which he cannot identify at this time, that Dr. SPEARS was an abortionist. He also advised that on one occasion about 1954, a woman patient, whom he cannot now identify, came to him and told him that Dr. SPEARS was in the abortion business and drove around in a white automobile picking up operation victims at predesignated corners and taking them to motel rooms where the abortion was performed.

Dr. GAULT further advised that about 1954, another woman patient, whom he cannot identify, told him that she had had an abortion and that Dr. SPEARS told her that if she had any trouble to call on Dr. GAULT.

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Dr. GAULT advised that about 1955, Dr. MARVIN BELL, Dallas, called him and told him that Dr. SPEARS wanted BELL to do some laboratory work for him. GAULT advised BELL not to have anything to do with SPEARS.

About 1957, Dr. GAULT advised during the time that Dr. SPEARS received some publicity in connection with the then pending bill before the Texas Legislature to outlaw naturopaths, GAULT received a telephone call from an anonymous male advising GAULT not to have anything to do with SPEARS as SPEARS would record the calls. This man stated that SPEARS was operating an abortion ring. Dr. GAULT asked the man if "FRANCES" knew about it; the man replied that of course she did, and that she was part of the ring.

Dr. GAULT advised that since first becoming acquainted with FRANCES MASSEY he has treated various members of the family. He advised that he was able to locate only the records on OTIS MASSEY, the father of FRANCES, which reflect that MASSEY of Friona, Texas, was last at the Southwest Clinic on November 19, 1959. Dr. GAULT advised that OTIS and his wife had come to Dallas to be of assistance to their daughter, FRANCES MASSEY, after her husband was allegedly killed in an airplane crash.

Dr. GAULT advised that the only associate of Dr. SPEARS he can recall is ROBERT EUGENE HIBBARD, D.O., [redacted] who has known SPEARS since 1934. According to rumors, HIBBARD was feeding abortion patients to SPEARS.

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MRS. SANFORD PICK, [redacted] advised her husband was formerly a drug salesman for Waite Pharmacal Company and M. G. Farnsworth and Company of Chicago, Illinois, which two companies are owned by M. G. FARNSWORTH of Chicago. She related she and her husband moved to Dallas, Texas, in April, 1957, and as FARNSWORTH was reportedly acquainted with DR. ROBERT SPEARS, he suggested her husband contact him. MRS. PICK stated she and her husband attended a convention in Dallas in September, 1957, as guests of FARNSWORTH. During this convention, they were introduced to DR. and MRS. SPEARS. Sometime during the winter of 1957, MRS. PICK stated she invited DR. and MRS. SPEARS to their home for drinks. At this time MRS. SPEARS was expecting her first child. MRS. PICK stated DR. SPEARS appeared rather evasive as to his actual profession and his conversation pertained mostly to some of his travels, but she was unable to relate any specific subject. She stated DR. SPEARS never said specifically what his employment was to her knowledge. She also informed the SPEARS did not particularly appeal to them.

According to MRS. PICK, her husband was believed to have called on DR. SPEARS on at least one occasion regarding a possible sale of "B Slim" tablets (reducing pills) which her husband was selling. She did not know if DR. SPEARS made a purchase.

MRS. PICK stated on one occasion during the winter of 1957, she had MRS. SPEARS as a fourth for bridge at the PICK home. She also stated she contacted MRS. SPEARS telephonically possibly on two occasions regarding bridge during the same winter, but MRS. SPEARS did not come. All of this activity took place before the birth of MRS. SPEARS' first child and she has not seen either DR. or MRS. SPEARS since 1957.

MRS. PICK stated she was not aware as to the extent M. G. FARNSWORTH was acquainted with DR. SPEARS. She stated further she was not acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA. She was unable to furnish any information regarding the background or qualifications of DR. SPEARS.

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She concluded by stating her husband SANFORD PICK obtained his optometry license in August and has practiced that profession since that time, his office being in the Sage Building in Dallas, Texas. She stated she doubted whether her husband would be able to furnish any additional information due to their limited association with DR. and MRS. SPEARS, and was unable to furnish the names of any close friends or acquaintances with the exception of M. G. FARNSWORTH.

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NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BARBEE stated he is 80 years of age and was born March 15, 1879, at Crockett, Texas. He stated he presently resides at 1444 North Sylvan Street, Dallas, and operates a prescription pharmacy at 713 West Jefferson, Dallas, Texas.

BARBEE advised he knows very little about ROBERT VERNON SPEARS. He stated he first met SPEARS when SPEARS came to his pharmacy to buy various articles of medicine. He said he knew SPEARS was in the abortion business. He stated SPEARS was residing at 812 North Marsalis, Dallas, when he first knew him and estimated that was about ten or twelve years ago. BARBEE claimed he had never helped further the business of abortions through SPEARS except on the occasion when a man and woman came to his place in March, 1958, and he sent them to SPEARS so the woman could have an abortion performed on her. He advised he has had no contact with SPEARS since that time and has absolutely no knowledge of SPEARS' activities during the past two years. He advised he went to SPEARS' home at 6116 Gaston Avenue on one occasion about two years ago when SPEARS called him to tell him he had an electrical machine he had received from Germany that would cure polio. He asked BARBEE to come see it; that perhaps BARBEE could use it or would know someone who would like to buy it. BARBEE advised he went to SPEARS' home and looked at the machine, but he could not use it, even though he felt it was worthwhile and would have been a good investment. He said he believes this is the last contact he had with SPEARS. He could not describe the machine further except to say that the electrical impulses made by the machine were to be used to cure polio.

BARBEE stated he has no knowledge of SPEARS' technical ability with electricity or other material. He reiterated that he actually knew SPEARS slightly, insofar as his activities. He stated he knew nothing concerning any illegal activity on the part of SPEARS except that SPEARS had on occasion performed abortions. He stated he does not remember how he came to know that SPEARS would perform abortions.

BARBEE advised he knew no one associated with SPEARS by the name of TAYLOR. He stated the only person he knew that was associated with SPEARS was a Dr. LANDREN (phonetic) who had an office in the 700 block of Sunset, Dallas, until about two years ago. He said LANDREN was an "electrical doctor." He explained that LANDREN cured people by the use of electricity. He advised LANDREN was killed in a freak accident about two years ago when his car somehow backed into him in

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his garage. He advised LANDREN is the person who first brought SPEARS into his pharmacy.

BARBEE claimed that this is the extent of his knowledge concerning SPEARS.

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MRS. EVA HOUSEMAN, Owner, Wild Cherry Cafe and Bar,
3411 Harry Hines Boulevard, with residence [redacted]

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[redacted] reluctantly agreed to be interviewed concerning DR. and MRS. SPEARS. She indicated the Dallas police have several pending abortion charges against her and she was not desirous of becoming involved in any activity of the SPEARS. She stated that from the articles appearing in the newspapers she felt DR. and MRS. SPEARS were professional confidence artists; however, during the eight years she has casually known them they never gave her any reason for feeling that way.

She stated she has had very little contact with the SPEARS and knows of no information concerning their personal life or business activities. She estimated she has been in contact with the SPEARS four times during the past three or four months. She recalled DR. SPEARS contacted her in October, 1959, in an effort to sell her his home at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. She was unable to recall the specific date. Her second contact was in November, 1959, when MRS. SPEARS telephoned and requested to borrow some dishes pending the arrival of her household effects from California. The dishes were subsequently sent to the SPEARS home. She believes that MRS. SPEARS had no intention of returning to Dallas from California, until she was informed by DR. SPEARS who had returned earlier that the tenant to whom their residence had been rented absconded with some furniture and borrowed money on the remainder. MRS. SPEARS presence in Dallas was required to institute a suit against the tenant in an effort to recover the value of the furniture.

Her third contact occurred shortly after the alleged death of DR. SPEARS when MRS. SPEARS held a funeral gathering of friends at her home. She stated many people attended this gathering and MRS. SPEARS stated she would have a funeral service performed approximately 30 days later when she planned to leave Dallas. She was unable to identify those in attendance at the gathering.

Her fourth contact occurred in January, 1960, between the fourth and the twelfth when she called on MRS. SPEARS to take delivery on the dishes which she previously loaned to her. At this time MRS. SPEARS continued to be distraught and upset and cried throughout her brief visit. MRS. HOUSEMAN denied having any

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knowledge of any abortion activities on the part of either DR. or MRS. SPEARS, of any correspondence with the SPEARS, and of any of their friends.

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Mrs. FRANK H. FOULK, [redacted] advised that she and her husband were acquainted with ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES, as they met in 1949 at the Dallas Aquarium Society to which they all were members. Mrs. FOULK said the society is now defunct. Mrs. FOULK said that when she and her husband met the SPEARSES that they were both single, and that FRANCES SPEARS' name was then MASSEY, and that SPEARS lived on North Lake Road, Dallas. Mrs. FOULK said that the SPEARSES were married some time in 1950 and that their association with the SPEARSES consisted of visits and social calls to each others home until 1953, at which time their friendship drifted. Mrs. FOULK said that FRANCES and BOB SPEARS had a good relationship and appeared to get along very well. Mrs. FOULK advised that she has no idea of any source of income of SPEARS and that she is sure that FRANCES SPEARS was not cognizant of any illegal actions, if any, performed by SPEARS.

Mrs. FOULK said that she has not heard from BOB or FRANCES SPEARS in six years. Mrs. FOULK said she and her husband met "AL" TAYLOR at SPEARS' residence on North Lake Road on perhaps two occasions between 1950 and 1953 and that she has not seen TAYLOR since that time and doubts if she could possibly recognize him today. Mrs. FOULK said that TAYLOR was traveling alone in Dallas at the time and that as she recalls was having trouble with his wife in Florida and was staying with the SPEARSES.

Mrs. FOULK said that BOB SPEARS was the most congenial host she has ever met and a very nice person. Mrs. FOULK said that SPEARS had a peculiarity in that on each occasion she and her husband were in the North Lake Road home of SPEARS', that his bedroom door was always closed and locked.

Mrs. FOULK advised that she and her husband know of no associates of SPEARS. Mrs. FOULK said that SPEARS was always evasive as to his source of income and as to his past life. Mrs. FOULK said she recalled that SPEARS was in the leather business in some way and that that was his only source of any known income.

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RUDOLPH JOHNSON, attorney, 1200 Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, residence address [redacted] advised that sometime in 1954 or 1955 he was Chairman of a Dallas Study Group of the Association for Research and Enlightenment at the Karcher Auditorium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, at which time ROBERT SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES, introduced themselves to him. Mr. JOHNSON stated that this group studies psychic phenomenon and various aspects of metaphysics and is concerned with the doctrine of reincarnation. He stated that after this meeting, Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS came to his home with other members of the study group on two or three occasions in about 1955.

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Mr. JOHNSON stated that he formed a tax exempt corporation for Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS in August, 1956, at the request of Mrs. SPEARS. This corporation was called The Society For Moral and Spiritual Elevation. The purpose of the corporation was to promote, teach and carry on work and classes in moral and spiritual investigation; to provide moral and spiritual guidance through independent individual or group studies of social, intellectual, psychological and religious needs and duties; to aid groups or individuals to achieve peace of spirit, mind and body through self-study and contemplation of their own faults and errors in social or spiritual things and action; to assist and train suitable persons to investigate psychic phenomena in its relation to moral and spiritual discipline and behavior; and to teach and study philosophy in relation to moral and spiritual sickness; to study and engage in community development, and moral and spiritual clinics; and to generally promote the moral and spiritual health of any persons interested in self-betterment and in becoming better citizens under God and of Country.

Mr. JOHNSON stated the forming of this corporation seemed to be entirely the idea of Mrs. SPEARS. He stated he charged a \$300 fee for setting up this corporation and shortly thereafter received a telephone call from Mr. SPEARS in which he requested Mr. JOHNSON to explain the fee as Mrs. SPEARS thought the fee was high and he (SPEARS) realized it was not too high, but that he felt Mrs. SPEARS just did not understand the matter.

Mr. JOHNSON stated the above is the entire extent of his contact or association with Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS.

