

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, 17 Montevalle Lane, Mountain Brook, furnished the following:

DE SHAZO is a regular and frequent customer at Aero-marine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham. DE SHAZO is also a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and therefore has an extensive and avid interest in weapons.

On March 29, 1968, DE SHAZO went to the Aero-marine Supply Company, arriving sometime around 3:00 P.M. He was there for about one to one and one-half hours. At the time he arrived, the son of the owner, DON WOODS, was out to lunch, and DE SHAZO wanted to conduct his business with WOODS. About twenty minutes after DE SHAZO arrived, a man in a dark shade of brown business suit which was wrinkled as if he had been working or traveling came into the store. DE SHAZO said his first impression of this man was that he did not look like a hunter or an outdoorsman and that he appeared to be out of place in the store. It was apparent to DE SHAZO in watching this man that he did not know anything about rifles. He looked at and handled several different weapons and finally decided to buy a Remington Model 700 .243 Winchester. He also ordered a Redfield Variable scope. The total cost of this purchase would have been about \$270. DE SHAZO recalled saying to this man, "You've really got quite a gun there - you'll have to learn how to use it." The man replied that he was going deer hunting with his brother or brother-in-law, in Wisconsin, who had invited him to hunt. This man also said that he was now able to buy a rifle so he was going to get a good one. Sometime while DE SHAZO was observing this man, he noticed that he could detect the odor of alcohol on his breath. He said the man was not obviously bleary-eyed, nor was his speech slurred, but he had definitely been drinking. DE SHAZO said when he left the store this purchaser was still in the store waiting for a salesman named BAKER to get the scope sight mounted on the rifle that this man had purchased.

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DE SHAZO said he could recall only two laborers into the store while this man was there and that there were two persons behind the counter, BAKER and a man named STEPHEN.

DE SHAZO said the man gave DE SHAZO the impression that he was not from Alabama. This man was quiet, soft-spoken, and was not observed smoking at any time. DE SHAZO said several times that his attention was drawn to this man because of his lack of knowledge of weapons and, in DE SHAZO's opinion, that man had no business getting a rifle. He said he had thought at the time that this is the type of person who buys a rifle to kill his wife, and who gives the use of weapons a bad name.

DE SHAZO said he could positively identify the man who purchased the rifle and scope sight should he ever observe him again.

DE SHAZO furnished the following description of the man who purchased the Remington rifle and scope sight.

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30 - 32 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 - 175 lbs.
Hair	Brown, combed straight back wavy
Manner	Quiet, soft-spoken, non-smoker
Clothing	Wearing wingtip shoes, a medium priced, wrinkled, dark brown business suit, white shirt and tie.