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JAMES JOSEPH DELANEY

On the night of March 3, 1964, James J. Delaney, Airman Third Class, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that on the day after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (November 23, 1963), he had hitchhiked from Colorado Springs to Denver, Colorado. He was picked up by a man driving a 1955 Cadillac with a Texas license. In the back seat was a high-powered rifle with a "scope." The man said he had driven from Dallas and made the statement that he had had no trouble getting out of Dallas. Delaney said that the incident had been bothering him, and he did not know why he had not previously reported it.

James Joseph Delaney was determined to be an Airman Third Class assigned to the 4700 Communications Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

On March 4, 1964, James Joseph Delaney was located at the Honey Bucket, a beer bar and restaurant, 504 East Pikes Peak Avenue, and advised that he had been drinking at the Honey Bucket on the night of March 3, 1964, and had been somewhat intoxicated when he decided to put in a telephone call to the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He stated that he had been hitchhiking between Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado, the day after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (November 23, 1963) and was picked up at Castle Rock about 3:30 p.m. and given a ride to Denver. He said the man who picked him up was driving a 1955 Cadillac white convertible, and he noted the Texas license number as PP-5335. He said that what struck him as unusual about this person was the fact that he casually made a comment to him about what a tragic thing it had been that President Kennedy had been killed. He said the driver of the car merely shrugged

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and barely made any comment whatsoever; was extremely casual about the matter, and acted unconcerned.

In addition, he said the man said he had traveled straight through from Dallas, Texas, the night of November 22, 1963.

He said he asked the man, "How was it in Dallas?", and the man said something to the effect that it was pretty hectic, but he had no trouble "getting out of Dallas." The man also pointed to a high-powered rifle which bore a telescopic sight and a Monte Carlo stock which was lying on the back seat. He also made the comment that he had a "hell of a time" getting out of town.

Delaney also stated that this individual also told him during the conversation that he had received a "general" type discharge from the Marine Corps. He also mentioned that he would be staying at Denver at the Colorado Hotel and also mentioned that he was employed by the Texaco Company painting service stations.

Delaney described this person as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 years
Height	6 feet 3 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, somewhat long
Complexion	Tanned
Characteristics	Nice looking; wearing sport shirt, white levis, and cowboy boots.

Delaney said that this individual had a very small dog in the back seat which was brown in color and looked like a Chihuahua.

Delaney said that the reason he had not reported this incident before is because he felt that the assassination case was cleared up with the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald; however, he said that newspaper and other publicity media had referred to Oswald as the "accused" slayer of the President; and when Delaney was drinking at the Honey Bucket on the night of March 3, 1964, he began to think about the incident that had happened to him on November 23, 1963, and decided to call the information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at Denver. He said he had written the Texas license number on a piece of paper which he had saved until this interview.

Delaney is single and was born January 5, 1944 at Chicago, Illinois. He is assigned to the 4700 Communications Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is a teletype operator and cryptograph operator. His home address is 638 South 18th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. He lives in the barracks at Ent Air Force Base. He received an interim top secret clearance November 20, 1963.

Mr. Elton Hobbs, Texas Oil Company, 805 West 38th Street, Denver, Colorado, advised on March 5, 1964, that his company does not have on their payroll directly as Texas Company employees any painters. He advised further that all painting of service stations is done by contract with various painting contractors. Mr. Hobbs added that the description of the unknown individual does not suggest anyone to him that is in the employ of the Texas Company in the Denver area.

Mr. Francis Dejmal, Manager, Colorado Hotel, 406 17th Street, Denver, Colorado, advised on March 5, 1964, that his records reflect that several individuals registered in his hotel on the afternoon of November 23, 1963; however, none of these individuals furnished a Texas address and the hotel does not require a record of the vehicles driven by their guests. He advised further that the hotel would turn away any guest with a pet, such as a dog. He continued that he does not recall anyone being a guest in his hotel who answers the description of the unknown individual described above.

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