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[redacted] Mrs. BILLIE (ELIZABETH) NEAL, [redacted]
[redacted] advised she is a physical therapist who owned and
operated the Trinity Health Center, 2803 Alabama, Dallas, from
1954 to 1957, when she retired due to ill health. She stated
that while operating the above health center she was invited
to join a "service guild" whose members reportedly consisted
of all types of therapists in the Dallas area. She stated she
attended three meeting of this "guild", one of which was
held at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, Texas, one of which was held
at an unrecalled hotel in Ft. Worth, Texas, and one of which
was held in the residence of ROBERT and FRANCES SPEARS on
Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

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She said that she stayed only about thirty minutes
at the meeting in the SPEARS home, as it was announced
the program for the evening would consist of a lecture on
hypnosis and she (NEAL) was interested only in therapy. Mrs.
NEAL advised her visit to the SPEARS home on the occasion of
the above meeting occurred prior to the time the publicity
appeared in the Dallas papers with reference to abortion charges
against ROBERT SPEARS. She advised she has not seen or talked
to either of the SPEARS since that time and can furnish no
other information concerning them.

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MRS. MYRTLE M. NICHOLS.

who formerly resided [redacted] and is presently employed as a teletype operator with the Veterans Administration, 511 North Akard, Dallas, Texas, advised she became "slightly" acquainted with FRANCES and ROBERT SPEARS as a result of being a member of an organization known as the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE), which has national headquarters in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She stated this organization makes available "readings" of one EDGAR CAYCE "while he was in a state of trance". She advised there is a local chapter of this organization in Dallas, Texas, and once a year there is an "annual conference" of members of this organization in Dallas. She named RUDOLPH JOHNSON, Attorney, Mercantile Bank Building, [redacted] as the principal leader of the ARE in Dallas, Texas.

MRS. NICHOLS said she attended the Dallas ARE meetings "pretty regularly" from about May, 1956, to about January, 1959, and recalled seeing FRANCES or ROBERT SPEARS at only three meetings. She remembered seeing FRANCES SPEARS, accompanied by two women, identities unknown, at a meeting about May, 1956, in the home of MRS. L. H. LACY, [redacted]

[redacted] She remembered seeing both FRANCES and ROBERT SPEARS at a meeting about June or July, 1956, in the home of RUDOLPH JOHNSON, referred to above. She last saw the SPEARS at the "annual conference" of ARE held in one of the buildings at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, in the spring of 1957. She stated she has not seen or talked to FRANCES or ROBERT SPEARS since 1957.

She stated she never visited socially with the SPEARS and has never had any appreciable conversation with either of them. She said she was unable to suggest the name of any person(s) who might be able to furnish information as to the background or activities of the SPEARS.

MRS. NICHOLS stated she was not acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or DR. WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA.

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VI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS TO ROBERT AND FRANCES SPEARS.

B. FORMER PATIENTS OF SPEARS.

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MR. TEDDY DE HAY, [redacted] advised on January 25, 1960, that in early 1957, he had been bothered with a nerve disorder in his neck and had been going to DR. HARRIS, who was a chiropractor. He stated that somewhere, he does not recall, he heard of MRS. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, of 6116 Gaston Avenue. He stated he heard she could heal pinched nerves and since he was not getting relief from the chiropractor, he went to the SPEARS' home, 6116 Gaston, at which time, MRS. SPEARS treated him twice. He stated later he went back to DR. HARRIS, the chiropractor and told DR. HARRIS that he had been going to a naturopath. DR. HARRIS, according to DE HAY, told him he was wasting his money going to a naturopath and stated he should stop it. DE HAY stated he did not return for further treatments and had never seen nor heard of MRS. SPEARS until he read in the newspapers in recent days where her husband had been arrested. He stated that he saw nothing in the home which he could think of which would be of assistance and never saw DR. ROBERT SPEARS at any time. He further stated that he was not personally acquainted on friendship basis with MRS. SPEARS or any of the SPEARS family. The treatment, according to DE HAY, consisted of his lying on a cot while she discussed nerves, religion, and how much healing power she had. DE HAY is employed by radio station WFAA.

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MRS. F. A. DYER, [redacted] advised b6 b7c on January 25, 1960, that she had been treated by one DR. LANDRY who is now dead. She stated that she told DR. LANDRY he was not doing her any good and she was going to quit letting him treat her. DR. LANDRY, first name MRS. DYER does not recall, stated that she should go and see MRS. FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas. She stated that MRS. SPEARS was "real good and had done excellent work both as a naturopath and as a psychiatrist." MRS. DYER stated that she visited MRS. SPEARS on two occasions at her home, 6116 Gaston in 1955. The only treatment she received from MRS. SPEARS was somewhat of a lecture on how to take care of herself and getting the proper rest and sleep. MRS. DYER stated that after the second trip, she realized MRS. SPEARS was not competent to help her and she there/did not return. She stated she has not seen nor heard of MRS. SPEARS until recently at which time she read her name in the newspaper. She stated that she did not meet DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and had never seen him. She stated she did not observe anything in the SPEARS home which she could remember that would be of material assistance in this matter. She stated she did not know any of the SPEARS' family or their acquaintances. She stated that DR. LANDRY died in 1956. LANDRY, according to MRS. DYER, told her that he was well acquainted with the SPEARS family since he too, was a naturopath. MRS. DYER stated that she was [redacted] b6 b7c MR. F. A. DYER, a retired officer of the Dallas Police Department.

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MAUDINE GRAVES, [redacted] advised that approximately^{b6}
two years ago she had a nervous condition and was referred by^{b7C}
a naturopath, Dr. LANDRY, now deceased, to FRANCES SPEARS for
psychiatric help. She saw FRANCES SPEARS about six times, during
which visits she also met ROBERT SPEARS. All of these visits
were prior to the birth of FRANCES SPEARS' first baby.

GRAVES stated she has never associated socially with
the SPEARS and knows nothing concerning their activities.

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ALBERT HAGMAN, [redacted] advised that approximately one and a half to two years ago he had a nervous condition and was referred by a naturopath, Dr. LANDRY, now deceased, to a woman on Gaston, believed to be identical with FRANCES SPEARS from photographs he has observed of her in the papers, for psychiatric examinations. He did not recall that this woman used the name of SPEARS at the time. He stated that he went to this woman three or four times and did not feel that he was being helped and did not go back any more.

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MRS. PATRICIA KENNEDY, [redacted] advised that in the Summer, 1956, she was directed to FRANCES SPEARS by a DR. PAUL LANDRY, now deceased, for treatment for her nervous condition. She stated that DR. LANDRY arranged for her first treatment at the home of MRS. SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, and that she went there in the day time on approximately four or five occasions, during a two to three week period. She stated MRS. SPEARS would take her to an upstairs room where she would have MRS. KENNEDY lie on a daybed and give MRS. KENNEDY a handle type object on a cord to hold in her hand. MRS. KENNEDY stated this cord was attached to some type of machine on a table in front of MRS. SPEARS, but does not know if it was plugged into an electrical outlet. She stated that MRS. SPEARS would tell her to imagine she was in a mental institution and how terrible it would be and tried to make her concentrate on situations in the absolute worst light.

MRS. KENNEDY stated she paid MRS. SPEARS for these visits, but does not recall how much, and remembers she purchased a book from MRS. SPEARS on one of these visits entitled "Mortal Happiness."

MRS. KENNEDY stated she recalls having seen MR. SPEARS on one occasion, in the living room as she was leaving after one of her visits.

MRS. KENNEDY advised that she recalls MRS. SPEARS mentioning on one of these visits that she wanted to go to work on her own, but that her husband, DR. SPEARS, would not let her.

MRS. KENNEDY stated she felt nothing during the treatment she received and subsequently suffered a nervous breakdown.

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C. J. NEEDHAM, retired insurance salesman. [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted]
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went to FRANCES SPEARS for psychiatric treatments for a period of approximately one year during 1956 and early 1957. NEEDHAM advised he had taken [redacted] to numerous medical doctors who had advised they "could do nothing to help" [redacted] and, "being willing to try anything that might help", he had then taken [redacted] to FRANCES SPEARS at the suggestion of DR. HUGH MC CALL, an optometrist, doing business at [redacted]
[redacted]

He advised he first called MRS. SPEARS on the telephone and talked to her about [redacted] whereupon MRS. SPEARS stated she thought she "might be able to help" [redacted], and requested he bring [redacted] to see her. He advised he took [redacted] once a week, and sometimes twice a week, to the SPEARS' residence at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with the visits being discontinued in early 1957, prior to the birth of MRS. SPEARS' first child, [redacted]

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NEEDHAM advised that on the occasion of each visit to the SPEARS' residence, he waited in the living room while MRS. SPEARS "took [redacted] upstairs and talked to her about an hour." He stated he was not present in the room where the "treatments" took place but understood FRANCES SPEARS "just talked to [redacted] and did not attempt to treat her physically. NEEDHAM volunteered it is his belief FRANCES SPEARS "helped [redacted] mentally". He advised apparently MRS. SPEARS became quite fond of [redacted] for she (SPEARS) would, from time to time during the period of the above treatments, stop by the home of ROBERT and ILA PRATZ, [redacted] for automobile rides. He stated FRANCES SPEARS did not make any charges or request any fees whatsoever in connection with the treatments given [redacted]

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NEEDHAM advised he saw ROBERT SPEARS, husband of FRANCES SPEARS, on only two or three occasions during the course of treatments received [redacted]. He stated he never talked to ROBERT SPEARS other than being introduced to him, by FRANCES SPEARS, and an occasional "hello" or "good morning".

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NEEDHAM stated he has not seen or talked to FRANCES SPEARS or ROBERT SPEARS since 1957, although he and his wife did receive a Christmas card from the SPEARS in 1958, as well as announcements as to the birth of each of the SPEARS' children.

He advised he was not acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or DR. WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA.

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Mrs. WILLIAM E. NEWBY, [redacted] advised she met ROBERT SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES SPEARS, and talked to them briefly on only one occasion, which occasion was in the summer of 1957. Mrs. NEWBY explained [redacted]

[redacted] (telephone-Glendale 3-5136) [redacted] about three years ago and visited FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, for psychiatric treatment(s) over a period of a month to six weeks. She advised it was on the occasion of the first visit of [redacted] to the SPEARS residence that she met both ROBERT and FRANCES SPEARS and she has not seen or talked to them since. She stated these visits occurred in the summer of 1957, as she recalled [redacted] received treatments from FRANCES SPEARS during the summer following the birth of Mrs. SPEARS first child [redacted]. She stated [redacted] was much improved after treatments by FRANCES SPEARS, who was recommended to them by Mrs. HOYTE W. (VIRGINIA) GOSLIN, Church visitor, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. NEWBY advised FRANCES SPEARS charged a fee for the services rendered [redacted] [redacted] however, she did not know the amount of such fee as same was paid by the [redacted]. She concluded by stating she could furnish no information as to the background or activities of the SPEARS in addition to that related above.

She advised she is not acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or Dr. WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA.

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Mrs. ROBERT W. PRATZ, [redacted] advised
she has [redacted]

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[redacted] and
after having taken her to numerous doctors, she heard from someone
that FRANCES SPEARS, the wife of Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, might be able to
help and as a result, she called FRANCES SPEARS, and she agreed to
try to help [redacted] by giving her psychiatric treatment.

Beginning about August, 1956, she and/or her husband, ROBERT
PRATZ, began taking [redacted] to Mrs. SPEARS for psychiatric treatment as
often as three times a week on occasions. Both she and her husband
were also talked to by Mrs. SPEARS, which is common in the above stated
type of ailment. The treatment by Mrs. SPEARS continued for about one
year, but stopped before the birth of the first child of Mrs. SPEARS.

Mrs. SPEARS at the time had an office in an upstairs room
overlooking the drive at her Gaston Avenue residence. She stated she
saw Dr. SPEARS on a number of occasions, but did not converse with him,
he being busy at work in his downstairs office. He usually was typing
or talking on the telephone, but Mrs. PRATZ at no time saw a patient
come to his office or leave.

During the time [redacted] was being treated by Mrs. SPEARS, Mrs.
SPEARS was exceptionally kind and thoughtful, even to the point of
having [redacted] spend the night. No charge was ever made for the treat-
ment, and Mrs. PRATZ was of the opinion [redacted] had been helped.

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She related further Dr. SPEARS was in the PRATZ home on one
occasion, but only for a very short time, [redacted]
[redacted] when he learned of this, he left immediately. She
stated she has had very little to do with Dr. SPEARS, although on one
occasion about three years ago, he took the PRATZ family to dinner with
a number of other people. She stated she understood he was a naturopath
by occupation, but could not furnish further information as to his
occupation, background or capabilities. Mrs. PRATZ informed she has
talked to Mrs. SPEARS numerous times on the telephone and thinks very

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highly of her, stating Mrs. SPEARS went to a great deal of trouble to assist [redacted] and has never charged or expected any remuneration as the result of her services.

