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GEORGE (NMN) COLTON, who resides care of Mr. and Mrs. STEVE MILLER, Fairpoint, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Esquire Supper Club, Bethlehem Boulevard, West Virginia Route 91, near Wheeling, West Virginia, and furnished the following information:

He is presently employed as bartender at the Esquire Supper Club. He has been residing at Fairpoint, Ohio, with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. STEVE MILLER, since the latter part of December, 1963. He is single.

From October 1, 1963, to December 20, 1963, he was employed as Head Bartender in the Hunt Room of the Capitol House Hotel, located on Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While employed there, he resided at the Heidelberg Hotel, which is located across the street from the Capitol House.

On the day of the funeral of President KENNEDY, or the following day, a young white male, 25 to 32 years old, about 5'8" tall, weighing about 165 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, black hair, slightly wavy, heavy black eyebrows, dressed well in a business suit, sat down at the bar while COLTON was tending bar. The man did not wear glasses. This man gave his name as ARGOSKI or AGROSKI (phonetic) or some other similar name. He mentioned that he was of Polish extraction, and that his father had been a coal miner somewhere in Pennsylvania. COLTON told him they had something in common, because COLTON also came from a coal mining area. COLTON had never seen the man before this visit. The man stated he was employed by an overseas insurance company, selling insurance overseas. The man stayed at the bar for about a half hour and had two beers. While at the bar, the man asked how everything had been going. Then he said he guessed everything had been going fine the past three or four days in that part of the country. COLTON does not recall the exact wording the man used, but it was similar to that given above.

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ENCLOSURE

According to [COLTON] many people in the Baton Rouge area had been making derogatory remarks about the late President, and on one occasion after the assassination and before the funeral, some of the people sitting at the bar had told [COLTON] to turn the television off, that they were tired of hearing about the assassination. [COLTON] does not recall the identities of any of the individuals who made derogatory statements, or who requested that the television set be turned off. Asked why he took more note of the man mentioned above, [COLTON] stated that this man seemed "odd." He was unable to give any specific reasons why this man impressed him differently than did the other people who frequented the bar.

About three weeks after the first visit to the bar, the man returned. He sat down at the bar at about 8:00 PM, and stayed there for about an hour and a half or longer. During the time he was at the bar, he had three or four beers. When he entered the bar, he acted as though he had already had a few drinks. He was feeling "good," that is, he was not drunk, but was somewhat "tipsy." About four or five times he gave the busboy, a Negro male, named [PEARL] [AUTREY] (phonetic), a dollar bill and asked him to have the piano player, [GENE] [ELSNOR] (phonetic), play a song called "Street of Dreams," or some similar name, exact name not recalled. The man told [COLTON] that the song was a "good old Texas song." When [COLTON] asked how the song could be a Texas song, the man said, "We kill them in Texas on the street of dreams," or some other words to that effect. On this occasion, [COLTON] reminded the man that he had seen him in the bar before, and asked his name again. The man said his name was YANSEN or YANNEN, or some other similar sounding name. He is not certain of the sound or spelling of the name the man gave.

The man, on this second visit to the bar, acted as though he was trying to pick a fight with [COLTON]. [COLTON] does not recall the various things the man said that caused him to believe the man was trying to fight with him, but does recall that he showed the busboy a ring he was wearing, a large ring with a square setting, with a red stone in the setting, and made a remark to the effect that he could smear [COLTON]'s face with the ring.

[COLTON] overheard the man talking to [PEARL AUTREY] the busboy, and heard him mention something about CASTRO, but does not know what the man said to [AUTREY] about CASTRO. [PEARL] [AUTREY] should recall the man, because [COLTON] mentioned to [AUTREY] that he would never forget the man. The Cashier and waitresses at the Hunt Room of the Capitol House should recall the man, and may be able to recall more of his conversation than [COLTON] because it was a busy evening, and [COLTON] was serving other customers. [COLTON] does not recall the name of the Cashier and recalls only that one waitress had the first name VERA, last name unknown.

[PEARL AUTREY] who engaged in conversation with the man, attends college in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [COLTON] does not recall the name of the college.

[COLTON] was again asked why he felt the man mentioned above would know something about the assassination of President KENNEDY. Again he was unable to furnish any specific reasons for this belief. He could only say that the man acted "differently" from the other people in the area, and "didn't seem right."

During the course of the interview, in describing the man in relation to himself, [COLTON] described himself as 5'8" tall, 180 pounds. His full name is [GEORGE COLTON] and he has no middle name. He is single and was raised in the [Fairpoint, Ohio, area.