

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/27/63

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RALPH LEON YATES, 13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas, voluntarily appeared at the Dallas FBI Office, accompanied by his uncle, Mr. J. O. SMITH, 13770 Sprucewood, Dallas, Texas, and furnished the following information:

YATES stated that he is employed as a refrigeration service-man for the Texas Butcher Supply Company, Dallas, Texas, and in connection with this employment was driving a pickup truck on R. L. Thornton Expressway at approximately 10:30 AM, on either November 20 or 21, 1963. He stated he noticed a man hitchhiking at approximately the Beckley Street entrance to the R. L. Thornton Expressway, and he had stopped and picked up this man.

YATES said after seeing photographs and television pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, he is of the opinion that this man was identical with OSWALD.

He continued that when the man walked up to get into the pickup truck, he was carrying a package wrapped in brown wrapping paper about 4 feet to 4½ feet long. He said he told this man he could put the package in the back of the truck, but the man said that the package contained curtain rods and he would carry it with him in the cab of the truck.

YATES stated as they drove along, the man had asked him if he knew a certain party, whose name YATES cannot recall now, and he had indicated to this man he did not. He said the man then asked if he had ever been to the Carousel Club and YATES had replied that he had serviced refrigerators in the past in a number of clubs and that possibly he had been to this one, but he did not recall.

YATES said that he had said to the man that there was going to be a lot of excitement in Dallas soon, referring to the President's visit, and the man had asked YATES what he meant. He said he replied that the President was coming to Dallas, but that he personally felt that the President should not come in view of the ADLIT STEVENSON incident which had occurred previously.

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on 11/26/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639
DL 89-43
by Special Agent BEN S. HARRISON /rmb Date dictated 11/26/63

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YATES stated the man then asked YATES if he thought a person could assassinate the President. YATES replied that he guessed such a thing could be possible. The man then asked YATES if it could be done from the top of a building or out of a window, high up, and YATES said he guessed this was possible if one had a good rifle with a scope and was a good shot.

YATES advised about this time the man pulled out a picture which showed a man with a rifle and asked YATES if he thought the President could be killed with a gun like that one. YATES said he was driving and did not look at the picture but indicated to the man that he guessed so.

YATES said that the man then asked if he knew the President's route for the parade in Dallas and YATES replied that he did not know the route but that it had been in the paper. He said the man then said that he had misunderstood him and that actually he had asked YATES if he thought that the President would change his route. YATES said he replied that he doubted it unless they might for safety reasons.

He said as they approached downtown Dallas, the man indicated that he was going on Houston Street and that although he was going to Irving, he told the man he would drive off the expressway and to Houston Street and let him out there, then would go back to the expressway. YATES said he went off the Expressway on Commerce Street, turned off of Commerce on Houston, drove north on Houston and let the man off on the corner of Elm and Houston Streets.

He said he saw the man cross Elm Street, but does not know where he went from there. He said that as the man got out of the truck, he recalled him saying something about the Triple Underpass, but cannot recall exactly what was said.

YATES stated that he had mentioned this incident to another employee at the Texas Butcher Supply Company, one DEMPSEY JONES, prior to the time that the President was assassinated.

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YATES stated that the man he thought was identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD whom he had picked up was a white male, approximately 5'9" tall, slender, with dark eyebrows and hair. He could furnish no additional identifying data.

YATES stated he is married and has five children and that he would appreciate not receiving any type publicity from the fact he was furnishing this information.

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Date November 28, 1963

DEMPSEY JONES, Route 4, Box 376, Dallas, Texas, telephone number Diamond 8-1051, has been employed by the Texas Butchers Supply Company (TBSC) at 2038 Commerce Street in Dallas, Texas, for nine and one-half years. He said he has known RALPH LEON YATES as a fellow employee for a little over a year. He said YATES is a big talker who always talks about a lot of foolishness.

JONES recalled that he and YATES were working in the shop on the second floor of the TBSC about 11:00 or 11:30 a.m., one morning, and YATES had returned from a call earlier that he had made at Irving and Oak Cliff before returning to TBSC.

JONES said YATES told him he had picked up a boy in Oak Cliff and taken this boy to Houston and Elm in Dallas. YATES said this boy had a package not described at that time, but after the death of the President, YATES described the package as a "long package" and then on telling the facts over again, YATES said this man told him it was some window shades he was carrying for the company he (the man) had made. JONES said that YATES told him on the first date that the man discussed the fact with him that one could be in a building and shoot the President as he, the President, passed by.

He said YATES did not discuss this man the day before the President was shot in any great detail, but after the President was shot, YATES told him he believed the man he had in the pickup was the man who shot and killed the President, and he was going to call it in and tell them what he knew about it.

JONES was unable to describe what agency YATES was talking about. He said he recalled that YATES mentioned calling "them" on November 26, 1963. He said no other person was present when YATES discussed these matters with him in the shop. He described YATES as a white male, in his 20s, about 5'4", 160 pounds, stocky build, hair brown, eyes believed gray, and is employed as a refrigerator mechanic with the TBSC.

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JONES said that the company officials should have a record of the time that YATES made the call to Irving, Texas.

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Date November 28, 19631

J. R. GILPIN, Partner, Texas Butchers Supply Company (TBSC), 2038 Commerce Street, Dallas, advised that RALPH YATES, one of his employees, came to him on November 26, 1963, and asked him if it was possible to confirm the date that he, Mr. GILPIN, had ordered or called YATES to go to Irving, Texas, on a service call to the Park-It Market Drive-In Grocery, at 2320 Shady Grove Road at Story Road in Irving, Texas.