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Mrs. PRATZ stated she and her husband bought some living room furniture from the SPEARS just prior to the time they moved to California in 1959. She stated further [redacted] received one letter from Mrs. SPEARS while the SPEARS were in California, but she was unable to locate the letter to determine the date. This was the only contact had with the SPEARS while they were in California until a short time before the SPEARS returned to Dallas. Mrs. PRATZ stated Dr. SPEARS called her on the telephone during the fall of 1959, saying he was in Dallas, and had come because of trouble had with the woman tenant who had leased the SPEARS home in Dallas. SPEARS reportedly claimed the woman was breaking the lease and selling the furniture. SPEARS also indicated he was in a bind financially although he did not ask for money. At this time, the PRATZes were paying what they could on the furniture they were buying from Dr. and Mrs. SPEARS. Mrs. PRATZ stated she knew Dr. SPEARS needed the money and told him she could not pay all of the money owed on the furniture, but would pay him some by making a payment on the furniture. The payments were supposed to be \$20 a month for one year, but she was unable on occasions to pay that sum monthly. On this particular day, after telling Dr. SPEARS she would make a payment, he told her to send the payment to FRANCES SPEARS to which she agreed. She then located a money order dated October 20, 1959, indicating she sent money that date to Mrs. SPEARS at their California address. Mrs. PRATZ stated it was her impression that Dr. SPEARS had called her about a week before the money was sent, possibly on the previous Wednesday. According to Mrs. PRATZ, this was the longest conversation she ever had with Dr. SPEARS.

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Mrs. PRATZ stated further. [redacted]

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[redacted] when Mrs. SPEARS called her on the telephone stating the family was back from California and were on Gaston Avenue in an empty house. Mrs. PRATZ stated all her contacts with Mrs. SPEARS since this time have been by telephone. Mrs. SPEARS has inquired possibly on two occasions regarding [redacted]. She has had no contact with Dr. SPEARS since October, 1959.

Mrs. PRATZ related since November, 1959, she has talked to Mrs. SPEARS several times. Shortly after learning of the airplane crash on November 16, 1959, she called Mrs. SPEARS but it was impossible to carry on a telephone conversation. She again called Mrs. SPEARS about December 23, 1959, inviting her to come to the PRATZ home for Christmas dinner, but she did not come. At that time, Mrs. SPEARS informed she was planning a memorial service for her husband sometime

between Christmas and New Year. Mrs. SPEARS was stated to have sent the PRATZ children a Christmas card with \$1.. According to Mrs. PRATZ, she has not talked to Mrs. SPEARS since December 23, 1959, and has not seen Mrs. SPEARS in person since the second SPEARS child was born. She also stated it was her belief Mr. PRATZ was last at the SPEARS home on December 7, 1959, at which time he made a furniture payment and obtained a receipt dated December 7, 1959. At that time, Mr. PRATZ offered to help her if he was able.

Regarding any comments made by Mrs. SPEARS after the airplane crash, Mrs. PRATZ stated insurance itself was not mentioned, but Mrs. SPEARS did mention the fact she would have to file a suit against the airline as she had been informed by two other women they had taken such action. Mrs. PRATZ was of the belief the two women were those two who had husbands killed in the crash of November 16, 1959. No amount was mentioned with regard to the suit.

Mrs. PRATZ stated she did not know Dr. SPEARS well enough to comment regarding him, but on one occasion while [redacted] was being treated, an ETHEL McINDOO was at the SPEARS residence in Dallas. Dr. SPEARS at that time had a record player which had earphones attached. When a certain record was played, which reportedly made very high-pitched notes, the earphones were placed on the head with the earpieces just in front of the ears. This action was supposedly good for those having sinus trouble. Mrs. PRATZ did not know who made this statement, but Dr. SPEARS did not permit her to listen to the record, although ETHEL McINDOO was at that time using the earphones.

Mrs. SPEARS also informed her on one occasion that Dr. SPEARS helped her practice hypnotism in going to sleep at night before having her two babies.

Mrs. PRATZ advised she was not acquainted with WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA and the only friends of the SPEARS she could recall meeting were ETHEL McINDOO and a Dr. PAUL LANDRY and his wife.

Mrs. PRATZ stated she desired [redacted] not be contacted due to her illness, stating she had attempted to conceal all recent information regarding the SPEARS [redacted] due to the high regard [redacted] had for Mrs. SPEARS and the fact such knowledge might be harmful [redacted]

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NORMAN E. REAS, [redacted] advised that in 1956 he was referred to the home of FRANCES SPEARS, 6116 Gaston, where he sought treatment for a nervous condition which a doctor had described to him as a near nervous breakdown, chiefly attributable to overwork. FRANCES SPEARS described herself as an auditor, but treated REAS with "psychology" for some ten or more sessions of one hour in length, finally telling him that she could do no more for him. REAS advised that he seemed to be helped by this treatment and has had no recurrence since 1956. REAS advised that he paid \$5.00 cash at the beginning of each session. He stated that he met ROBERT SPEARS briefly once or twice but was never treated by him. REAS advised that he has had no contact with either of the SPEARS since 1956.

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VI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS TO ROBERT AND FRANCES SPEARS.

C. RELATIVES OF SPEARS.

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Mrs. MABEL MASSEY, Johnson County Treasurer, advised that Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS is the niece of her deceased husband, BURTON MASSEY. She stated that her first knowledge of Dr. VERNON SPEARS was when he married into the family and stated that she has only seen him on a very few occasions, the last time, to the best of her recollection, at the funeral of her brother-in-law, RAYMOND MASSEY, at Arlington, Texas during 1957. Mrs. MASSEY stated that during the latter part of November, 1959, shortly after the crash of the National Airlines plane on which Dr. SPEARS was supposedly a passenger, she visited a brother-in-law, OTIS MASSEY, who was confined in a hospital at Dallas, upon which occasion she called at the residence of Mrs. SPEARS. She stated upon this occasion Mrs. SPEARS was very busy and her visit was quite brief. She added that she does not recall Mrs. SPEARS' making any reference to her husband at this time.

Mrs. MASSEY further advised that she has never been particularly friendly with either Dr. or Mrs. SPEARS and has no knowledge of their business activities or associates. She further stated she is not acquainted with TAYLOR or Dr. TURSKA.

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Mr. OTIS E. MASSEY, [redacted] advised he has known Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS since shortly before his daughter, FRANCES, married him on December 22, 1950. He said Dr. SPEARS had brought FRANCES home from Dallas, Texas, on a few occasions before their marriage.

He advised he had not seen Dr. SPEARS since November 6, 1959, when SPEARS and his family arrived from California and spent the night with them before going on to their home in Dallas.

He said Dr. SPEARS was a man who knew many people all over the country, that he was well educated, and that he read a great deal. He stated he was a very likeable person, and was always good to FRANCES to his knowledge.

He stated Dr. SPEARS never talked about his work, and that he never understood just what he did for a living. He said Dr. SPEARS had moved his family to California in June of 1959, and had moved back to Dallas in November, 1959. He stated SPEARS had formerly done leather work, and that he had made him a billfold. He stated he had all of the necessary tools for working leather. He further advised SPEARS had always provided well for his wife, FRANCES, and his family. He stated SPEARS was the type of individual who never told anyone about his past, and that he never got to know anything about him.

Mr. MASSEY said he did not know if SPEARS had any knowledge of radionic or electronic devices, or if he was capable of constructing a bomb. He stated SPEARS had lived in Dallas since he had married his daughter, with the exception of the short time he resided in San Pedro, California. He said his car contained only luggage, and he had not noticed anything unusual in his vehicle.

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Mrs. OTIS E. MASSEY, [redacted] advised her daughter, FRANCES SPEARS, and husband, Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, came to her residence about 6:30 p.m., November 6, 1959. She said they were returning from San Pedro, California, and were en route to Dallas. She advised they stayed that night at her residence and left the next evening, November 7, 1959, about 2 p.m. for Dallas. She said they were traveling by car, and had their two children with them. She said FRANCES had brought Dr. SPEARS to their home before they were married, however, she advised she has only seen Dr. SPEARS about 10 or 12 times during the time she had known him. She said Dr. SPEARS was the type of person you do not get to know, and that he had never talked about his past. She stated he was kind to his family, and to her knowledge Dr. SPEARS and FRANCES seemed happy together. They did not have any marital troubles.

Mrs. MASSEY advised FRANCES had called her from Dallas about 11 a.m. on November 16, 1959, and advised her Dr. SPEARS had been reported missing in a plane crash. Mrs. MASSEY said her daughter was upset and worried. She said she and her husband listened to the news that day at 12:30 p.m. and Dr. SPEARS' name was listed as a passenger aboard the plane that had crashed. She said she, her husband, and her oldest daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. FERGUSON, also of Friona, Texas, left that same day and went to Dallas in order to be with FRANCES. She said they arrived sometime after 1 p.m., November 17, 1959, and stayed with FRANCES for 11 days. She stated they had stayed longer than they had intended because Mr. MASSEY became ill and had to be taken to St. Paul Hospital.

While they were in Dallas, Mrs. V. M. FERGUSON phoned Mrs. IRA HOLT at Friona, Texas, her daughter, to advise her they would be in Dallas longer than they had anticipated because of Mr. MASSEY's illness.

Mrs. MASSEY did not know if Dr. SPEARS had any knowledge of radionic or electronic devices. She stated she never became well acquainted with him and did not know the nature of his business, other than working as a doctor.

Mrs. OTIS E. MASSEY listed the following members of her family:

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Mrs. SAM WILLIAMS, [REDACTED]

Mrs. NEIL YOUNG, [REDACTED]

Mrs. V. M. FERGUSON, [REDACTED]

Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS, [REDACTED]

Mr. GORDON MASSEY, [REDACTED]

WAYNE MASSEY, [REDACTED]

EDWARD MASSEY, [REDACTED]

MARVIN RAY MASSEY, [REDACTED]

STANLEY MASSEY, [REDACTED]

RUSSELL MASSEY, [REDACTED]

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Mrs. MASSEY said they bought and moved to a farm $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of [REDACTED] where they lived and reared their children. They retired and moved into town two years ago.

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Mrs. BEULAH MUNDEN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is employed as a registered nurse, advised that Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS [REDACTED] and that she has known Dr. VERNON SPEARS since his marriage to [REDACTED] although they have never been closely associated. She stated that to the best of her recollection the last occasion on which she saw Dr. SPEARS was the funeral of her brother, RAYMOND MASSEY, at Arlington, Texas during 1957. She remarked that while in Dallas during the latter part of November, 1959, following the crash of the National Airlines plane on which Dr. SPEARS was supposedly a passenger, she visited with [REDACTED] FRANCES, at her home on [REDACTED]. She stated that Mrs. SPEARS appeared very upset and gave no indication at that time which might indicate she knew her husband was still alive. She said that the only remark that Mrs. SPEARS made concerning her husband was a few words to the effect she was waiting to hear something definite concerning the crash and was of the opinion she was referring to information from the airlines.

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Mrs. MUNDEN further advised that she was not acquainted with TAYLOR, Dr. TURSKA or any of Dr. SPEARS' business associates and stated that neither he nor FRANCES ever discussed business matters in her presence.

Mrs. MUNDEN stated that neither Mrs. SPEARS nor any member of her immediate family has ever evidenced any desire to be on more friendly terms with her or Mrs. MABEL MASSEY, another aunt who also resides [REDACTED] and that therefore she is in possession of very little information concerning their activities since their marriage.

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Miss MARY PRICE, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS [redacted]

[redacted] She stated she has been acquainted with Dr. VERNON SPEARS since his marriage [redacted] although they have visited infrequently in Midlothian and have never maintained close contact with their relatives there. She stated that she last saw Dr. SPEARS on January 25, 1959, when he and his family visited in Midlothian upon the occasion of her father's 91st birthday, January 25, 1959. She said that Dr. SPEARS brought some leather purses which he had made. She added that in her limited association with Dr. SPEARS, she always found him to be considerate toward FRANCES and the children although in her opinion extremely evasive. Miss PRICE further advised she is not acquainted with TAYLOR or Dr. TURSKA although she recalls that Dr. SPEARS stated on one occasion that TAYLOR was living with them in Dallas, Texas. She added she is unable to furnish any information concerning Dr. SPEARS' business associates or the business activities of either him or FRANCES.

