

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT2.
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ORIGIN	OFFICE	FILE NO.
TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	
Investigative Research	Continued	Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	(Robert A. Surroy)
Dallas, Texas	May 13, 1964	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
SAIC Sorrels, SA William Patterson, SA Roger Warner, SA John Joe Houlett and SA Gene V. Mafford		
LEADS		

SYNOPSIS

Robert A. Surroy, 3506 Linderoood, Dallas, identified as person for whom Robert Klaus printed the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference by N/A dated 5-12-64.

Other Investigations

On 5-13-64, SA Mafford and SA Houlett interviewed Mrs. Ruth Klaus at her place of employment, Union Bankers Insurance Co., 2521 Elm St., Dallas. Mrs. Klaus agreed to accompany us to the Secret Service Office, Dallas, so that we might talk in private. This arrangement was also acceptable to her employer.

SAIC Sorrels and SA Houlett interviewed Mrs. Ruth Klaus at the Dallas Secret Service Office. Mrs. Klaus readily admitted that she and her husband, Robert Klaus, printed the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets at Lettercraft Printing Co., 2815 Oak Lawn, Dallas, late one evening. Mrs. Klaus said that she was unable to recall the date that the leaflets were printed and that she has been trying to remember the date for the last few days since we had been talking with her husband and she knew that we would more than likely be talking with her. Mrs. Klaus said that she did not see the copy that the text of the leaflet was taken from and that she only saw the negatives of President Kennedy's picture. Mrs. Klaus said that she did not know for sure where the negatives were made but assumed that her husband had the negatives made at Monk Bros. as that was where they had most of the work done. Mrs. Klaus said that to the best of her memory they printed 10,000 copies of the leaflet. When they completed printing the leaflet she said they packed them into two boxes and left them in a storeroom at Lettercraft. She and her husband then went home and she said she never saw the

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leaflets again. However, she said she kept one sample copy which she later destroyed after the assassination. She said her husband talks very little and that he never said her for whom he printed the leaflets. She said that she asked him when she first saw the leaflet who it was for and her husband told her that it was none of her business.

Mrs. Klaus said that she did not know the price of the job but estimated it to be about \$50. She said a few days after they printed the leaflets that her husband gave her \$20. She said her reason for helping print the leaflets was because she needed the money and that she thought the "Wanted for Treason" leaflet was a joke until the President was assassinated.

While Mrs. Klaus was being interviewed at the Secret Service Office, Dallas, her husband, Robert Klaus, came into the office and said that he wanted to tell the story about the "Wanted for Treason" leaflet. Mrs. Klaus said that she did not want her husband to know that she had talked with us and she was escorted out of the office through a back door.

SAIC Sorrels, SA Patterson and SA Warner interviewed Robert Klaus in the Dallas Secret Service Office. Robert Klaus identified his customer as Mr. Robert A. Surroy, 3506 Linderoood, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-7741. He said Surroy was a salesman for the Johnston Printing Co., 2700 North Haskell, Dallas, Texas, telephone TA 3-6191. Klaus said that Surroy came to him and said that he had a printing job that he wanted him to do for him. Klaus agreed to do the job for \$10 and Surroy provided two pictures from a magazine and the text copy on what printers call a "railroad board". Klaus was unable to make a negative of the magazine pictures and took them to Monk Bros. to be photographed. Klaus himself shot a photograph of the text copy on the camera at Lettercraft Printing Company. Klaus then made the plate from the negatives that Monk Bros. had made and the negatives that he had made. Klaus said that he printed the leaflets by himself late one evening, and Mr. Surroy picked the leaflets up the next evening.

Klaus said that Surroy told him that he, Surroy, had a customer who wanted these printed up and that he, Surroy, could not handle the job. Surroy never did name the individual for whom he was placing the order.

Robert Klaus said that the leaflets were printed about a week or maybe two weeks before the assassination and his wife, Ruth Klaus, said that it was about three weeks prior to the assassination. Efforts were made to more accurately determine the date, but Mr. and Mrs. Klaus were unable to do so.

Mr. Klaus said that to the best of his memory he printed 5,000 copies of the leaflet. Mrs. Klaus said that to the best of her memory they printed 10,000 copies of the leaflet.

The interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Klaus were recorded on a portable dictaphone and the tapes are being held in the files at Dallas.

Mr. Robert A. Surroy is known to be associated with General Edwin Walker. Information at the Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, indicates that Mr. Surroy is an aide to General Walker.

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It is also reported that the picket signs used when the Dallas Theatre Center was picketed in 1962 were made at the home of Robert Surray.

Karin Surray, daughter of Robert Surray, presented a bouquet of flowers to Madam Ngo Dinh Nhu when she visited Dallas. This was supposed to be during an "American Day" celebration. The "American Day" celebration was to counteract United Nations Day.

The American Eagle Publishing Company published a book containing the news stories from the Dallas Times Herald and the Dallas Morning News. The back cover of this book contained a letter on the letterhead of "American Eagle Publishing Company" and was signed by Robert A. Surray, President American Eagle Publishing Company. This book which sells for \$6.00 was distributed by the American Book Store Company, 6930 Snyder Plaza, Dallas 5, Texas.

The American Eagle Publishing Company is believed to be controlled by General Edwin Walker. Lt. Jack Revill, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, reports that he has received numerous complaints that the American Eagle Publishing Company is anti-Jewish, anti-negro, etc. Lt. Revill reports that some organizations from the opposite end of the spectrum try to keep tabs on what the American Eagle Publishing Co. is doing. For this reason, it is possible that Mr. Surray did not want to print the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets at the American Eagle Publishing Company.

On Sept. 30, 1962, Ashland Frederic Burchmell (CO-2-36,662) was arrested in Dallas, Texas, with several guns and a large quantity of ammunition in his car. Burchmell stated at that time that he was enroute to Mississippi to assist General Walker. Burchmell had in his personal effects the unlisted telephone number of Mr. Robert A. Surray. Burchmell also admitted working for General Walker.

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Investigation continued.

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Investigation Research	Continued	Assassination of President Kennedy			
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Robert A. Surray			
Dallas, Texas	May 25, 1964				
INVESTIGATION MADE BY					
DAID Forrest V. Sorrels					
DETAILS					
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>					
Robert Klausne claims he did not talk to Robert A. Surray regarding "Wanted for Treason" leaflets until the day he, Klausne, came to the Secret Service Office in Dallas.					
<u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>					
Reference is made to memorandum reports submitted by Special Agent John Joe Howlett, Dallas, dated May 14 and 15, 1964.					
<u>Other Investigations</u>					
On May 25, 1964, Robert Klausne was contacted by telephone and questioned as to whether or not Robert A. Surray had contacted him or discussed with him the "Wanted for Treason" leaflets after Surray had picked up the leaflets a week or two before November 22, 1963. He was specifically asked if Surray had contacted him after the assassination of President Kennedy. Klausne stated that Surray had not mentioned the leaflets to him at any time after the leaflets had been delivered to Surray. Klausne stated that on May 13, 1964, before coming to the Secret Service Office in Dallas, he had contacted Surray and informed him that he was coming to the Secret Service Office at our request and that Surray had remarked, "Well, that's the way the ball bounces."					
Mr. Klausne stated that if Surray had talked to him about this matter or if he knew anything else that he would gladly tell us, as he feels much better after having visited our Dallas office and telling what he know about the leaflets.					
It might be stated here that Robert A. Surray was requested to appear for an interview at Dallas, Texas, with a representative of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and he declined to do so, with the					
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