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UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT
JACK TAR CAPITOL HOUSE HOTEL,
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA,
NOVEMBER 10-12, 1963

On December 31, 1963, the following individuals were contacted at the Jack Tar Capitol House Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, concerning the statement allegedly made by an unknown individual in the coffee shop of the Capitol House Hotel on either November 10, 11, or 12, 1963. This statement was, "If we can't get a man in by ballot, we'll get rid of this one with a 30-30":

N. W. O'Rourke, Manager;

Robert Eisenberg, Assistant Manager;

Wilbur Russ, Bell Captain;

Lonnie Hymel, Bellboy; and

Preston Eggers, Jr., Manager,
Associate General Contractors of
America, whose office is in the
Capitol House Hotel.

All of the above persons advised that they did not overhear any such remark, but that a number of politicians do gather in the lobby and coffee shop of the Hotel and do make statements in opposition to the Kennedy Administration.

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The above individuals pointed out that the weekend of November 9-12, 1963 was immediately following the first Democratic primary in which DeLesseps S. Morrison and John McKeithen were the two candidates for Governor for the State of Louisiana successful in reaching the second Democratic primary. They pointed out that if such a remark had been made by anyone in the coffee shop, it could have related to the governor's race or any other local election.

Photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald were exhibited to each of the persons interviewed, and each recognized this photograph as being that of Oswald because of recent publicity, but all stated OSWALD had never, to their knowledge, been at the Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge.

Mr. N. W. O'Bourke furnished the names of the following individuals who wore stetson hats:

Senator A. C. Rappolet, Assumption, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes, registered at the Capitol House Hotel November 12, 1963;

Representative Jessie McLane, St. Tammany Parish, registered at the Capitol House Hotel for November 9, 11, and 12, 1963;

Senator A. C. Gilbert, Catahoula, Franklin, and Richland Parishes, not registered during pertinent period;

Representative J. E. Jumonville, Iberville Parish, not registered during pertinent period;

Senator Sylvan Freidman, Natchitoches Parish, not registered during pertinent period;

Senator Henry N. Kimball, Iberville Parish, not registered during pertinent period;

Senator Cecil Blair, Rapides Parish, not registered during pertinent period; and

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Representative T. J. Struther, Allen Parish,
not registered during pertinent period.

Mr. O'Rourke stated that although several of the above persons were not registered during the pertinent period at the Jack Tar Capitol House Hotel, they could have been at the Hotel during the day without being guests there. He stated that any of the above individuals could have made a statement in opposition to the Kennedy Administration, but none of them would have considered utilizing violence in supporting the opposition to the Kennedy Administration.

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