Miss PRICE requested that her father, G. W. PRICE, not be interviewed, stating that he is in ill health and hard of hearing. She stated that such an interview would in all probability upset him and added that he would be unable to furnish any information in addition to that which she and her sister, Miss FLORA PRICE, had already furnished.

Miss PRICE concluded her remarks by stating if Dr. SPEARS is in any way responsible for the crash of the airlines plane on which he was reportedly a passenger, she and all members of her family most certainly would like to see him brought to justice and will cooperate in any manner possible.

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Miss FLORA PRICE, [REDACTED] Price's Dress Shop, advised that Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS [REDACTED] and G. W. PRICE, her father, is Mrs. SPEARS' grandfather. Miss PRICE stated that she has known Dr. VERNON SPEARS since his marriage [REDACTED] although they visited infrequently in Midlothian. b6 b7C She stated that the last occasion upon which she can recall having seen Dr. SPEARS was when he and the family visited in the home of her father, G. W. PRICE, [REDACTED] was his 91st birthday, January 25, 1959. She stated that she never met TAYLOR or Dr. TURSKA although she recalls that Dr. SPEARS commented upon one occasion that TAYLOR had visited them at Dallas. Miss PRICE further stated she found Dr. SPEARS to be good-natured, kind, thoughtful and considerate toward FRANCES and the children. She added that she knows nothing concerning the business activities or associates of either Dr. or Mrs. SPEARS and is not aware of any particular knowledge of or interest in electronic or radionic matters on the part of Dr. SPEARS.

Miss PRICE stated that her father is in ill health, pointing out that he is now 92 years of age and extremely hard of hearing. She requested that he not be interviewed unless absolutely necessary, stating that such an interview would undoubtedly upset him and added that he would be unable to furnish any additional information of value.

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on 1/26/60 at Midlothian, Texas Date dictated 1/26/60

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VI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS TO ROBERT AND FRANCES SPEARS.

D. PERSONAL FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF SPEARS.

1959 Christmas card mailing list of Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS and wife, FRANCES LOUISE MASSEY SPEARS, located at their residence, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, January 21, 1960:

ATLANTA DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. J. S. SCHIRMER

Dr. & Mrs. P. O. PETERS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. KENNETH C. HITCHCOCK

BOSTON DIVISION

Dr. LOUIS C. BILLOTTE

CHICAGO DIVISION

Dr. M. G. FARNSWORTH

Dr. H. MARLAN KIRN

DALLAS DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. RUSSELL MASSEY

Mrs. BEULAH MUNDON

Mrs. ELSIE ABADIE

Mr. & Mrs N. B. BARBEE

Mrs. RILLA BEATTIE

Mr. & Mrs. O. W. BLANKENDECKER

Mrs. MARIE BROWN

Mr. & Mrs. FRANK BUCHANAN

Mr. & Mrs. A. D. BURFORD

Mr. & Mrs JOHNNY BURT

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES B. CHILDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. T. J. COOK

Mr. & Mrs. WORTH J. COOK

Mr. & Mrs F. C. CORDELIER

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Mr. & Mrs. WM. FRED COX

Mrs. MAUDINE GRAVES

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Mr. & Mrs. MACK DARBY

Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST HADFIELD

OPAL DAVIDSON

ALBERT HAGMAN

TEDDY DeHAY

Mrs. KATHERINE HALLABOUGH

Mrs. F. A. DYER

Dr. WM. T. HART

RUBY EVANS

Mr. & Mrs. JACK HENDLEY

Mr. & Mrs. FRANK H. FAULK

Mrs. DOROTHY HINKSTON
Char-Mae Beauty Salon
Casa Linda Plaza
Dallas, Texas

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Mr. & Mrs. L. L. FITZERALD

Mrs. ANNIE HODGES

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. FONTANA

Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE HODGES

Mr. & Mrs. JOEL E. GALLOP

Mr. & Mrs. IRA HOLT

Dr. & Mrs. B. B. GOLDMAN

Mrs. EVA HOUSEMAN

Mr. & Mrs. HOYTE W. GOSLIN

Dr. RAYMOND S. HOYLE & DONNA JEAN

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Mrs. ANN JANOSKY

Mr. & Mrs. FRED JOHNSON

Mr. & Mrs. RUDOLPH JOHNSON

Dr. & Mrs. CLYDE M. KEELER

PAT KENNEDY

Mr. & Mrs. R. B. KILMER

Mr. & Mrs. JOHNNY KING

Mrs. MADGE KIRWIN

Dr. & Mrs. PAUL LANDRY

Mrs. RUTH LUNDBERG

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN MARTIN

Dr. & Mrs. D. H. McCALL

ETHEL McINDOO

Dr. & Mrs. JOHN McMURRAIN

Mr. & Mrs. JOHNNY MIRANDA

Mr. & Mrs. SAM MITCHELL

Mr. & Mrs. AUBREY (?) HODGES

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES MOORE
Dept. of Public Safety

Mrs. LAURA MORRISON

Dr. & Mrs. WM. O. NANCE

Mr. & Mrs. BILLIE NEAL

Mr. & Mrs. C. J. NEEDHAM

Mr. & Mrs. W. E. NEWBY

Mrs. MYRTLE NICHOLS

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RUTH C. O'QUINN

Mr. & Mrs. DOYLE PATTERSON

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT B. PAYNE

Mr. & Mrs. GANDY PECK

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT PRATZ

PRATZ

Mr. & Mrs. M. K. PRICE

Dr. & Mrs. THOS. E. PRICE

Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD RAMEY

Mr. CLAUDE RATHER

NORMAN E. REESE

Mr. & Mrs. GENE SMALLWOOD

Dr. GLENN TERRY & Staff

Mrs. CHARLENE STANFIELD

Mr. CHAS. W. TESSMER & Family

Mrs. PAULINE TESSMER

HAROLD & GEORGE VAN BUREN

Mr. & Mrs. HENRY WADE

Mrs. EDITH WEST

Mr. & Mrs. WM. M. WRIGHT

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Mr. & Mrs. DAVID MASSEY

Dr. & Mrs. B. S. DE BUSK

Mr. & Mrs. L. L. FINCH

Dr. & Mrs. NORMAN WALKER

Dr. & Mrs. OLEN WALKER

Mrs. EMILY WIGGIN

Mr. & Mrs. KENNETH RAY FERGUSON

Mr. & Mrs. V. M. FERGUSON

Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD MASSEY

Mr. & Mrs. GORDON MASSEY

Mr. & Mrs. WAYNE MASSEY

Mr. & Mrs. WILBERT VARNER

Mr. & Mrs. SAM WILLIAMS

Mr. & Mrs. NEAL YOUNG

Mr. & Mrs. JIMI WHITE

Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD WING

Dr. & Mrs. WINTON L. WELSH

Mr. G. W. PRICE, FLORA & MARY

JOHN C. MEYERS

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Dr. & Mrs. J. A. BROOKS &
BUDDY

Mr. & Mrs. L. O. BROOKS

Mr. & Mrs. D. C. DE MAREE

JIMMY (ROY ROGERS) BARON
c/o Mrs. A. L. BARON

Dr. & Mrs. A. (?) J. HAMM

DETROIT DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. M. R. SPEARS

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EL PASO DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. MARCUS JIMINEZ
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN COCHRAN
[REDACTED]

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Dr. EMMA L. POOL
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. HUGO DAVISE
[REDACTED]

Dr. & Mrs. E. STOREY
[REDACTED]

Dr. & Mrs. SVEN EEK
[REDACTED]

HOUSTON DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. CARL SEARS
[REDACTED]

WALTER ELY
[REDACTED]

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Dr. ZORA MARGARET LAMAR
[REDACTED]

GERRY FARROW & RAY
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. LANE
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. HARRY MILDNER
[REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. M. CAMPANELLA
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. GENE REMBERY
[REDACTED]

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. FRANK MC INDOE
[REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. K. E. HUNTER
[REDACTED]

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LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

LINDA HALBERT
[REDACTED]

R. M. MC ELRATH
[REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY P. MASSEY
[REDACTED]

Mr. ALBERT L. PARKER
[REDACTED]

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MIAMI DIVISION

Drs. CLAIRE & WATSON WALDEN
[REDACTED]

Dr. LORNA MAE MURRAY
[REDACTED]

Mrs. MAHDAAH LOVE

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Mr. W. A. TAYLOR

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. MARVIN RAY MASSEY

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

The L. O. GREER's (?)

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Mr. & Mrs. B. W. MOONEY

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NEW YORK DIVISION

Dr. KARL AMLERS (?)

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. E. E. LACY

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Mr. & Mrs. CLAUDE HOPKINS

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Dr. & Mrs. HAROLD B. CHANNER

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PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. J. A. STEVENSON

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PHOENIX DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. J. P. FOWLIE

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Mrs. ANNETTE TURSKA

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Dr. & Mrs. W. A. TURSKA

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PORLAND DIVISION

Dr. MARTIN BLEYTHING

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Dr. & Mrs. CARL KENNEDY

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RICHMOND DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. JIMMIE SPENCER

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SALT LAKE CITY

Mr. & Mrs. MIKE F. BERTINO &
MICHAEL

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Dr. & Mrs. CARL DARBY

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Dr. & Mrs. CARL O. LARSON

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M/Sgt. LYNN D. SIMPSON

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SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

Mr. & Mrs. GEO. T. KEMP

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Dr. & Mrs. L. L. LINDBLOOM

[Redacted]

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. MARK L. GALLERT

[Redacted]

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Lt. Col. & Mrs. S. C. SCHLITZKUS

[Redacted]

SEATTLE DIVISION

Dr. D. E. MC ARTHUR

[Redacted]

E. YAGER

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Dr. RALPH W. RECTOR

[Redacted]

Dr. & Mrs. G. H. LINDHORST

[Redacted]

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Mrs. RILLA H. BEATTIE, nee HAMMONS, [redacted] telephone ^{b6}
^{b7c} TA 3-7262, advised that she formerly worked with FRANCES MASSEY
(Mrs. ROBERT V. SPEARS) at North American Aviation, Grand Prairie,
Texas, during World War II. Mrs. BEATTIE stated that she hasn't
seen Mrs. SPEARS for some ten years. However, during this interim
she has received a Christmas card from Mrs. SPEARS with the exception
of 1958 and 1959.

Mrs. BEATTIE stated that she has never met Dr. SPEARS
and knows nothing of his background.

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Mrs. LILLIAN M. BLANKENBECKER, [redacted] telephone TA 1-0428, advised that she first met Dr. ROBERT V. SPEARS and his wife FRANCES, sometime around Christmas, 1952 or 1953. At that time the BLANKENBECKERS were making candy pecans in the kitchen of their house at [redacted]. Dr. SPEARS and his wife came by the house in Christmas 1952 or 1953 and purchased a few boxes of candy pecans to use as door prizes for a party they were giving. Subsequent to this, Mrs. SPEARS visited [redacted] Aunt Lili's Kitchen, 4103 Worth and purchased some candy.

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In 1956, after Dr. SPEARS' trouble in Austin, Texas, Mrs. BLANKENBECKER called Mrs. SPEARS to offer her condolences. Since that time Mrs. BLANKENBECKER has not seen Dr. SPEARS but has on a couple of times seen Mrs. SPEARS walking her children in the neighborhood and waved to her from the window. Mrs. BLANKENBECKER does not recall having seen Dr. SPEARS for some two years or more.

Mrs. BLANKENBECKER stated that shortly after Dr. SPEARS was found she sent Mrs. SPEARS a short note of condolence.

The BLANKENBECKERS did not know or associate with the SPEARS family and knew nothing of the SPEARS' background or business contacts.

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MRS. HELEN BUCHANAN, [redacted] was interviewed at Hancock Plumbing Company, 4534 McKinney, [redacted]
FRANK BUCHANAN [redacted]

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During the past 10 years they have done plumbing work occasionally for DR. and MRS. ROBERT SPEARS and have had most contacts telephonically, after which a serviceman would be sent to the residence.

On January 18, 1960, MRS. FRANCES SPEARS purchased a washer and a dryer which they installed for her. They received a call from someone at the SPEARS residence on January 25, 1960, to the effect the washer was leaking. A serviceman is being dispatched to the SPEARS residence to repair the leak.

The last contact with DR. SPEARS was last summer when he telephonically requested plumbing repairs at his residence.

DR. SPEARS is a very moody person on some occasions being very congenial and on other occasions being very "grouchy" and hard to get along with.

Right after Christmas, 1959, MRS. FRANCES SPEARS called MRS. BUCHANAN at her home at Rockwall, telephone PA 2-3656, inquiring as to who she could employ to haul off some old lumber.