Mr. GILPIN said he located a record dated November 21, 1963, Shop Bill No. 8760, Invoice No. 36919, dated November 21, 1963, billed November 23, 1963, to the Arlington Food Stores, Post Office Box 91, Arlington, Texas, telephone number AN 2-0597. This bill was in the amount of \$12.00 which would indicate it was a two hour service call. He said he recalled that he gave the order to RALPH YATES about 10:30 a.m., at the TBSC office, and he told YATES at the time he would call him at the time he was at the Park-It Market to find out what the trouble was they were having. He said that he recalled he made a telephone call around noon to YATES and determined that the compressor at the Park-It Market was out of oil and not burned up so YATES replaced the oil and should have returned to TBSC about 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. He said YATES was re-checking the time of the call on November 27, 1963, and that he, GILPIN, had discussed the matter with SAM OWENS, his partner, who recalled that YATES had called in from Irving, Texas, sometime after 11:30 a.m., on the morning of November 21, 1963. He said that he knew of no reason that YATES might have had for being in Oak Cliff on that morning. He had no other information which would further establish the time that YATES made the service call.

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(16) Page 298 - In connection with the information furnished by Mr. Paul Rymer of the Irving Sport Shop you should insure that your records indicate the disposition of those 220 sets of golf clubs which he had in his possession at the time of his arrest, or until his release, and the fact that of these clubs some were seized from him and others of the 220 were seized later. It may then be determined as to the source of this information.

(17) Page 417 - The information furnished by Ralph Leon Yeter does not appear to be completely truthful. You should consider polygraph examination of Yeter, the obtaining of a signed statement from him and the possibility of a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001.

(18) Page 440 - Localized investigation should be conducted to determine the information furnished by Mr. Frank Rigney on 11-28-48, specifically you should determine the number called in Boston by the individual in question from Mr. Rigney's business.

It is very possible this referenced report and other subsequent reports may be disseminated outside of the Bureau and it is, therefore, essential that all details contained therein be accurate. You should insure that this report is thoroughly reviewed as to content and structure and any changes necessitated promptly handled.

NOTE: The possible violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001 would appear to be necessary investigative action to preclude the receipt of other false or misleading information which necessitates other unnecessary investigation on our part.

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Date December 14, 19631

RALPH LEON YATES furnished the following statement:

"Dallas, Texas
December 10, 1963

"I, RALPH LEON YATES, make the following statement voluntarily to C. RAY HALL, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement. I have been told that I do not have to make a statement, that I have a right to talk with a lawyer before making any statement, and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

"I was born at Dallas, Texas, on January 23, 1936, and went to the ninth grade in school. I am now working as a refrigeration service-man for the Texas Butcher Supply Co., at 2038 Commerce, in Dallas, Texas, and live at 13564 Brockgreen in Dallas.

"On a date that I now believe was Wednesday, November 20, 1963, I had been to Charlie Jordan's Meat Market in Oak Cliff, and was driving on the R. L. Thornton Expressway on my way to the Parkit-Market on Shadygrove Road in Irving, Texas. I noticed a man hitch-hiking near the Beckley Street entrance to the expressway, and stopped and picked up this man. When this man walked up to get into the pickup truck, he was carrying a package wrapped in brown wrapping paper about four feet to four and one-half feet long. I told this man he could put the package in the back of the truck, but the man said that the package had curtain rods in it, and he would just carry it with him. Later, as I drove along, this man asked me if I knew where the Carousel Club was, or had ever been there. I told him that I had not been there and did not know where the Carousel Club was located. The man then asked me if I knew a JACK RUBENSTEIN, and I said 'Who?'

on 12-10-63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461

by Special Agent S. C. RAY HALL MAURICE J. WHITE 67 Date dictated 12-11-63

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The man then said that JACK RUBENSTEIN was more commonly known as JACK RUBY, and RUBY ran the Carousel Club. I then asked the man if RUBY ran Jack's Branch Office Lounge on Industrial, and the man said that he didn't. I told the man that I had serviced refrigerators in a number of clubs, in the past, and had possibly been to the Carousel Club, but did not remember it.

"I mentioned to this man that there was going to be a lot of excitement in Dallas soon, and this man asked me what I meant. I told him that the President was coming to Dallas, but I personally felt that the President should not come to Dallas, because of the reception which ADLAI STEVENSON got not too long ago. This man then asked me if I thought a person could assassinate the President. I told him that I guess such a thing could be possible. The man then asked me if it could be done from the top of a building, or out of a window, high up, and I told him I guessed this would be possible, if a man had a good rifle with a scope on it, and was a good shot.

"This man then pulled a picture out of his pocket, and showed it to me. This was a photograph of the man who was in the car with me, and it showed him holding a rifle in his right hand, with the butt of the rifle resting on the ground. The photo showed the rifle to have a strap on it, but did not have a scope on the rifle. This photo also showed that the man had a pistol of some kind in a holster on his left side. After I looked at the picture, this man asked me if I thought the President could be killed with a gun like that one, and I told the man that I guessed so.

"This man then asked me if I knew the President's route for the parade in Dallas, and I told him I did not know the route, but it had been in the paper.

