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CHARLES E. NAIL, JR.  
Mansfield, Ohio

On November 21, 1963, Mrs. Patricia A. Ferguson, R. D. 1, Transfer, Pennsylvania, advised while in Mansfield, Ohio, accompanied by two associates in the cocktail lounge of Leland Hotel the following occurred:

An unidentified white male, after having a couple of cocktails at the bar, approached their table and asked to join them and sat down. He expressed a dislike for President Kennedy and remarked, "He is going to be assassinated. I am not going to do it but he will be assassinated."

She reported they left in disgust and the next day asked the manager of the Leland Hotel to report the incident to the FBI as he had indicated he knew the person.

On November 23, 1963, Mr. William Roderick, Manager, Mansfield - Leland Hotel, advised that he received a long distance call from apparently the woman referred to above reporting this incident to him. Also, he learned from one of the other women in the party relating to the same matter.

Roderick stated from the description furnished by the woman he felt certain it was Charles E. Nail, Jr., of 528 Midland Drive, Mansfield, Ohio, whom he knew quite well and for that reason did not refer the matter to the FBI as he knew his remarks would be meaningless.

Nail's father, Charles E. Nail, Sr., is President of the Mansfield - Leland Hotel and the Lumberman's Mutual Insurance Company, also of Mansfield, Ohio.

Roderick stated Charles E. Nail, Jr., drinks heavily on occasions and on November 16, 1963, had a quarrel with his wife, drank considerably and became very sick at the bar. He also pointed out Nail becomes very talkative when intoxicated.

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The bartender at the Leland Hotel stated that Nail told him on November 21, 1963, he had been making the rounds of several bars. Nail talked to him about the three women at the table, joined them and a short time later they left in apparent disgust. He later determined from Mr. Roderick that Nail apparently made disparaging statement concerning President Kennedy.

On November 23, 1963, Charles E. Nail, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Lumberman's Mutual Insurance Company, home address, 528 Midland Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, admitted he was very intoxicated on November 21, 1963, after having been drinking heavily for several hours. When he returned to the Mansfield - Leland Hotel Bar, she met and engaged three saleswomen in conversation. Their conversation turned to politics and mention was made of rumors concerning President Kennedy's personal life of an uncomplimentary nature. Conversation continued in the political vein. He denied knowingly making any statement of a threatening nature, indicating violence towards President Kennedy.

Nail stated that he has often in the past used the statement, "He ought to be shot," when indicating his disgust towards a person involved in an unfavorable incident.

He did not express any displeasure towards President Kennedy but rather shock and dismay over his assassination. He said that he has supported him since his election and thought he has done a good job. Nail disclaimed any prior knowledge of any acts of violence towards President Kennedy. He denied association with any subversive group and more particular the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He emphatically denied to the best of his knowledge using the word "assassinated" in his conversation with the three women at the Leland Bar.

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