Subsequently, MRS. BUCHANAN got MR. THOMAS B. ELKINS, who makes home repairs, and occupies space at [redacted] to go by the SPEARS' residence and haul off the old lumber.

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MRS. BUCHANAN advised her home telephone number, PA 2-3656, Rockwall, Texas, is listed with their business telephone in the Dallas Directory, as a toll call.

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CHARLES B. CHILDRESS, [redacted] advised he formerly resided at [redacted]. He furnished the following information.

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His wife, BETTY CHILDRESS, was formerly employed by RCA-Victor, Dallas, at the same time FRANCES JONES (now FRANCES SPEARS) was also employed.

Before he and BETTY were married, [redacted] they spent the evening with DR. and MRS. ROBERT SPEARS at the SPEARS residence. CHILDRESS did not like SPEARS and did not again contact SPEARS until about August, 1955, after they were married. MRS. SPEARS called MRS. CHILDRESS stating she had a wedding gift for them, and requested them come by and pick up the gift.

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They went to the SPEARS residence that evening to pick up the gift and after staying only a few minutes they left.

Since that time, they have had no contact with DR. or MRS. SPEARS other than exchanging Christmas Cards.

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Mrs. W.T. YOUNGBLOOD, [redacted] advised January 25, 1960, that OPAL DAVIDSON had not resided at [redacted] since 1957. Mrs. YOUNGBLOOD stated she is the manager of these apartments where Mrs. DAVIDSON resided and that Mrs. DAVIDSON had moved to Houston, in 1957 to the best of her memory. She stated she didn't know if DAVIDSON still resided in Houston. She stated that Mrs. DAVIDSON was a very fine person as far as she knew and was a good tenant during the time she resided at [redacted]. Mrs. YOUNGBLOOD could furnish no information relative to her acquaintance with members of the ROBERT V. SPEARS family.

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Mr., P.E. BAUGH, [redacted] advised January 26, 1960, that he owned the apartment in the back of his home which was located at [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated that RUBY EVANS, formerly resided there but had moved away three years ago. He stated that the last time he heard of her she was living in Tarrant County somewhere near Arlington, Texas. Mr. BAUGH described RUBY EVANS as a good tenant and knew of no connections that she might have had with members of the ROBERT V. SPEARS family. Mr. BAUGH stated that he was not acquainted with DR. ROBERT V. SPEARS or any member of his family.

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Mr. JOEL E. GALLOP, [redacted] barber, Mercantile National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that ROBERT VERNON SPEARS first came to the barber shop in the building in 1944 and continued until 1948. Mr. GALLOP said that he was SPEARS' personal barber. Mr. GALLOP advised he does not know anyone by the name of TAYLOR and that he has never seen or met SPEARS' wife, FRANCES. Mr. GALLOP advised that SPEARS was strictly a business associate and he knows of no friends or acquaintances of SPEARS.

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Mr. GALLOP said he last saw SPEARS in his barber shop either November 1 or 2, 1959. Mr. GALLOP said he regarded SPEARS as a big hearted kind person who was a perfect gentleman at all times.

Mr. GALLOP advised that SPEARS "fooled" around with hand-tooled leather and that this appeared to be his only source of income.

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HOYTE W. GOSLIN, [redacted] advised he had met ROBERT SPEARS and FRANCES SPEARS one time about two years ago at the Cliff Temple Church. He stated he knew nothing about them or any of their associates.

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Mrs. ERNEST HADFIELD, [redacted] advised she had known ROBERT SPEARS and FRANCES SPEARS as next-door neighbors from 1950 to August 1954 when they resided at [redacted]
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Mrs. HADFIELD stated she had never associated with the SPEARS socially and did not know of any of their friends or activities.

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JACK HENDLEY, [REDACTED] advised he has known SPEARS since 1944 when he used to live in some apartments at Marsalis and Colorado in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. HENDLEY used to have a service station at Beckley and Zangs and his station was used by SPEARS regularly.

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He last serviced a car for SPEARS in the fall of 1958; put anti-freeze in it. SPEARS was then intending to drive it to the West Coast.

HENDLEY advised that he knew FRANCES SPEARS before she married DR. SPEARS, but did not know her well. HENDLEY advised he has not seen FRANCES SPEARS since some time before her two children were born.

HENDLEY has no records reflecting business accounts with SPEARS, stating SPEARS was a cash customer usually or made use of a credit card.

When he first knew SPEARS about 1944, HENDLEY understood that his line of work involved leathercraft. SPEARS told HENDLEY he taught leathercraft to folks in hospitals. Some time subsequent to 1950, SPEARS was signing checks or credit receipts as DR. ROBERT SPEARS. HENDLEY asked about his becoming a doctor but said SPEARS did not elaborate or explain and he did not pursue the matter.

HENDLEY said SPEARS was around once in a while when HENDLEY or his wife was ill or injured but he never volunteered to treat them, as a physician, or to prescribe anything for them. HENDLEY stated he never did understand what kind of a doctor SPEARS was supposed to be.

HENDLEY said his association with SPEARS was simply a business relationship and he found SPEARS paid his bills promptly and was inclined to be generous.

HENDLEY stated he knows nothing of SPEARS background and the recent disclosures about SPEARS in local newspapers were shocking to him. HENDLEY stated he is acquainted with two persons, who he feels, knows the SPEARS well. They are:

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FRED JOHNSON, who repossesses automobiles
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MRS. MADGE KIRWAN, a teacher
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HENDLEY said he knows nothing about SPEARS ability, knowledge, or understanding of electronics, radionics, or similar specialized activities.

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Mrs. A. G. HODGES, [redacted] advised that she and her husband had known Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT V. SPEARS only slightly and had not seen either of them in the last two years. She stated she became acquainted with Mrs. SPEARS at the supermarket where they both shopped and exchanged Christmas cards two or three years. She advised they have not received or sent Christmas cards to the SPEARS family for the last two years and know very little about the SPEARS family.

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MRS. ANN JANOSKY, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised she became acquainted with DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS in 1941, when he resided at the Wellington Apartment House, 812 North Marsalis Avenue, Dallas. At that time she owned a cafe across the street from [redacted] and DR. SPEARS married FRANCES MASSEY, who had resided in [redacted] and following their marriage they moved to 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas. She stated that MISS MASSEY occasionally ate at her cafe, but could furnish no additional information concerning her. She recall[ed] that at one time DR. SPEARS sold hand-tooled leather goods consisting of ladies handbags and belts which he claimed were made by veterans. She advised she has not seen the SPEARS for many years and the only contact she has maintained with them is to exchange Christmas cards. On one occasion she receive a birth announcement on the occasion of the birth of [redacted] to the SPEARS. She could furnish no addition information concerning them.

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Mrs. MADGE KIRWAN, [redacted] who is employed as a [redacted] advised she met ROBERT SPEARS about fifteen years ago, through her [redacted] Mrs. R. P. RASON, [redacted]. At that time Mrs. RASON was employed at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, and in addition to that employment, did some leather tooling. Mrs. RASON, in connection with her leather tooling, became acquainted with SPEARS and for some time sold to him her work, SPEARS being then a leather dealer, operating out of his apartment.

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Mrs. KIRWAN said she met FRANCES MASSEY, now Mrs. ROBERT SPEARS, several years ago, before she married SPEARS. She met FRANCES MASSEY through SPEARS, both residing then at the same apartment building on Marsalis Street in Dallas. Mrs. KIRWAN said it was at that apartment building that [redacted] Mrs. RASON, contacted SPEARS to deliver the leather goods that SPEARS bought from RASON.

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Mrs. KIRWAN said that she and her daughter have had no contact whatever with ROBERT and FRANCES SPEARS in several years; that they never correspond and she does not recall exchanging greeting cards with them. She said it has been about ten years since she has had any conversations or actual contacts with Dr. SPEARS, although has seen him occasionally on the streets and merely spoke to him. She has had no contact with him since he became a naturopath. She said she has had no contact with FRANCES SPEARS in several years. She advised she has never known WILLIAM ALLEN TAYLOR or WILLIAM TURSKA.

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Mrs. SAM MITCHELL, [redacted] advised she^{b6} met ROBERT VERNON SPEARS about fourteen years ago when they lived in the same neighborhood and were mutually interested in tropical fish. She said she attended a number of meetings with SPEARS regarding tropical fish and after SPEARS was married in 1950, Mrs. SPEARS also went along.

She advised she was separated from her husband in 1950 and moved into an apartment with LAURA MORRISON, [redacted]. She said MORRISON had been sharing the apartment with Mrs. SPEARS up until the time she married Dr. SPEARS in 1950.

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She stated SPEARS was always very pleasant to her but never discussed his business which she understood was hand tooling of leather goods. She said she was at the SPEARSES' home on a number of occasions in 1950 and 1951 but started drifting apart thereafter.

She advised that on one occasion in 1950, she met WILLIAM TAYLOR at the SPEARSES' home and that Mrs. SPEARS was quite unhappy about SPEARS' continually giving him money. She said Mrs. SPEARS had mentioned that TAYLOR refused to work and was in need of an operation on his neck and that Dr. SPEARS felt sorry for him.

She advised SPEARS appeared to have no interest or knowledge of electronics or hypnosis.

She stated she has not seen either Mr. or Mrs. SPEARS in the last four years although they have exchanged Christmas cards. She advised Mr. MITCHELL has never met either Mr. or Mrs. SPEARS.

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LAURA JACKIE MORRISON, also known as Brown, nee Woodward, Supervisor of Subsidiary Personnel, Baylor University Medical Center, 3500 Gaston Avenue, telephone TA 4-5411, Extension 375, residence until February 1, 1960, 422 East 8th Street, Apartment E, after February 1, 1960, 230 South Crawford, telephone WH 3-9056, advised that she first met FRANCES MASSEY (Mrs. ROBERT SPEARS) sometime in the Spring, 1950. Mrs. MORRISON stated that she had just returned to Dallas from Germany. At the time Mrs. MORRISON was looking for an inexpensive apartment when she noticed an ad placed by FRANCES MASSEY in the local newspaper looking for someone to share an apartment with. Mrs. MORRISON contacted MASSEY by telephone and a meeting was arranged. After the meeting with MASSEY they agreed to share the apartment which was located at

[redacted] Mrs. MORRISON advised that she lived with FRANCES MASSEY until she married Mr. ROBERT V. SPEARS in December, 1950.

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Mrs. MORRISON stated that FRANCES MASSEY was keeping company with Mr. SPEARS prior to Mrs. MORRISON taking up residence with FRANCES MASSEY. One evening, date unrecalled, FRANCES MASSEY told Mrs. MORRISON that she was going to marry SPEARS. Mrs. MORRISON does not recall how long it was subsequent to FRANCES MASSEY's announcement that she was going to get married but on another evening, sometime later FRANCES asked Mrs. MORRISON if she knew a Justice of the Peace who could marry them. Mrs. MORRISON said she knew a Justice of the Peace and proceeded to get in contact with Judge RICHBURG.

Prior to the marriage Mrs. MORRISON questioned FRANCES MASSEY as to how much she knew about SPEARS' background. FRANCES MASSEY stated that she didn't know too much but that she was deeply in love with the man. At the time Mr. SPEARS was self-employed in the leather business. Through a friend of Mrs. MORRISON's in the Dallas County Sheriff's Office a check of some kind was made concerning Mr. SPEARS' background, which check proved to be negative. Mrs. MORRISON believes that at the time FRANCES and Mr. SPEARS were married that FRANCES MASSEY knew nothing of Mr. SPEARS' background, however, if she (FRANCES) did she never discussed the matter with Mrs. MORRISON.

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When FRANCES and Mr. SPEARS were married, Mrs. MORRISON stood up for FRANCES and ALLEN TAYLOR (whose picture was shown to Mrs. MORRISON by SAs THOMAS M. O'MALEY and JAMES W. SAMMON) stood up

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for Mr. SPEARS.

After the wedding ceremony took place, FRANCES took a picture of Mr. SPEARS, LAURA MORRISON and Mr. TAYLOR. Mrs. MORRISON states that the only thing she knew about TAYLOR at the time was that he was a close friend of SPEARS from Florida and that he was separated from his (TAYLOR's) wife. Mrs. MORRISON stated that this was the first and only time she ever saw TAYLOR.

Mr. SPEARS was not known as Doctor at this time and Mrs. MORRISON stated that her first knowledge of this came when she read of him in the Dallas newspapers sometime in 1957 regarding an abortion.