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The man then said I misunderstood him, and he had asked me if I thought the President would change his route. I told him that I doubted if he would change the route, unless they might for safety reasons.

"We were almost to downtown Dallas by this time, and I told the man I was going to Irving and asked him where he was going. This man said he was going to Houston Street, so I told him I would turn off the expressway and let him off on Houston Street. I turned off at the Commerce Street exit and when I got to Houston Street, turned left off of Commerce. I asked the man where he wanted off, and he said that anywhere along Houston Street would be all right, so I let him off at the corner of Elm and Houston Streets when I stopped there for a red light. The man got out of my truck, and took his package with him. I turned left and went on to Irving, and did not see which way the man went from where I let him out, except he walked across Elm Street going North on Houston. As the man got out of my truck, he said something about the triple underpass, but I didn't understand what he said.

"After I got back from Irving, that same day, I told DEMPSEY JONES, a man that I work with, about the conversation I had with this man.

"After President KENNEDY was assassinated, I saw pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspaper and on television. I remember seeing a full page photograph on the front page of one Dallas newspaper, that showed LEE HARVEY OSWALD just an instant before he was shot.

"I have been shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and this photograph has a label 'Dallas Police, 54018, 11 23 63.' This is a photograph of the man that I picked up and gave a ride to, and had the conversation with as set forth above in this statement.

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"I have read this statement which is written on this and one other page and it is true to the best of my knowlage

/s/ Ralph L. Yates

"Witnessed:

"C. Ray Hall, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas
Maurice J. White, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas"

YATES was asked if he had ever been in a hospital, and he said that while he was in the U. S. Air Force, he was treated by the doctors for a "nervous condition," but after he got out of the service he learned that he had a bad back, and thought this probably caused his "nervous condition." He said he had not been treated for any mental disorders.

The following description was obtained:

Name	RALPH LEON YATES
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	27 (January 23, 1936, Dallas, Texas)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	2" burn scar running from left corner of mouth upward on left cheek
Military Service	U. S. Air Force, February 2, 1954 to November 8 or December, 1957; AFSN 18 453 689
Relatives	-Wife - DOROTHY YATES, and children, JACQUELYN MARIE YATES, age 6, LORRIE JO YATES, age 5,

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Relatives
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ELIZABETH ANN YATES, age 3,
RALPH LEON YATES, Jr., age 2;
MARK A. YATES, age 1, all reside
13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas;
Father - JIMMIE YATES, Jr., Red
Bird Lane, Dallas, Texas, phone
FE 1-4024;
Mother - Mrs. BERNICE (last name
unknown), Elizabeth Street,
Dallas, Texas.
Claimed arrested for tire theft,
Del Rio, Texas, in 1954, and
sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Arrests

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Consent to Interview with Polygraph

I, RALPH LEON YATES, consent

freely and voluntarily to be interviewed by Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, which I also know as the FBI,
in connection with Lee HARVEY
OSWALD

I agree to the use of the Polygraph or so-called "Lie Detector"
during this interview or any part of it, and I am willing to be
present at the time and place of interview for such time as nec-
essary to complete the interview. No threats or promises of any
kind have been made to me to obtain my consent to this interview.

Signed Ralph Yates

Witnesses:

O. Ray Hall, Spec. Agent, F.B.I.
Marshall J. Hill, Spec. Agent, F.B.I.

Date 12-10-63

Place Dallas, Texas

1 - Belmont
1 - Conrad
1-2-64

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

1 - Sullivan
1 - Branigan
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1 - Martindale
1 - Gheesling

TO SAC DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R.

REDL REPORTS NOVEMBER THIRTY AND DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE LAST CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF RALPH LEON YATES AND INVESTIGATION BASED ON YATES' INFORMATION.

THROUGH REINTERVIEW OF YATES' EMPLOYER, J. R. GILPIN, AND INQUIRY AT CHARLIE JORDAN'S MEAT MARKET, IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT YATES HAD SERVICE CALL AT LATTER COMPANY ON NOVEMBER TWENTY OR TWENTY-ONE LAST. THEREAFTER, REINTERVIEW YATES WITH POLYGRAPH PROVIDED HE FURNISHES WRITTEN WAIVER OF CONSENT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE YATES' VERACITY WITH RESPECT TO HIS ALLEGED CONVERSATION WITH INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED BY YATES AS SUBJECT.

IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION FROM ^{25 JAN 3 1964} ALBERT GUY BOGARD AS CONTAINED DL REPORT DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE LAST BY REINTERVIEWING RUTH PAINÉ CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS ENTIRE DAY NOVEMBER NINE LAST. DL REPORT NOVEMBER

THIRTY SHOWS PAINÉ DROVE SUBJECT TO DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU ON NOVEMBER NINE LAST.

