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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F.  
KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

On November 22, 1963, Mrs. Patricia A. Ferguson, who is employed as a traveling saleslady for Empire-Craft and resides at R.D. #1, Transfer, Pa., advised that on November 21, 1963, she and fellow employees were at Mansfield, Ohio, attending sales conferences at the Leland Hotel, where they were also staying.

Mrs. Ferguson continued that shortly before Midnight, November 21, 1963, at the conclusion of a sales meeting, she and two female associates visited the cocktail lounge at the aforementioned hotel for the purpose of having refreshments. Mrs. Ferguson noted that she does not indulge in intoxicants.

Shortly after being seated, an unidentified, white male entered the lounge, slowly consumed two highballs at the bar, and after, approaching their table and requesting to join them, sat down at the table. Almost immediately, according to Mrs. Ferguson, he expressed his dislike for Mr. Kennedy and his policies, and emphatically remarked, "Mr. Kennedy is going to be assassinated. I'm not going to do it, but he will be assassinated." Mrs. Ferguson stated that she and her companions briefly engaged in a heated discussion with this individual, expressing their disfavor in what he was saying. She said that he emphatically used the word "assassinated" on two occasions after making the original remark. After they informed him that they were disgusted with his remarks, they hurriedly left their table and departed from the lounge. Subsequently they discussed the matter with their immediate supervisor, Mr. Al Baumgartner, who was also

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attending the sales meeting. He suggested that this be reported to the FBI.

During the morning hours of the following day, Mrs. Ferguson said that she did not have time to report the matter, but upon hearing of the actual assassination of the President at approximately 2:30 P.M., she and the aforementioned companions went to the Manager of the Leland Hotel and apprised him of this individual's remarks and asked him to report it to the FBI. The manager volunteered that he was acquainted with this individual and implied that he was a frequent visitor at the hotel and possibly lived in the Mansfield, Ohio, area. He assured them that he would report the matter.

After departing from Mansfield, later that day, Mrs. Ferguson and her companions discussed the matter and after agreeing with one another that they were very concerned, they stopped while enroute to Transfer, Pa., at approximately 7:30 P.M., and called the manager of the hotel long distance to determine if he had reported the matter. They talked to him briefly, at which time he stated that he didn't feel as though it was a serious situation and did not intend to report this to the FBI. He further implied that he didn't want the hotel to be involved in this situation.

Mrs. Ferguson described this individual as a white male; approximately 50 years of age; 5'10" tall; 190 to 200 pounds; blue eyes; bald head with hair around the sides and rear of his head; full, fat face; ugly; backs of both hands spotted with noticeable sores and scars; appeared educated; wore dark suit, white shirt, tie, dark coat; talked with snappy, clipped tones and boasted that he was reared in and knew the area around Mansfield, Ohio, and probably was not a guest at the hotel at the time. She also stated that it was her impression that this individual was not under the influence of liquor at the time.

Mrs. Ferguson said that she had no additional information of value to offer, but thought it was her duty to report this immediately to the FBI.

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