Mrs. MORRISON stated that on Christmas 1950 Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS visited with her at her sister's home in Dallas. She advised that this was the last time she saw Mr. and Mrs. SPEARS until they both appeared in her office at Baylor University Medical Center to make arrangements for FRANCES to give birth to her first baby. There was no conversation with the couple other than talk about the forthcoming child. Mrs. SPEARS mentioned that she was going to give birth by use of hypnosis. The next time Mrs. MORRISON saw the SPEARS family was when FRANCES was about to give birth to her second child and the conversation was again about the forthcoming baby, which was her second baby.

The next contact with the SPEARS family was sometime shortly after the plane crash in November 1959 at which time Mrs. MORRISON called Mrs. SPEARS to offer her condolences. During this conversation Mrs. SPEARS broke down. Mrs. MORRISON stated that she talked to Mrs. SPEARS several times after that but only had general conversation and nothing pertaining to the Doctor or his affairs. One time FRANCES called Mrs. MORRISON after the crash and stated she was thinking of consulting an attorney and wanted to know if Mrs. MORRISON knew CHARLES TESSMER. Mrs. MORRISON told her no and that is all that was said.

On Sunday, January 3, 1960, Mrs. SPEARS called Mrs. MORRISON and wanted to know if she could come over to MORRISON's house and visit. Mrs. SPEARS visited with MORRISON, accompanied by her children, for approximately two hours. At no time during this visit did Mrs. SPEARS give any indication that she knew her husband was alive nor did she (Mrs. SPEARS) arouse any curiosity in Mrs. MORRISON as to her recent tragedy. Mrs. SPEARS told

Mrs. MORRISON that she was planning to sell their home on Gaston Avenue because it was too big and not a fit place to bring up children because of its location. Mrs. SPEARS advised her that after the sale of the home she planned to buy a smaller home in an area suitable for the bringing up of her children.

Mrs. MORRISON stated this is the last contact she has had with any of the SPEARS family.

The only close associate of Dr. SPEARS that Mrs. MORRISON could recall is that of FRED JOHNSON, Mercantile Bank, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. MORRISON advised that she believes Mr. JOHNSON financed Dr. SPEARS' automobiles.

Mrs. MORRISON volunteered the following information concerning a recent interview of her by EDMUND BARKER, KRLD.

Mrs. MORRISON stated that on Sunday, January 24, 1960 at approximately 2:30 PM she received a telephone call from EDDIE BARKER, KRLD, Dallas Times Herald, Dallas, Texas, who stated that he had a picture of Dr. SPEARS, AL TAYLOR and Mrs. MORRISON which he received Saturday, January 23, 1960 from Florida. He advised that he contacted Mrs. SPEARS who identified Mrs. MORRISON as the lady in the picture. BARKER then came out to Mrs. MORRISON's home at approximately 3 or 3:30 PM, Sunday January 24, 1960 and asked her about her association with the SPEARS family and how the picture came to be a reality. BARKER told Mrs. MORRISON that the photograph had been found by Mrs. TAYLOR among Mr. TAYLOR's personal affects and that she, Mrs. TAYLOR, believed that the picture had been made some 3 years ago. Mrs. TAYLOR couldn't identify the photograph of MORRISON. BARKER gave no indication the picture was going to be published locally but that possibly it would appear in the New York papers or other papers throughout the country. Mrs. MORRISON stated the caption under the picture read, DR. SPEARS, MR. TAYLOR and unidentified woman released by Mrs. TAYLOR.

At no time during BARKER's interview did BARKER take written notes or any kind nor did Mrs. MORRISON notice any recording device being used.

Mr. BARKER stated that Mrs. SPEARS released a copy of this same picture to Life Magazine but only with a written agreement that the picture of MORRISON be blotted out. BARKER advised that the picture of Mrs. MORRISON, TAYLOR and SPEARS in newspapers no doubt would be referred to as the MYSTERY WOMAN. BARKER also told Mrs. MORRISON to prepare herself for an inter-

view with the FBI which no doubt would come sooner or later concerning this picture and that the FBI would be very hard on her and the interview would no doubt be quite lengthy and probing.

Mrs. MORRISON stated that she reported this interview and events as they took place Sunday, January 24, 1960 to Mrs. CHESTER STOCKS, Assistant Administrator and Mrs. MAY WILKINSON, Director of Nursing Service, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. MORRISON stated she is quite upset about this chain of events and stated that she hopes the picture is not published for no other reason except that it would be embarrassing to herself and to the Baylor University Medical Center.

Mrs. MORRISON advised that she was born October 3, 1909 at Bowie, Texas, has been married twice, once to VICTOR CARL BROWN and once to JOHN T. MORRISON; has lived in the Dallas area all her life with the exception of a trip to Germany in 1949 and is presently employed at the Baylor University Medical Center.

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RUTH C. O'QUINN, [REDACTED]
 Radio Corporation of America (RCA), 7901 Empire Freeway, Dallas,
 Texas, [REDACTED] advised she first met FRANCES SPEARS, nee Massey, in March, 1950 when SPEARS was employed as a secretary in the "Broadcast Equipment Sales Department" in the RCA office then located at 1906 McKinney, Dallas, Texas. She stated she was friendly with SPEARS while she was employed at RCA, and after SPEARS' termination of employment on January 31, 1951, she saw her only on infrequent occasions, usually when she (O'QUINN), SPEARS, BETTY LAVERN CHILDRESS, nee Jones, and CLYDOLA PATTERSON, all employees or former employees of RCA, met to play bridge. She stated these "bridge sessions" became more and more infrequent as "time went on" and were discontinued entirely some three or four years ago.

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She advised she met ROBERT SPEARS, husband of FRANCES SPEARS, while FRANCES and ROBERT were "going together" but she (O'QUINN) never talked to ROBERT SPEARS to "amount to anything." She recalled when FRANCES terminated her employment with RCA to marry ROBERT SPEARS, there was a great deal of speculation among FRANCES' acquaintances at RCA as to what business or occupation ROBERT SPEARS engaged in and "nobody was able to find out anything." O'QUINN said she never learned anything about ROBERT SPEARS' business other than "what was in the paper" about his arrest(s) and the abortion charges filed against him in Dallas in about 1958. She stated ROBERT SPEARS was seldom at home when she visited FRANCES at the SPEARS home on North Lake Drive and later on Gaston Avenue, both Dallas, Texas, and he did not engage in conversation when he was present in the house during the visits referred to above.

O'QUINN recalled she was visiting FRANCES SPEARS on the afternoon and evening of the day her first child, [REDACTED] was born and she accompanied FRANCES and ROBERT SPEARS when FRANCES went to Baylor Hospital, Dallas, [REDACTED] "to have the baby." She added she remained in the lobby of Baylor Hospital with ROBERT SPEARS until the announcement of the birth of [REDACTED] and felt certain no form of hypnosis was used in connection with this birth.

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O'QUINN stated she visited FRANCES sometime in 1958 after reading in the newspapers about the arrest of ROBERT SPEARS on abortion charges. She said she asked FRANCES on this occasion

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why she didn't divorce her husband and FRANCES replied, "When someone is in trouble that is when they need you the most", or words to that effect. O'QUINN advised ROBERT SPEARS was not present on the occasion of this visit and she does not recall having seen or talked to him since sometime in 1957.

O'QUINN recalled visiting FRANCES SPEARS at 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, during the late spring or early summer of 1959, at which time she returned some tables (furniture) she had borrowed from Mrs. SPEARS. She stated she remembered this was only a short time before the SPEARS moved to California. She stated she did not see ROBERT SPEARS on this occasion and FRANCES did not volunteer any information as to his whereabouts.

O'QUINN advised she did not have further contact with FRANCES SPEARS until several days following the crash of the National Airlines plane in November, 1959. She stated she visited FRANCES on this occasion for the specific purpose of "offering condolence". She said FRANCES' father and mother, together with a sister and brother-in-law, from Friona, Texas, were at the SPEARS residence on the occasion of the visit. She also recalled Mrs. SPEARS received a telegram, nature of text unknown to her (O'QUINN), while she was visiting FRANCES at this time. She stated FRANCES SPEARS did not say anything which indicated she might have a question in her mind about the authenticity of the reported death of her husband.

O'QUINN reported the next and last contact she had with FRANCES SPEARS was between Christmas, 1959 and New Year's Day, 1960, when FRANCES called her by telephone apparently "just to chat". She stated each inquired of the other if they "had a nice Christmas" and talked generally about the Holiday Season. She recalled specifically that FRANCES stated she had bought a piano [redacted] was musically inclined and she wanted to start [redacted] out early". O'QUINN volunteered she did not see a piano in the SPEARS residence when she visited FRANCES in November, 1959. She added the only other remarks she specifically recalled FRANCES made during the course of this conversation was a statement to the effect she was having to go through a lot of "red tape" in connection with the probation of ROBERT SPEARS' will. She advised FRANCES SPEARS did not say anything during this conversation which would indicate she had any doubt about her husband's death.

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O'QUINN advised the personnel file on FRANCES LOUISE MASSEY (now SPEARS), Social Security Number 467-26-3773, reflected she was born December 20, 1923. She was employed by RCA,

Dallas, as a secretary from March 6, 1959 to January 31, 1951. On the date (February 26, 1950) she executed the application for employment she was residing at 812 North Marsalis, Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Friona High School, Friona, Texas, in 1941 and attended Draughon's Business School, Lubbock, Texas, in 1941-42. The person listed to be notified in case of emergency was OTIS E. MASSEY, Route 1, Friona, Texas. She terminated her employment with RCA to get married. Previous employments were listed as follows:

Thomas Y. Pickett and Company 603 Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas Secretary (Supervisor: L.R. VAUGHN)	9-26-49 to 3-3-50
Bauman Drilling Company 510 Gulf States Building, Dallas, Texas Stenographer (Supervisor: RUSSELL LATIMER)	5-13-49 to 9-15-49
War Assets Administration P.O. Box 6030, Dallas, Texas Secretary (Supervisor: C. JACK COWART)	4-24-46 to 2-18-49
California Underwear Company 915 Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas Secretary (Supervisor: Mrs. JACKIE TATE)	11-1-45 to 4-13-46

O'QUINN stated the SPEARS were good friends of MERLE and EFFIE BECK, a traveling salesman from California, who resided for some time in house.

[redacted] She said the BECKS no longer reside in Dallas and she did not know where they now reside.

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GENE SMALLWOOD, [redacted]

[redacted] on January 25, 1960, advised that sometime prior to July, 1958, Dr. ROBERT SPEARS left his telephone number with SMALLWOOD's wife and asked that SMALLWOOD call him. SMALLWOOD contacted SPEARS and ascertained that SPEARS wanted him to build some cabinets in the kitchen of SPEARS' home at 6116 Gaston Avenue. On completion of the work SPEARS paid SMALLWOOD some \$660 in cash, six hundred dollar bills and smaller notes. SPEARS also gave SMALLWOOD a wallet, belt and necktie.

SMALLWOOD advised that toward the end of 1958, while doing a bit more work in the SPEARS home, SPEARS asked SMALLWOOD to get him a telephone jack. SMALLWOOD later got one and gave it to SPEARS. He advised that he does not know if SPEARS has any knowledge of telephone or electronic equipment. He stated that the jack may have been installed by BOB MATLOCK, who was doing electrical work in the home at that time.

About the Spring of 1959, SPEARS came to see SMALLWOOD and tried to interest SMALLWOOD in building a number of small folding trailers which would completely open up and allow salesmen to have immediate access to anything in the trailer. SMALLWOOD advised SPEARS that he was not interested in this project.

SMALLWOOD also stated that about the same time he and his wife on one occasion visited socially in the SPEARS home. He advised that he also borrowed a record from Dr. SPEARS which had all kinds of noises on it, the purpose being to listen to the record with earphones on, and through the vibrations, clear up stopped-up sinuses. It was supposedly made by a Dane, Dr. BOLF VOULK.

Mr. SMALLWOOD stated that he had not seen Dr. SPEARS since about the Spring of 1959. He advised that after the plane crash he ran into a Mr. AVERY, a barber in Lakewood, at the Jupiter Bowling Alley, Garland Road, on a Thursday night, and that Mr. AVERY mentioned that he had lost a regular customer (SPEARS) and that he had a customer on the plane that crashed in North Carolina.

