

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On April 6, 1968, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS, 809 Meg Drive, furnished the following:

HANNERS went to the Aeromarine Supply Company on Airport Highway twice on March 29, 1968. The first time was about 10:00 A.M., and he was there for about an hour, during which time he made a purchase. He returned sometime between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M., and stayed until sometime after 4:00 P.M. About fifteen minutes after he arrived, a man wearing a business suit, dark brown in color, came in and looked at some rifles. From this man's actions it was obvious to HANNERS that this man knew little or nothing about rifles. He was waited on by an employee named BAKER. He finally purchased a Remington, model unknown, rifle and ordered a scope sight to be installed at that time. HANNERS left sometime after 4:00 P.M. and at that time this purchaser was still in the store. At the time HANNERS left, the purchaser was watching BAKER equip the rifle with the scope sight. HANNERS said he is quite positive he could identify this purchaser if he ever saw him again.

HANNERS recalled that this purchaser talked to a customer who was in the store at the same time on March 29, 1968, which customer was buying a gun case for a Vermont model rifle. This customer apparently was well known to BAKER and HANNERS recalls seeing this customer have some conversation with the purchaser of the rifle.

HANNERS advised he had no conversation with this purchaser nor did he hear him mention any name, locality, occupation, residence, and/or automobile. When HANNERS left the store he noticed there were several cars parked in the store parking lot, but could not recall any one specific car, except a small red midget-type compact. HANNERS further said he had never seen the purchaser of the rifle before nor has he seen him since this occasion.

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HANNERS furnished the following description of the purchaser of the rifle:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 38 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 lbs., with slight "pot"
Hair	Dark brown and wavy on top, thick on the sides
Eyes	Open as if looking intently at something
Clothing	Dark brown business suit, white shirt and tie
Speech	Possibly Southern
Manner	Acted shy, quiet speech, not forward in manner or speech, not observed smoking.

On April 7, 1968, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS said he did not recall hearing the purchaser of the rifle speak enough to definitely identify his voice or his accent, if any. He only recalls the purchaser specifically saying to HANNERS in connection with the purchase of the rifle, "I'll take this one."

In going over his actions in the store on a minute-to-minute basis, HANNERS said he believes he arrived between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M., that the purchaser of the rifle arrived fifteen minutes later, that the son of the owner of the store DON WOODS, came into the store about thirty minutes after the purchaser of the rifle had arrived, and that HANNERS left the store about one and one-half hours after he had first arrived which would have been sometime between 3:30 and 4:00 P.M., at which time the purchaser of the rifle was still in the store.

HANNERS recalled that the young man who was buying the gun case for the Varmint model rifle was a white male, about 25 years, 5'10", 170 lbs., black, thick, long hair combed straight back. This individual was still in the store with the purchaser when HANNERS left.

HANNERS said that the purchaser drew HANNERS' attention because of his obvious lack of knowledge concerning rifles.

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HANNERS also recalled that there was another individual behind the counter other than BAKER who was gray-haired. HANNERS further recalled seeing that there was more than one rifle on the counter during the time the purchaser of the rifle was discussing the purchase with BAKER.