

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date

Mr. THURL EDWARD COLLINS, residing at 1314 California Street, Woodbridge, Virginia, and employed in the Printing and Engraving Shop of the Woodward and Lothrop Department Store, Washington, D.C., advised that on February 29, 1964, he retired from the U. S. Army. His Army Serial Number is RA 15250553, and prior to discharge he was serving with the Army in the rank of E6 at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

COLLINS advised that he was serving at this installation at the time of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY's death in November, 1963.

COLLINS stated that about three days prior to the assassination of former President KENNEDY, he was in the "Roaring Twenties" Bar, El Paso, Texas, approximately 5:00 p.m. having a drink. In walked two men who went to the bartender, named "STEVE". When they talked to "STEVE", COLLINS said he overheard some of the conversation. Both men identified themselves to "STEVE" as Special Agents of the FBI and they displayed to this bartender a photograph of a woman. These Agents did not mention the name of the woman they were inquiring about. COLLINS advised that he obtained a good look at the photograph at the time it was displayed to "STEVE". He stated that the Agents asked "STEVE" if she worked at his place, and "STEVE" advised that she had come in the place seeking a job, but she was not hired. The Agents left this bar after their conversation with "STEVE".

The next evening, about two days prior to the assassination of former President KENNEDY, COLLINS stated he was at the "Hut", another bar in El Paso, Texas. While there around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., the same two Special Agents of the FBI came in and talked with a tall buxom blonde employee at this place. They displayed some article to her and COLLINS said he believed it to be the same picture that these Agents had displayed to the other bartender, "STEVE".

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but he could not be sure since he did not see this photograph or whatever was shown by the Agents. He stated that he overheard the blonde employee, name unknown, advise the Agents that this person worked at the "Hut", starting at 6:00 p.m.

COLLINS said that two days later KENNEDY was assassinated and immediately thereafter, the El Paso newspapers "were full of Oswald, Ruby and an employee of Ruby at his place of business, whose first name he recalls as MILLIE". COLLINS stated that she looked like the same person as the one in the photograph he saw at the "Roaring Twenties" bar, El Paso, Texas, in the possession of the two FBI Agents who talked to the bartender named "STEVE". He stated that he cannot be positive, however. He stated the woman in the paper worked as a dancer for JACK RUBY. He advised that he has thought about this for some time, and often wondered that if the two women were identical, then the FBI must have been checking up on RUBY and his employees prior to the assassination.

He stated that he doubted that he could recognize the girl, "MILLIE", mentioned above, or the Agents of the FBI previously mentioned even if he should see them again. COLLINS advised that since his discharge from the Army, he has thought about this matter for some time, and then decided that he should report the matter to the U. S. Secret Service for their information.

COLLINS stated that he could be mistaken since he is not positive that the picture of RUBY's employee in the newspapers was positively the same as the photograph in the possession of the Agents at the "Roaring Twenties". He advised that he did not have any further information in this matter.