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Mr. SMALLWOOD advised that about a week before Christmas, Mrs. FRANCES SPEARS called him and told him that the drainboard in the kitchen needed repairing. SMALLWOOD went to the home with a helper and repaired the drainboard. Mrs. SPEARS offered to pay him, but he declined payment, stating that it was a defect in the work originally done by him. SMALLWOOD stated that at this time Mrs. SPEARS was continually in tears and was "all broken up". She stated that the experience (Dr. SPEARS' death) had left her so that she could not seem to think.

SMALLWOOD stated that he knows no associate of either of the SPEARS. He stated that when he first went to work at the SPEARS home, some woman was renting the garage apartment, but that he does not know her name.

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MRS. JIM WHITE, [redacted] advised she knew MRS. FRANCES SPEARS several years ago before she married DR. SPEARS. She is not acquainted with DR. SPEARS and has had no contact with MRS. SPEARS in recent years, other than exchanging Christmas cards.

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Mr. WILLIAM M. WRIGHT, [redacted] Auditor, b6 b7c Southern Methodist University, Dallas, advised that he purchased his present home from ROBERT VERNON SPEARS in August, 1954, having met SPEARS and FRANCES MASSEY in 1949 when they were all members of the Dallas Aquarium Society, which society is now defunct. Mr. WRIGHT said that SPEARS and his wife, FRANCES lived at [redacted] until August, 1954, and that they had no children at that time. Mr. WRIGHT advised that SPEARS moved to his Gaston Avenue address and that the WRIGHTS were casual social acquaintances with them from that time.

Mr. WRIGHT said that he and his wife, ROSE MARY, stopped on one occasion some time between November 16 and 24, 1959, to visit FRANCES SPEARS and that at that time FRANCES appeared relaxed and interested in practical things, such as SPEARS' will, future of their children, and so forth.

Mr. WRIGHT advised that he believes FRANCES SPEARS had no knowledge of any scheme, if any, of her husband's and that he has no occasion to doubt the integrity of SPEARS. Mr. WRIGHT advised that BOB SPEARS has always appeared very personable but very evasive on details regarding his past life and activities. Mr. WRIGHT said that FRANCES and BOB SPEARS appeared to be a very devoted couple. Mr. WRIGHT said he knows of no close friends of the SPEARS with the exception of R. B. KILMER, who has an insurance service in the Meadows Building, Dallas, and who resides [redacted]

Mr. WRIGHT said he has no idea of how SPEARS acquired his income during their association except that FRANCES told he and his wife that BOB SPEARS was an only child of wealthy parents and grandparents and that he had accumulated wealth from them.

Mr. WRIGHT advised that he has no recollection as to his last contact with BOB SPEARS and that he is not familiar with any associates of SPEARS by the name of TAYLOR.

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Mrs. WILLIAM (ROSE MARY) WRIGHT, [redacted] advised that she and her husband first met BOB SPEARS and FRANCES MASSEY when they were all members of the Dallas Aquarium Society in 1949, which society is now defunct. Mrs. WRIGHT said that when FRANCES and BOB were married they lived at [redacted] until August, 1954, at which time the WRIGHTS purchased that home from the SPEARSES and at which time the SPEARSES moved to their present Gaston Avenue address.

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Mrs. WRIGHT said that she and her husband have maintained a casual social acquaintanceship with the SPEARSES since 1949 and that she visited FRANCES SPEARS a few days after the airlines crash on November 16, 1959. Mrs. WRIGHT said she does not recall the exact date of her visit to FRANCES, but said that FRANCES appeared sincerely broken-hearted, grief-stricken and shocked. Mrs. WRIGHT said that FRANCES told her that she felt strange on the morning of the crash for no reason. Mrs. WRIGHT said that when she visited FRANCES SPEARS after the crash that FRANCES' mother, Mrs. MASSEY, sister and brother-in-law were at FRANCES' home at that time.

Mrs. WRIGHT said that she and her husband stopped to visit FRANCES SPEARS some time between November 16 and December 24, 1959, and that at that time, FRANCES appeared settled and interested in practical things such as SPEARS' will, the future of their children and so forth.

Mrs. WRIGHT said she again visited FRANCES SPEARS on December 30, 1959, and that FRANCES was at that time trying to get someone to stay with their children and was expecting someone from California to arrive to help her out, and that this person had previously worked for her in California. Mrs. WRIGHT said that FRANCES had no other help at that time.

Mrs. WRIGHT advised that she believes FRANCES had no knowledge of any scheme, if any, of her husband's but she has no occasion to doubt the integrity of either BOB or FRANCES SPEARS. Mrs. WRIGHT said that BOB SPEARS always appeared to be very personable but very evasive regarding his past life and activities. Mrs. WRIGHT said that BOB and FRANCES SPEARS appeared to be very devoted to each other. Mrs. WRIGHT advised she was acquainted with no associates of the couple and has no idea of how SPEARS acquired his income during their association.

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Mrs. WRIGHT said that FRANCES once told she and her husband that SPEARS was an only child of wealthy parents and grandparents and that he had accumulated wealth from them. Mrs. WRIGHT said the last she saw of BOB SPEARS was in the spring of 1959, before he departed to California, presumably to work. Mrs. WRIGHT said she has no knowledge of any acquaintances of SPEARS by the name of TAYLOR.

VI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS TO ROBERT AND FRANCES SPEARS.

E. GENERAL INFORMATION.

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[redacted] Dr. KENNETH LA RUE, MD, Obstetrician, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he is a partner of Dr. GLENN TERRY. He
stated that in 1957 and again in 1958-59 FRANCES SPEARS
was a maternity patient of Dr. TERRY. Dr. LA RUE stated that on
occasion he examined FRANCES SPEARS on her regular visits to
the office when Dr. TERRY was out. He recalled that when she
first appeared at the office as a patient she refused to take
polio shots stating that she did not believe in them. Dr.
LA RUE stated that he proceeded to tell her what he thought of
people who did not believe in polio shots and after that she
seemed to prefer to have very little to say to him. Dr. LA RUE
stated that he has on occasion seen ROBERT SPEARS but actually
is not well acquainted with him and does not know his activities
or associates.

He stated that he had heard from a Dr. TRUETT MORRIS,
with offices at Swiss and Peak Street, Dallas, that a nurse
presently working for TRUETT MORRIS roomed with FRANCES SPEARS,
nee MASSEY before FRANCES married ROBERT V. SPEARS.

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JOHN T. PARKER, John T. Parker Claims Service, Thomas Building, advised that files in his possession reflect that his organization, represented by J. R. RUSSELL, investigated a claim filed by Dr. ROBERT SPEARS, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, against Wyatt Food Stores as a result of an accident occurring at 11:15 a.m. on March 4, 1959, in the 6400 block of Gaston, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. PARKER made available a statement dated March 6, 1959, signed by SPEARS, but apparently written out by RUSSELL, in which SPEARS states that he was driving east on Gaston and applied his brakes since traffic in front of him had stopped. He stated that his automobile was hit from the rear by a truck damaging his car. He stated that he and the driver of the truck were both alone in their vehicles and that the street was wet. SPEARS' statement indicated that SPEARS was complaining of a sore neck as a result of the accident and stated that he experienced difficulty in sleeping because of this. SPEARS' statement is witnessed by VERNICE DARBY. PARKER stated that he does not know who this is.

Mr. PARKER also made available a statement signed by JOHN KYLES, age 21, driver of the truck, [redacted] stating that he was driving east in the 6400 block of Gaston at about 20 miles per hour when a Pontiac came to a stop in front of him. He stated he was unable to see what caused the Pontiac to come to a stop, and that he applied his brakes, skidding into the rear of the Pontiac.

Mr. PARKER made available a copy of an estimate dated March 5, 1959, by R. R. STOUT on a 1959 Pontiac, Texas license [redacted] for Van Winkle Motor Company, Dallas, Texas, estimating the damages at \$232.51.

Mr. PARKER also exhibited a release signed by SPEARS dated March 6, 1959, agreeing to accept \$232.51 as payment in full for all damages, including physical injuries suffered in the accident.

Mr. PARKER advised that his firm was representing Selective Insurance Company, Claims Department, St. Louis, Missouri, home office Cincinnati, Ohio, in the above matter.

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ROBERT A. HALL, Manager of investment firm Bennett, Osborn and Hall, with offices in the Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, advised on January 21, 1960, that he did not know Dr. ROBERT V. SPEARS. He stated he had never represented the naturopaths in any manner and had never been approached to represent them. HALL stated that the only thing he knew about SPEARS was what he had read in the newspapers the last few days. HALL stated that he knew of no other individual who might be of assistance in this matter.

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On January 24, 1960, in the presence of MRS. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS at her home, 6116 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, MR. RAY CARNAY, who advised that he was a news reporter and investigator for Radio Station KBOX, Dallas, was contacted.

CARNAY advised that he had just returned to Dallas about 7:00 AM, that day, after having spent three or four days in Phoenix, Arizona, covering news items in connection with the finding and arrest of DR. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS in Phoenix. He advised that during the time he was in Phoenix, he went to the home of WILLIAM ALBERT TURSKA, where he located a trailer which he claims investigation reflects was the trailer DR. SPEARS and TURSKA towed back to Phoenix from their trip from Dallas, leaving Dallas about January 11, 1960. He claimed "I broke into the trailer which is possibly a violation of the law and was able to find several scraps of paper which I believe might have some significance to this case." In agent's presence, CARNAY asked MRS. SPEARS if she knew of any woman who might have accompanied TURSKA and her husband from Phoenix to Dallas on the trip made during early January or whether a woman made a trip with DR. SPEARS from Tampa, Florida, to Phoenix and California, shortly after the plane crash. MRS. SPEARS advised that she did not know of any such woman. CARNAY then stated that he believed a good possibility existed that a woman did, in fact, make one or both of these trips with SPEARS and/or TURSKA. He claimed he based his beliefs on the following. During his search at the TURSKA's residence, he found boxes containing numerous torn pieces of paper including the following:

- (1) Several scraps of paper believed to be pieces of stationery from the Grande Lodge, Dallas, Texas.
- (2) Envelope addressed to "A. C. Landers, [redacted] bearing the return address of the Chicago School of Restaurant Management, 335 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois.
- (3) Torn photostatic copy of Kansas drivers license [redacted]

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- (4) Envelope postmarked December 23, 1953, at Phoenix, Arizona, addressed to ALTA M. WALKER, [redacted] bearing return address [redacted] and on reverse side of envelope is written in ink, "the Governor's office."
- (5) Brown prescription bottle reflecting no name and which was empty, but on a prescription label was written "200 tablets, EPT, 1-19-1," containing the name Dental Research Company, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- (6) Slip of paper with the writing "Kenneth Shores, BR 5-2596, \$500 cash."
- (7) Yellow slip of paper bearing writing "CR 5-2470; CR 7-0695; BR 5-2470", and on reverse side was written "12 - 1" by 4, bush, paint grey, Wilmot."
- (8) A selling contract dated August 7, 1956, of the Chieftain Investment and Realty, and signed NELLIE A. WALKER, which pertained to a list of property by VERNON T. JOHNSON.
- (9) A piece of package wrapping paper reflecting address of MRS. MITTIE PEDIGO, [redacted] bearing return address, CARL GOETZ, [redacted]
- (10) U. S. Post Office change of address for NELLIE WALKER, reflecting old address, [redacted] and new address, [redacted] and signed CURTIS WALKER.
- (11) Slip of paper bearing addresses L. E. THOMPSON, [redacted] and BLANCHE HAYWARD, [redacted]
- (12) Manila envelope postmarked New York, 1937, addressed to MRS. NELLIE CLEMIT, [redacted] in care of Teel's Laundry, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

CARNAY advised that he also observed numerous bolts of clothing in the trailer and numerous feminine articles. He claimed, "From this, I believe definitely that a woman, NELLIE or whatever her name was, or a younger woman, made the trip with TURSKA and/or DR. SPEARS from Florida to Arizona,

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or from Phoenix to Dallas and back in January." CARNAY then asked MRS. SPEARS if she desired to comment on these items and whether she knew or desired to comment on names of any of the women, A. C. LANDERS, NELLIE GLEMIT, or NELLIE A. WALKER. MRS. SPEARS advised that she did not desire to comment on them nor could she evaluate them and she thanked CARNAY for having brought these papers to the attention of the authorities for their possible investigation.

CARNAY advised that he knew that A. C. LANDERS was ANN C. LANDERS because he had attempted to interview a young lady sitting in an automobile outside the Phoenix FBI Office a few days before and this young lady was waiting for DR. TURSKA, who was then being interviewed by agents of the FBI in the Phoenix Office.