SEE NOTE PAGE 2

Telco _____
Belmont _____
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DeAluisi _____
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Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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5/4/64 7:44 1964

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-82555

NOTE: Yates, refrigeration serviceman voluntarily advised DL office on 11-26-63 that at about 10:30 am on either 11/20 or 21/63 he picked up hitch hiker outside DL and dropped him at corner of Elm and Houston Sts. DALLAS. This man believed by Yates to be subject was carrying package wrapped in brown paper which hitch hiker claimed contained curtain rods. During ride he inquired whether Yates thought President could be assassinated from top of a building or from a window. Man exhibited picture which showed a man with a rifle and he inquired if Yates thought President could be killed with gun like one shown in picture. Yates claimed since he was driving he did not look at picture but commented he guessed so. Man also inquired whether Yates had ever been to Carousel Club and if he knew a certain individual whose name Yates could not recall. On that particular morning Yates was allegedly en route from service call at Oak Cliff section of DL to service call in Irving, Texas. Yates' employer verified he had service call at Irving on 11-21-63 but had no reason to be in Oak Cliff that date. On reinterview 12-10-63 Yates furnished signed statement in which he definitely identified hitch hiker as subject and stated he believed occurred on 11-20-63 following service call at Charlie Jordan's Meat Market, Oak Cliff, and while en route to Irving, Texas, on another call. Yates also recalled subject inquired whether he knew whereabouts of Carousel Club and whether Yates knew Jack Rubenstein more commonly known as Jack Ruby, whom subject identified as operator of Carousel Club. Despite Yates' previous statement he did not look at picture, during reinterview, Yates furnished detailed description of picture allegedly showed him and identified the male in that picture as subject, his hitch hiker. Subject was at work on 11-20 and 21-63 but company check of employees not sufficiently close to completely discredit Yates' story. Yates described by fellow employee as a "big talker who always talks about a lot of foolishness." Yates should be afforded polygraph.

Bogard an auto salesman claims that at about 3 pm on 11-9-63 he accompanied an individual identified by Bogard as subject on new car demonstration ride; that subject drove 75 to 85 miles an hour and indicated within 2-3 weeks he would pay cash for new car. Bogard claims this individual gave his name as "Lee Oswald" and Bogard wrote name on business card which he destroyed following subject's death.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Date January 3, 19641

RALPH LEON YATES, employee, Texas Butcher Supply Company (TBSC), 2038 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, was re-interviewed at which time he stated on or about November 20 or 21, 1963, his reason for going to Charlie's Meat Market in Wynnewood Shopping Center was to pick up a small check which was payable to TBSC. He stated he did not perform any maintenance work on the equipment at Charlie's Meat Market, and that upon picking up the aforementioned check, he then proceeded to Irving, Texas as he has previously advised.

YATES advised he could furnish no additional information concerning this matter.

on 1-3-64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461

by Special Agent s JOHN T. KESLER 21 Date dictated 1-3-64
VERNON MITCHEM
MVS

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Date January 3, 19641

THOMAS AYRES, employee, Charlie's Ranch Meat Market, 249 Wynnewood Village, Dallas, Texas, advised he was on duty on November 20 and 21, 1963, however, he does not recall giving a check to an employee of Texas Butcher Supply Company (TBSC), Dallas, Texas.

AYRES advised to the best of his knowledge, only one check is issued to TBSC each month, this being payment for refrigeration equipment.

THOMAS AYRES reviewed the check stubs for Charlie's Ranch Meat Market in an effort to locate a stub indicating a check was issued to TBSC on or about November 20 or 21, 1963, with negative results.

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by Special Agent S JOHN T. KESLER 22 Date dictated 1-3-64
VERNON MITCHELL
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Date January 3, 19641

DONALD MASK, employee, Charlie's Ranch Meat Market, 249 Wynnewood Village, Dallas, Texas, advised he was on duty on November 20 and 21, 1963, however, he does not recall giving a check to an employee of Texas Butcher Supply Company (TBSC), Dallas, Texas.

MASK advised to the best of his knowledge, only one check is issued to TBSC each month, this being payment for refrigeration equipment.

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by Special Agent S JOHN T. KESLER 25 Date dictated 1-3-64
VERNON MITCHELL MVS

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**C. Hitchhiker Identified As LEE HARVEY OSWALD
Allegedly Picked Up by RALPH LEON YATES
on Date Prior to Assassination**

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*Dallas, Texas,
January 4, 1964

"I, RALPH LEON YATES, make the following statement voluntarily to WARREN C. DE BRUEYS and C. RAY HALL, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement. I have been told that I do not have to make a statement, and that I have a right to talk with a lawyer before making any statement. I have been told that any statement I make can be used against me in a court of law.

On December 10, 1963 I furnished a signed statement to C. RAY HALL and MAURICE J. WHITE, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and on this day I have re-read this statement and SA DE BRUEYS has read it to me and I now wish to make the following changes.

In my statement of December 10, 1963 I mentioned that the hitch-hiker had asked me if I knew a JACK RUBENSTEIN and that he had also said that JACK RUBENSTEIN was more commonly known as JACK RUBY and that RUBY ran the Carousel Club. I now wish to state that the hitch-hiker in my last statement who I identified as LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not mention the name of RUBY or RUBENSTEIN, but apparently had mentioned the name of JACK and it was for that reason that I asked him if he was referring to the man that owns Jack Branch Office Lounge. I wish to state now that I cannot positively state that he used the name RUBY or RUBENSTEIN.

Also in my statement of December 10, 1963 I said that the hitch-hiker had asked me if I thought the President could be killed with a gun like the one I mentioned in that statement. This is not entirely accurate. The hitch-hiker rather asked me if I thought a man could be shot from up on top of a building or out of a window.

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"In my statement of December 10, 1963 I mentioned:
'After I got back from Irving, that same day, I told DEMPSEY JONES, a man that I work with, about the conversation I had with this man.' I wish to explain that my conversation with DEMPSEY was as follows: I mentioned to DEMPSEY that a co-incidence had happened that morning, explaining that I had picked up a hitch-hiker who said the same thing that DEMPSEY and I had talked about previously, namely, that a man could be shot from a window or from a building top when a man would be coming up from under the Continental Underpass. This is all I can remember about my conversation with DEMPSEY.

