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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
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On January 18, 1967, Mr. WILLIAM J. RINGER, Brooks Hotel, 134 East Main Street, Auburn, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, The Boeing Company, Auburn.

Mr. RINGER furnished the following information:

In 1963, he lived in Dallas, Texas, for about two months, then moved to Fort Worth, Texas. At that time, he was living with his wife, LORETTA VIOLET RINGER, who was working at the coffee shop in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. After they moved to Fort Worth, Mrs. RINGER continued working at the Adolphus Hotel and Mr. RINGER would drive her to Dallas to her employment each morning and pick her up each evening at about 10:00 PM.

Mr. RINGER stated that across from the Adolphus Hotel is located the bar, or club, owned by JACK RUBY and another bar, the name of which he does not recall. Occasionally, he would wait for his wife to get off from work in the bar not owned by RUBY, and a couple of times he waited in RUBY's bar. He, on occasion, observed RUBY in his own bar and at the other bar. However, he was not acquainted with him and knew him only by sight and reputation.

Mr. RINGER stated he never, at any time, observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD and, more particularly, never observed him in the company of JACK RUBY nor did he ever make any statements to the effect that he had ever seen JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD together.

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He stated that his daughter, Mrs. DWIGHT BAILEY, is only sixteen years old and at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY, she was thirteen years old and apparently has the facts mixed up as to the discussion of the assassination of President KENNEDY which took place in their home at that time.

In order to straighten out the facts, he related the following conversations which took place between him and his wife:

His wife told him that JACK RUBY frequently came into the Adolphus Hotel Coffee Shop where she was employed for approximately one year, and she knew him by sight and name. He does not recall that she ever mentioned the fact that she observed JACK RUBY in the coffee shop in the company of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, nor does he recall that she mentioned the fact she ever saw OSWALD in RUBY's bar.

His wife did tell him that approximately one week before President KENNEDY was assassinated, a man, whose name was unknown at that time and who appeared to have been drinking, came into the coffee shop and in the presence of Mrs. RINGER, the coffee shop hostess and another waitress, pulled out a large sum of money and stated he wanted to rent the coffee shop to have a party for some of his friends. The man stated he knew several big businessmen around town and that he had a big deal going. After showing the money, he made a remark that there was more where that came from, indicating the money. When the employees asked him about the money and his association with these businessmen, he suddenly stopped talking.

Mr. RINGER also stated she had observed this man around the same period of time in the coffee shop alone. Mr. RINGER does not recall on how many occasions he was observed alone, but his wife stated that she and another waitress had waited on this man.

After President KENNEDY was assassinated, the hostess, Mrs. RINGER and the other waitress recognized LEE HARVEY OSWALD as being the man who was in the coffee shop with the large amount of money and who was in the coffee shop on occasion by himself.

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Mr. RINGER stated these facts were never reported to any authorities because his wife and the other employees of the coffee shop were afraid of RUBY because of his reputation as a rough man. He left this matter up to his wife and the other employees as to whether or not it would be reported.

Mr. RINGER stated he has forgotten some of the details of the conversation with his wife, but he was sure she would remember. He stated he does not know his wife's home address, that they are presently separated. However, his wife works at the Chesapeake Furniture Store in Dundalk, Maryland, and can be contacted there or she can be contacted through their daughter, Mrs. LORETTA MARTIN at 3439 Sollers Point Road, Dundalk, Maryland.

Mr. RINGER further advised that in order to pinpoint the location of the bar where he frequently waited for his wife, it was located next to a garage. He stated there are three bars across the street from the Adolphus Hotel: one, as previously mentioned, next to the garage; the second being JACK RUBY's bar, which is located on a second floor; and the third is a private club.