CARNAY advised that he wanted to pursue a factual seeking of information in this case. He stated, "I am going to Tampa to talk to MRS. TAYLOR and others concerning these papers."

CARNAY advised that following his return from Florida in connection with his investigation in this case, these papers and documents would be available to the FBI if requested.

Following investigation was conducted in Dallas County, Texas, on January 22, 1960, by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and THOMAS M. O'MALEY:

Dallas County Fire Marshal HAL HOOD advised that the only known retail outlet in the Dallas area for explosives is the Fouts Brothers General Store, Duncanville, Texas.

Mr. HOOD stated that if he obtained any information concerning the illegal obtaining of explosives, including blasting caps, he will immediately advise this office.

ROY FOUT and his brother, RAY FOUT, Duncanville, Texas, both stated after viewing photograph of Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS, that they were positive they had not sold any explosives of any type to SPEARS during the past 18 months to two years. Both stated they were positive of this because their sales of explosives were so few that they were acquainted with all their customers.

RAY FOUT advised that explosives could be purchased at the Hutchins, Texas, magazine operated by the Strawn Merchandise Company of Dallas.

DAVE SHEPHERD, [redacted] magazine keeper for Strawn Merchandise Company of Dallas, advised that the company does not sell explosives in quantities less than one case. He stated he could not identify the photograph of SPEARS as a customer. He advised that anyone desiring to purchase explosives had to obtain an order through the company in Dallas, which was forwarded to him for delivery to the customer. He stated on some occasions a customer would appear at the magazine and request explosives, but prior to delivery it had to be cleared through the company in Dallas. He advised the customer is required to sign a bill for the explosives and these records are maintained by the Dallas Company.

Mr. G. M. KINTZ, Manager, Health and Safety, United States Bureau of Mines, 1114 Commerce, Dallas, advised that the only known outlets for explosives in the Dallas area are the following:

Strawn Merchandise Company;
Cyanamid Company, Dallas;
Dupont Company, 4150 High Street;
Bilderback Explosives Company, Dallas;
OLIS MATHIESON, LA 1-4154, Dallas.

Mr. KINTZ stated no explosives could be sold in Dallas city limits without a permit from the Fire Inspector, Dallas Fire Department.

W. R. KENNEDY, Bilderback Explosives Company, 2527 Farrington, Dallas, advised his company is the distributor for Atlas Powder Company. He stated explosives are only sold by his company to individuals or concerns when they have obtained explosive permit from Captain O. O. WILLETT, Fire Department, Dallas. He stated the permit must be presented to his company by a fire inspector prior to any sale.

KENNEDY advised that his company maintains a dynamite magazine near Haltom City, Texas. He stated there was a burglary at this magazine in June, 1959, which was subsequently reported to the Sheriff's Office, Fort Worth. He advised he had no information as to final disposition regarding this burglary.

KENNEDY stated the Hercules Powder Company has a Dallas outlet through Strawn Merchandise Company, 2860 Lombardy, Dallas. He advised that he is of the opinion that only sales conducted within the city limits of Dallas are through the issuance of the aforementioned permits. He stated his company has no hardware outlets, dealing primarily with construction type concerns in tonnage loads.

KENNEDY was unable to identify a photograph of Dr. ROBERT VERNON SPEARS.

He stated that the Geotechnical Corporation, 3401 Shiloh Road, Garland, Texas, makes machinery for recording blastings and can possibly define the word "radionics."

KENNEDY advised that it was his belief that an individual could buy explosives in small amounts at any hardware outlet outside the city limits, but he did not have the identities of any such outlets. He also stated it was common knowledge that a great deal of explosives are stolen from contractors, but he had no definite information concerning this.

KENNEDY advised that F. E. SPARKMAN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a private contractor who obtains dynamite and explosives through Bilderback Explosives Company. He stated SPARKMAN is considered a "deadbeat" and KENNEDY presently has a non-sufficient funds check from SPARKMAN. (Check of the area of [REDACTED] reflected this is the residence of SPARKMAN, but that he has not been at his home for the last three days.)

J. W. HYDE, Branch Manager, American Cyanamid Company, 3709 Atwell, Dallas, advised his company manufactures explosives but their outlets are strictly contractors and wholesale distributors who also sell only to contractors. He stated his company

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has not suffered any loss during the past several years of explosives through theft and he could not define the word "radionics."

Mr. CLAY W. SMITH, Secretary, American Cyanamid Company, advised that no one could purchase dynamite or other type explosives from Dallas distributors within the city limits of Dallas without obtaining the aforescribed explosive permit. Mr. SMITH could not define "radionics." He stated it was believed that any person in the country or rural area could obtain any amount of dynamite or explosives they wanted through hardware store outlets without the use of permit or any restrictions. He advised he did not know the identities of any such outlets other than perhaps the outlet for Strawn Merchandise Company, located near Duncanville (later determined to be Fouts Brothers Store).

Captain O. O. WILLETT, Fire Inspector's Office, Dallas Fire Department, advised that there was a city ordinance prohibiting any person or concern from storing explosives, including blasting caps for any purpose, including resale, within the city limits. He stated explosive permits are issued only for use on a job and every person to whom a permit is issued is completely checked out by the Fire Department, including checking through the Identification Division of the Dallas Police Department. He advised that for a person to obtain a permit he must be a qualified blaster and this qualification comes only after certain rigorous tests are given orally by the Fire Department. He stated the permits that have been issued, approximately 175 per year, are maintained on microfilm by the Fire Department by the year and not alphabetically. He stated these records go back for approximately 20 years and the only way to determine the identity of any person obtaining a permit would be a complete search of the records. Captain WILLETT referred the Agents to Fire Marshal HAL HOOD for information concerning the obtaining of explosives in any amounts by individuals in the country area.

Captain WILLETT was unable to identify a photograph of SPEARS, nor could he define the word "radionics."

On January 22, 1960, Sheriff BILL DECKER, Dallas Sheriff's Office, advised his records show that the only known retail outlet for explosives in the Dallas area is Fouts Brothers General Store, 320 Duncanville Road, Duncanville, Texas. He stated he has no record of burglary of dynamite from this store. The nearest other outlet is believed to be at Red Oak, Texas, in Ellis County. (It should be noted prior contacts with Bilderback Explosives Company and American Cyanamid Company, Dallas, ascertained that Fouts Brothers was the only retail outlet for explosives known to these companies.)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT, on January 21, 1960, at Dallas, Texas:

Sheriff BILL DECKER, Dallas Sheriff's Office, advised that it was not necessary for an individual to register at time of purchase of explosives in Dallas County. He stated that there were various retail outlets for explosives in Dallas, but these outlets were controlled by city ordinances.

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BOB BROTHERS, . . . Strawn Merchandise Company, 2860 Lombardy Lane, advised that the records of the deliveries of explosives to individuals at the Hutchins, Texas Magazine fail to reflect any delivery to anyone named SPEARS or TAYLOR for the year 1959.

BROTHERS furnished the following bills of lading signed by individuals with whom he is not acquainted and advised that the signature indicates that these individuals picked up explosives at the Hutchins Magazine which is in the Dallas area.

(1) #5489, dated June 4, 1959, for one case of 50 sticks of Hercomite #4, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, and 25 electric blasting caps with sixteen foot leads. The person signing is W. NUNLEY, Dallas, Texas, and merchandise was delivered to him by DAVE SHEPPARD, employee of Strawn Merchandise, home telephone FR 1-2963.

(2) #5316, dated April 3, 1959, for one case of 50 sticks of Gelamite #2, size two inches by eight inches and 100 feet of Clover brand fuse. This is signed by G. B. BREWSTER and the address [REDACTED] The name of the employee delivering same does not appear on the bill of lading.

(3) #5293, dated March 27, 1959, for one case of 50 Gelamite #2, size two inches by eight inches, 100 feet of Clover fuse, and 100 blasting caps to G. B. BREWSTER, Terrell, Texas. Employee delivering this merchandise is DAVE SHEPPARD.

(4) #5649, dated July 23, 1959, for 100 feet Clover fuse and delivered to G. B. BREWSTER, [REDACTED] by DAVE SHEPPARD.

(5) #5365, dated April 27, 1959, for one case of 50 sticks, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, 60 percent Extra dynamite, to JAMES POLK, Dallas, Texas. [REDACTED] has been "x'd" out prior to the address of Dallas, Texas. The employee delivering this is DAVE SHEPPARD.

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Mr. BROTHERS advised that the purchases of BREWSTER indicate that he is using fuse set off by fire rather than electrical blasting caps. He made available the originals of each of the above described bills of lading.

In addition to the above information, Mr. BROTHERS examined his file on explosives sales at the Hutchins Magazine which is the only outlet in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area operated by Strawn Merchandise, and furnished the following information.

Bill of lading #5804 dated September 11, 1959, reflects purchase of 50 electric blasting caps with four foot leads by BRUCE GILBERT, who stated he was making the purchase for Oil Tool Engineering Company.

Bill of lading #5771, dated August 28, 1959, reflects purchase of one case of 50 sticks, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, 60 percent Extra dynamite by Dr. J. W. BASS. BROTHERS advised that Dr. J. W. BASS is the Health Officer for the City of Dallas and that he recalls this individual called him on the telephone and told him that he, BASS, needed the explosives for work on a farm which he owns south of Dallas. Mr. BROTHERS advised he is not personally acquainted with Dr. BASS and does not know if this merchandise was actually picked up by Dr. J. W. BASS, but noted that that name was signed on this bill of lading, as well as on a bill of lading dated August 19, 1959, for one case of Hercomite #4, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, 200 feet of Clover fuse, 100 #6 blasting caps and one cap crimper, purchased August 19, 1959.

Bill of lading #5407, dated May 11, 1959, reflects purchase of 50 electric blasting caps with 6 foot leads by J. R. DURST. No address is listed for DURST and the bill of lading was not signed. The employee delivering the goods to the customer was EDD BRANSON, home telephone CAnal 5-2990.

Bill of lading #734, dated March 11, 1959, reflects purchase by GLENN C. FARRIS, Dallas, Texas, of one case of Hercomite #4, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, 50 electric blasting caps with 4 foot lead and 250 feet of lead wire. The employee delivering this merchandise to the customer was DONALD JOHNSON, who is no longer employed by Strawn. His home telephone is CAnal 5-2956.

Bill of lading #702 dated February 27, 1959, reflects purchase by ROY F. MOORE, [redacted] of one case of Gelamite #2, size one and a quarter inches by

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eight inches and 50 electric blasting caps. The merchandise was delivered by DAVE SHEPPARD.

Bill of lading #684, dated February 23, 1959, reflects sale to E. R. ALLEN, [REDACTED] of one case of Gelamite #2, size two inches by eight inches, and 25 electric blasting caps with 16 foot leads.

Bill of lading #678, dated February 19, 1959, reflects purchase by JOHN REASONOVER, Reasonover Mercantile Company, Kemp, Texas, of 100 feet of Clover fuse and 100 #6 blasting caps.

Bill of lading #649 reflects previous purchase by JOHN REASONOVER on February 9, 1959, of one case of Gelamite #2, size one and a quarter inches by eight inches, and 100 electric blasting caps with four foot leads.

Mr. BROTHERS advised that a case of dynamite or similar type explosive as listed above consists of 50 sticks. He advised that the above sales represent all sales of explosives for the Dallas area by Strawn Merchandise Company except those to regular customers.

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TONEY GALE, [redacted] telephone LAl-2250, telephoned the Dallas Office and advised of the following article on page 27 of the Diners Club Magazine, February, 1960, issue:

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"The following news item is quoted in entirety from BILL KENNEDY's column in the Los Angeles Herald Express SIDELIGHTEM - An ironic aftermath of the tragic crash of a DC-7 in the Gulf of Mexico has just come to light. The deaths of a Van Nuys (California) couple will mark the first airplane accident claim ever paid on The Diners' Club credit card, underwritten by an L. A. company, Beneficial Standard Life. The company will pay a total of \$120,000.00 to the beneficiaries of the couple killed in the crash. The policies were charged to the insured's Diners' Club account for which the bill has yet to be rendered. The billing and collecting have not gone through up to the present, but the payment on the claim will be made to the beneficiaries, regardless. Each of the insured had taken out a \$30,000.00 policy which carried double indemnity if an accident occurred more than 50 miles from their residences."

GALE stated he was calling the above to the attention of the Dallas Office as it appeared identical with the airline crash under investigation and might be pertinent.

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