Outside of the above changes my statement of December 10, 1963 is accurate.

I have read this statement and it is true and correct.

/s/ Ralph L. Yates

"Witnessed: Warren C. De Brueys, Special Agent, N.O. La., 1/4/64

C. Ray Hall, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas, 1-4-64"

Result :

File No. 100-10461-1A84

Date Received 1-4-64

From _____

By C Ray Hall
(Address of Contributor)
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes
No

Description:
4 sets questions and 4 polygraph charts,
polygraph interview of Ralph Leon Yates, 1-4-64

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Series 1

1. Is your true name helping you?
2. Do you live in Dallas County?
3. Do you work for Taylor Butcher Supply Co.
4. Do you intend to tell me the truth today
you smoke.
5. Did you furnish any false information to the FBI
6. Did you furnish any false information to your wife
7. Did you pick up a white Rican ~~with you~~ along the
Glenview Expressway?
8. Did this Rican have a package with him.
9. Tell you he had certain note in the package
10. Did you answer last question truthfully.

Series 2

1. Were you born in 1936.
2. Where were you in the U.S.A.
3. Did this pitchman ask you if you knew Jack Ruby or Kefauver?
4. Show you a photograph of himself.
5. Was this pitchman Lee Harvey Oswald?
6. Did he furnish any false information on a job application.
7. Why does he want to do this?
8. Is your wife's name Dorothy?
9. Have you told anyone you picked up Lee Harvey Oswald as a pitch man?
10. How did you tell anyone else anything different from what you told the FBI.
11. Did you tell any newspaper reporter that you picked up Lee Harvey Oswald.

6 Postponed
7 March 15

Series 3

1. Were you born in Texas.
 2. Do you have a chauffeur license.
 3. Is your mother's name Bernice.
 4. Have turned in a false claim to an insurance company.
 5. Did this hit-and-run talk to you about killing the president.
 6. Show you his photo holding a rifle and revolver.
 7. Did you let this hit-and-run out of your truck. - Don & Debra Nichols.
 8. Have you turned in any false claims for expenses to your boss.
 9. Have stolen anything from anybody.
 10. Have you ~~turned in~~ ^{turning in} any false reports to any police dept.
 11. Have been inside the Executive Club.
- You know Jack Ruby.

(A) Around 1962-1963, you were part of a team, Dr. M. and
Dr. Blodg. - Name was Dr. Collins, Columbia Clinic (Kingman)
Hospital. Dr. M. Dr. Blodg (or Blodg) - Patho Center Clinic.
AT 101. - Psychiatrist? - in service.

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Series 4

1. Welcome to the interview
2. Do you have a ~~commercial~~ ^{commercial} license to fly?
3. Have you furnished any false information to the FBI.
4. Did this letter writer you filed your Thoreau & Pfeiffer package
5. Tell you he had contact with Lee Harvey Oswald.
6. Did you see him holding a rifle.
7. Do you believe this letter writer was Lee Harvey Oswald.
8. You wrote anything you would not want your wife to know about.
9. Do you know for sure that this letter writer is John H. G.
10. Did this letter writer talk to you about shooting someone for a reward.
11. Are you sure this " man " was Lee Harvey Oswald.

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Postponed

N.B. Yolto, NO RESULT Given For This Polygraph.

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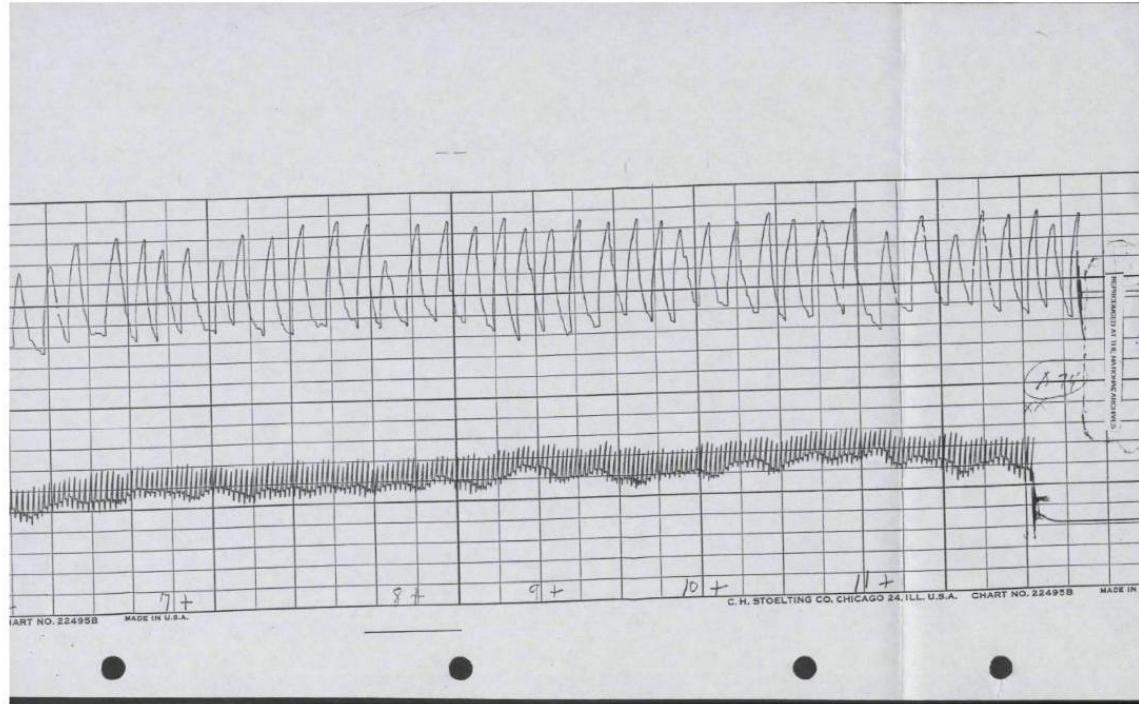
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1-4-63
Dallas, Texas

