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On January 31, 1964, Mrs. BERNICE H. FRACTION, 3509 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that she during June or July 1963, was employed as an entertainer-singer at the Ascot Restaurant, 13th near E Street, Washington, D.C. She said that one night approximately at 10:30 p.m. during her engagement she met a patron of the club who identified himself as MIKE VINICH, of Jackson, Wyoming. Between her numbers, she had several drinks with him and he told her, during conversation, that he was in Washington as a result of being a member of the PT-109 crew which President JOHN F. KENNEDY had during World War II in the Pacific. VINICH claimed to be in Washington, D.C., for a reunion of this group. She stated VINICH, at the time she met him, had been drinking, although he did not appear intoxicated and his speech was normal. She stated she had several drinks with him, and he left the restaurant about one and one-half hours after he came in.

She said that during the time she was talking with him in the Ascot Restaurant, he stated President KENNEDY was going to be shot. She said that she was amazed at this and asked him how he knew this. He did not explain the statement any further, but repeated that President KENNEDY would be shot. She also advised that she was friendly with him because he told her that he was the brother of the nationally-known comedian DANNY KAYE. She stated she took his story about being DANNY KAYE's brother at face value because in her mind he did resemble KAYE.

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She stated that while in the club, she recalled that the Manager of the Ascot, Mr. ZUPALUPA, known as "Mr. Lucas," and her accompanist, ANITA SPAIN, had some conversation with Mr. VINICH.

She said that Mr. VINICH returned the next evening early in the evening and stayed until closing time, approximately 12:30. She had several drinks with him between numbers the second night, and, when it was time for her to go home for the night, it was raining out and she offered him a ride to his hotel in her automobile. She said that Mr. VINICH drank a considerable amount of liquor that night and his speech became thickened towards the end of the evening.

After leaving the Ascot Restaurant, they went to Britts Restaurant, in the 1200 Block of M Street near the Tivoli Restaurant, to have breakfast. They had breakfast and left there at approximately 1:30 to 2:00 a.m. and she dropped him off near his hotel in the vicinity of 13th and D or E Street. She said he was reluctant to leave the automobile, but he appeared to be quite intoxicated, and she wanted to get away from him.

She said that she wrote his name down on a match book the first night when he told her he was from Jackson, Wyoming. The next evening, he told her he lived at 1835 Marouposa, Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. FRACTION described MIKE VINICH as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Citizenship:	American
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Age:	Middle-aged
Complexion:	Dark, leathery
Hair:	Dark, short-cropped
Build:	Medium

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Idiosyncrasies: Slight hitch in his walk when
he walked fast. Unusual-
looking, sectioned shoes.

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