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Rex Leon Yates
Interviewed by SA C. Ray Hall & SA Warren C. Barnes
Dallas, Texas.
January 4, 1964.

No arrest

Interview began 11:23 am, 1/4/64.

Yates advised he did not have to make a statement,
that anything he said could be used against him
of his right to attorney at 11:23 am.

Interview concluded 2:21 pm, 1/4/64

Statement commenced 2:21 pm. 1/4/64

Statement completed 2:40 pm. 1/4/64

Statement signed by Yates 2:46 pm 1/4/64

Yates asked to use phone & call his wife at about 2:33 pm
which was immediately granted and call made telling
his wife of his delay.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING
Date: 1-7-64

Office: DALLAS

Field Office File No.: 100-10461

Bureau File No.: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

Efforts to identify employee at Union Terminal Company, Dallas, by name of (FNU) BRENNAN, negative. JACK KENNEDY DOUGHERTY, employee at Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), who has difficulty correlating his speech, reinterviewed and states he saw OSWALD at approximately 11:00 A.M., 11-22-63, on sixth floor of TSBD, but did not see him thereafter. EDGAR PIPER, employee at TSBD, advised he came to work at 10:00 A.M., 11-22-63, and shortly after saw OSWALD on first floor, but could not recall exact time. Did not see OSWALD after shots fired. RALPH LEON YATES, employee, Texas Butcher Supply Company (TBSC), Dallas, states his reason for going to Charlie's Meat Market on 11-20 or 11-21-63, was to pick up a small check payable to TBSC, but employees at TBSC deny giving YATES such check. Further efforts to trace slings for assassination weapon at Irving and Dallas, Texas, negative. FBI Laboratory tested 8 mm motion picture camera of ABRAHAM ZAPNUKER to determine running speed, and by applying speed of camera to film (taken with this camera and which recorded assassination), it was determined best estimate of time between first and third shots lies between approximately five and six seconds. Additional 6.5 mm cartridge cases submitted to FBI Laboratory determined not to have been fired in assassination weapon. Signature "LEE HARVEY OSWALD" in registry book of Hotel Del Comercio, Mexico City, for guests registering on 9-27-63, determined to have been written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Hand-printed employment agency application obtained from the Commercial Employment Agency, New Orleans, dated 5-7-63, and agency agreement same date bearing signature "LEE H. OSWALD", determined to have been written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Signature "LEE H. OSWALD" on hand-printed "Cotton Pickin' Application" dated 10-4-63,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
JS-R-CUBA

DATE: 1/8/64

On 1/4/64, RALPH LEON YATES was interviewed with the use of the polygraph, at the FBI Office in Dallas, Texas, by SA C. RAY HALL, with SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS present during the interview. YATES signed a waiver, consenting to the interview, on 12/10/63. Bureau teletype to Dallas, 1/2/64, authorized this interview.

During the interview, YATES was asked whether he had deliberately furnished any false information to the FBI; whether he had picked up a hitch-hiker along the R. L. Thornton Expressway in November, 1963; whether this hitch-hiker had a package with him; whether this person told him he had curtain rods in the package; whether this person asked YATES if he knew JACK RUBENSTEIN or JACK RUBY; whether this person showed YATES a photograph of himself holding a rifle; whether this hitch-hiker talked about killing the President; whether he let this person out at the intersection of Elm and Houston Streets; and whether he believed this person was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

No significant emotional responses were recorded by the polygraph when YATES was asked these relevant questions or control-type questions. Therefore, no conclusion could be reached as to whether YATES was answering questions truthfully.

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YATES denied any history of mental disturbances, or mental treatment. He stated that while he was in the U. S. Air Force, he went to military doctors inasmuch as he was having pains in his back. He said he was interviewed by a psychiatrist, about two months before being discharged, who told him he thought the pains would disappear after he was discharged from the service.

Date January 10, 1964

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During the night of January 8, 1964, RALPH LEON YATES telephoned SA C. RAY HALL, and stated he desired to talk with SA HALL again. During the telephone call, YATES was crying, and sounded as if he were emotionally upset.

On January 9, 1964, YATES appeared at the Dallas Office, and stated he had been extremely upset and nervous about the report he had made to the FBI, that he had picked up a hitch-hiker that he believed to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he had become very suspicious of the people he worked with. Everything he previously reported seemed unreal to him, as if he had dreamed it, but he is positive that everything had actually happened just as he had reported. He said that his father had a nervous breakdown when he, RALPH LEON YATES, was a young boy, but so far as he knows his father was never treated by a doctor or at any institution for this nervous breakdown. His uncle, CHARLES YATES, has been confined at the Terrell State Hospital, Terrell, Texas, for mental treatment, and is presently on leave from that hospital. His grandfather, JAMES YATES, was treated at a mental hospital at Alton, or Woodriver, Illinois, about twenty-five or thirty years ago.

RALPH LEON YATES stated, however, that he is sure he is all right. He said that it bothers him a great deal, because at one time he lived on Garfield Street, in Edwardsville, Illinois, and President GARFIELD was assassinated. BARNEY T. WYATT, who is a great uncle, or some kind of distant relative of YATES', is a printer, and WYATT has done some printing work for JACK RUBY. YATES said that things like this just seem to involve him, somehow, in something and he can't figure out what it is.

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by Special Agent C. RAY HALL:mja Date dictated 1/9/64

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YATES was very emotional and cried throughout the interview. He said he did not know why he was upset, but he just wanted the FBI to know that there was nothing wrong with him and that he was telling the truth.

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Date 1-9-641

Mrs. RALPH LEON YATES, 13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas, advised that her husband has discussed with her the report he had made to the FBI about picking up a hitchhiker he thought was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. YATES stated her husband is a very truthful person, and she ordinarily has no reason to doubt anything he tells. She does know he mentioned nothing about this to her, until after everything he told that indicated he had picked up LEE HARVEY OSWALD had appeared in the newspapers and on television. Her husband has been so upset and nervous since the assassination of President KENNEDY that she is now concerned about his mental condition. She explained that her husband was abandoned by his mother when he was less than two years old. When he was about ten years old, his father and stepmother moved away and left him to try to find a place to live with relatives, so he has felt rather insecure all his life. Her husband's paternal grandfather, name not known, was in a mental institution in Illinois for some time; his paternal uncle, CHARLEY YATES, has spent over a year at Terrell State Hospital, Terrell, Texas, and still thinks he is Jesus Christ, and his paternal aunt, Mrs. GLADYS SMITH, has spent a lot of time at Timberlawn Sanitarium in Dallas, Texas, for treatment of her mental condition.

Mrs. SMITH frequently imagines that things have happened to her, that never happened, and Mrs. YATES is now fearful that her husband is having the same type of difficulty.

Her husband has told her nothing which would indicate that he is deliberately lying about picking up LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a hitchhiker, and she thinks her husband now really believes he did talk with OSWALD, but she is not sure that this happened at all, and thinks it entirely possible her husband is suffering from a hereditary mental condition. So far as she knows, her husband has not been examined by any doctor, or treated by any doctor, for any mental condition.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 17, 1964

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On January 15, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. RALPH LEON YATES, 13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas, appeared at the Dallas Office of the FBI. Mr. YATES had a small ladies overnight case with him, and inside he had several bottles of pills and capsules which he stated he would like to have analyzed, because he thought his doctors were trying to kill him. YATES said he was afraid he was losing his mind. These bottles of medicine had been prescribed for him by several doctors over an extended period of time. It was suggested to YATES that he contact his own doctor, or seek help at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, the City-County Hospital. YATES stated he had tried to put down on paper, all his thoughts about his contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and the death of President KENNEDY, and he furnished the following written account:

"American Boy.

(1)

"To the country that I love so well.

"It all started when I was a baby, that two different partys had made a deal over me.
An america boy.

"A meniac had plained what he would due to me if an when a Pressident was assinated in my life time. he would plain it so that I would pick up the man that would kill the presindent it started with my grandmother dying of cancer. he had it planed that I someday would be infested with with the dizeaze. just be for I would lose my mind

(2)

"in case the other party double crossed him
meadicens in my cabinet would kill me if I didnt first go crazy first.

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"it was plained I would lose my mind first, by in case I didn't this was his last out. When I was in grade school I fell in love with this girl an al of a sudden she was taken away from me by mean of leaving state to finish graind up. I met this girl an she was to become my wife. an thine I retired an became a Refrigeration man. An indoing so I found that I couldn't cut my self lose from this work. know I would get job from Texas Butch suply.

(three)

"because he had plained it that way as I struggled to make a living, I found my self in a financele state. I lide to the govermet in and in to get money & also work - so he thought wouldn't go to thim an tell the truth. (Pressident) but I did tell the (truth) but they didnt believe me. Oswald told me for Revenche, He tried to leave country one month befor but they wouldn't let him. so he followed out his order's an made sure he told me, an then he knew what I would do.

"Sirley was after reveange through me for what had happen longe time ago. Met her at Jack Branch office lounge. did she know I would come ther on back of my care sticker put there with address of same place remember what was told F.B.I. about this

"top Secret Room
I think.

"Walked through the main Files of Federel Buros of Investtygastion (Why Remember truck)

"Heart attack Victim at entrance to F.B.I. Building almost unnoticed to public eyes, on date Jan 15 - 1964 check to see if it has been reported to new's paper.

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- "Walked Into Hospital at 3 min to midnit Jan 14 for something that would let me sleep. couldn't get Dr Weaver to come help me.
- "Sunday Jan 12 went to mothers house an Found book purpouse by left for me to Find.
- "at about 1100 ambulance comming South on Central with exstra amount of Red lights.
- "My Boy screaming at night. was this something to also drive me craz.
- "Red sticker on Maclintock bus - wich I hid
- "Remmember uncle went crazy over easter (illegible word) an doulbe cross on it Being writer he was sa pose to receive it an couldn't figure out why.
- "Dad to appere in court on Jan 12 - 1964 for care he Had had worked on.
- "two Bussiness men raised & Born in America an raised by mean's of communism My be my Boses. But are so wrapt up in there bussiness world must have made a slip some where. Check this an more.
- "a broken water vale at station, a blinking light a care with gear shift mest up. that I delivered to Bronco Bool picked up checke for one dollar. a dentist filld me an wif's teeth Pristine Reyell. Shirley moved to mothers and then moved back ~~an~~ kept sam phone number How after 3 mounths cabells rezince to run ~~from~~
- "In book also 1600 Pennsevanile Ave. Washington one Dallas spy's (Mybe?)

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- "shirleys father at terrell wher my uncle was Mr. Burk alway asking me what good are you doing for your country?
- "Voltze wagon's going to terrell an back al time.
- "two motors out out Frank todora's at Jan 12
- "two aspirins given me by parents Jan 14 11.30 took two batch an went to Bayler on this date one care with two people in it one I think was Bill grovenor's so Bought 100 gas an package of cigert.
- "men getting in attic to check why wall was cracking

"All this to test the American Boy an to see if I would g crazy be for I could wright this an there are more but can't remmemeber every thing

"medicine bottles
58568
No. 80007
No 80006
No 58567

one bottle with
out sticker & med from
prisstane Royle fomaze*

"A person who was a minac could master mine this to perfection even to it snowing my last day's

*(this portion of original account marked through with pen).

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"remember no one thought the President would get shot, Oswald would a police man kill a something like this could happen but it has.

*Remmar this Placed

Place's

"Albacuquerque New Meaix
Grand Saline
Terrell Texas.
Dallas Texas

"Grand Saline 1 a red & whit blue flage
2 truck with Security on it.
3 a read truck with side Bord's
an chain holding them to geather
4 Two Voltzwagon's an a Bicycle
5 Two Brooken windows corner house
my street
6 A crack in my wall.
7 Men diggen alover my nebahood
fixing craked wall's But Wouldn't
fix mine

*Remember these names

D L Jones
(three words illegible)
Blackie Blankinship
Lee
Rush Gilpin
Same Owins'
Carmen Shurb. (Marrie Jordon)
Mr Burk.
Chaney Refrigeration (job.)
Ray's Refrigeration
Ray Presler

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"Serve All Co.
Bryant Latham
Ray Hall Fedderel Burae of Investigation
Elvilyene Yates Step Mother left 7 yr's returned
Jimmie Yates
Bernice Gordon (Real Mother)
Alvin Hardamen
Gladis Smith
Jam's Orvis Smith
Clarley Jordon
Sam's Meat Mkt
Jordon's Meat Mkt
Beattie's (Phills Cafe Arkenson)
Snell Refrigeration
Mr Hooker. (Texas Butcher)
Parkit Mkt Irvig Texas
Phill Beck.
Church Be hind dad station
clock stoped at 3:10
Book on floor, a package
of cigeretts a burnt Match
five pictures, a tached
Bible

Blue Stair on Glens Idq
store on central.
Big Goldin star
Bronko boll
Shirley Floyd & Husband
Mood & Vick cafeteria"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 17, 19641

Mrs. RALPH LEON YATES, 13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas, advised that on January 14, 1964, after her husband had been at the FBI Office in Dallas, Texas, she went with her husband to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. After contacting doctors there, RALPH LEON YATES was admitted as a patient, and placed in Woodlawn Hospital, for observation and psychiatric treatment for a period of ten days to two weeks.

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allegation that individual named STACY may have had something to do with telescopic sight on assassination weapon, negative. FBI Laboratory examination of two books in Russian entitled "Book of Useful Advice" and "Our Children" did not reveal any indications they were used for code or cipher purposes. Examination of blue jacket (previously identified by MARINA OSWALD as belonging to subject) reveals several brown head hairs and head hair clippings in the debris removed from such jacket. Such hairs match in microscopic characteristics the previous submitted hair samples of OSWALD. None of the textile fibers previously removed from assassination weapon could be associated with this jacket. No gunpowder residues present on this jacket. Additional investigation conducted concerning OSWALD's alleged effort to purchase car at Dallas, Texas on 11/9/63. RUTH PAINE states OSWALD was at her residence on afternoon of 11/9/63 and in her opinion it would have been impossible for OSWALD to have been at Downtown Lincoln-Mercury, Dallas, on that date. Identities of four individuals who may have witnessed shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT, obtained. Additional investigation conducted concerning MARION MEHARG having possibly furnished false information. Investigation into alleged passing of rifle from one man to another day or so prior to assassination in parking lot near TSBD reveals deer hunting season opened in State of Texas on Saturday, 11/16/63, and during week beginning 11/18/63, number of persons were returning or borrowing rifles for hunting purposes. Reinterviews of Mexican women who saw transfer of rifle, not sure of make or color of car to which transferred. Investigation reflects RALPH LEON YATES (who previously furnished information to the effect that he picked up hitchhiker believed to be OSWALD on date prior to assassination and let him off near TSBD) is possibly suffering from hereditary mental condition and was admitted as patient to Woodlawn Hospital for observation and psychiatric treatment. Efforts continuing to locate WILLIAM McEWAN DUFF who was allegedly seen with OSWALD seven or eight months ago in Dallas. Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of subject, has publicly announced she has retained New York Attorney MARK LANE without fee to