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FROM SAC, LOUISVILLE /105-620/ 5 PAGES

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS DASH R. OO DALLAS.

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS, AND
LOUISVILLE FOUR FORTY FOUR PM NOVEMBER FOUR LAST CAPTIONED
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTY TWO
LAST, DALLAS, TEXAS.

ON DECEMBER FIVE INSTANT PATROLMAN MARVIN MEYERS,
COVINGTON, KY., PD ADVISED SA JOHN M. BARRY THAT APPROXIMATELY
TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO ON A THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AFTERNOON, HE
HAD JUST COME ON DUTY AT HIS POST IN DOWNTOWN COVINGTON, KY.,
AND WAS IN COPPINS DEPARTMENT STORE, SEVENTH AND MADISON
TALKING TO BILL SCHNELL, WATCH REPAIRMAN FOR COPPINS, WHICH
TIME WAS SHORTLY AFTER ONE O-CLOCK PM WHEN AN OLD WOMAN, WHOM
HE DESCRIBED AS BEING WELL DRESSED, OVER SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE,
BUT NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION, APPROACHED HE AND SCHNELL AND SAID
QUOTE I HEARD THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SHOT END QUOTE.

ACCORDING TO MEYERS AND SCHNELL, SHE ASKED SCHNELL
TO TURN ON HIS RADIO TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION. MEYERS STATED
HE WAS ABLE TO ASSURE THE WOMAN THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT BEEN
SHOT AND SHE CALMED DOWN. HE STATED HE THOUGHT NO FURTHER
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CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT UNTIL AROUND ONE THIRTY PM ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, WHEN ONCE AGAIN HE HAD JUST COME ON DUTY AND WAS TALKING WITH BILL SCHNELL AT COPPINS DEPARTMENT STORE. THE SAME WOMAN APPROACHED HE AND SCHNELL AND REMARKED AGAIN THAT SHE HEARD THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN SHOT. BOTH HE AND SCHNELL RECOGNIZED THIS OLD WOMAN AS THE SAME PERSON MENTIONED ABOVE AND ONCE AGAIN THEY TRIED TO ASSURE HER THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT BEEN SHOT AND TO CALM HER DOWN.

MEYERS STATED THAT A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY WERE ADVISED BY SOME UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT THIS STORE THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD IN FACT JUST BEEN SHOT IN DALLAS, TEXAS.

MEYERS STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN THIS OLD WOMAN DESCRIBED ABOVE BEFORE OR SINCE THE ABOVE TWO OCCASIONS BUT HE STATED HE WOULD BE ALERT FOR HER AND IF HE SAW HER AGAIN, WOULD OBTAIN HER IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE. MEYERS WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH A DESCRIPTION OF THIS WOMAN WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT SHE WAS OVER SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE AND VERY WELL DRESSED. HE TOOK HER FOR A SHOPPER AND DID NOT PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO
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HER NOR DID HE REALIZE AT THE TIME THE IMPLICATION OF WHAT SHE HAD SAID.

MR. WILLIAM SCHNELL, WATCHER REPAIRMAN, COPPINS DEPARTMENT STORE, COVINGTON, KY., ADVISED TODAY THAT HE RECALLED ON THE DAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS ASSASSINATED THAT HE AND PATROLMAN MEYERS OF THE COVINGTON, PD, AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY OR TWO PM WERE TALKING WHEN AN OLD WOMAN CAME UP TO THEM AND SAID QUOTE I HEARD THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT UNQUOTE. MR SCHNELL SAID THAT AT THAT TIME HE DID NOT THINK ANYTHING OF THIS, HOWEVER, A FEW MINUTES LATER HE HEARD SOMEONE MAKE THIS STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD IN FACT BEEN SHOT IN DALLAS, TEXAS ON THAT DAY.

MR. SCHNELL SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN THIS WOMAN IN THE STORE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS BUT THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD HER MAKE ANY STATEMENT IMPLYING THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE SHOT NOR HAD HE HEARD OF HER MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENT. HE STATED THAT IN REGARD TO HE AND PATROLMAN MEYERS HAVING HEARD THIS WOMAN MAKE THIS STATEMENT TWO OR THREE WEEKS PREVIOUSLY, THAT HTHIS
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WAS DEFINITELY NOT SO BUT HE COULD NOT SAY THAT PATROLMAN
HAD NOT HEARD THIS STATEMENT.

MR. SCHNELL STATED THAT ALSO PRESENT ON THE DAY THE
PRESIDENT WAS ASSASSINATED, AND AT THE TIME THE WOMAN HAD
REPORTED TO THEM THIS INFORMATION, WAS MR. FRANK STANBAUGH,
THE FLOOR MANAGER OF COPPINS.

ON DECEMBER FIVE SIXTYTHREE, MR. STANBAUGH ADVISED THAT
HE RECALLED THAT ON THE DAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT SOME
WOMAN FIRST REPORTED THIS INCIDENT TO HIM AND MR. SCHNELL IN
COPPINS DEPARTMENT STORE AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT PATROLMAN
MEYERS OF THE COVINGTON PD WAS PRESENT. MR. STANBAUGH STATED,
HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD THIS WOMAN MAKE THIS STATEMENT
BEFORE ALTHOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE WOMAN HAD BEEN IN
THE DEPARTMENT STORE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

ON DECEMBER FIVE, SIXTYTHREE, PATROLMAN MEYERS WAS RE-
CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT HE COULD NOT BE POSITIVE THAT THE
WOMAN WHO HAD ACTUALLY REPORTED THE ASSASSINATION OF THE
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PRESIDENT WAS IDENTICAL TO THE WOMAN WHO ON PRIOR OCCASION HAD MADE SOME REMARK ABOUT THE PRESIDENT BEING SHOT. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN HE HAD HEARD A WOMAN MAKE SOME REFERENCE TO THE SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT AND IN FACT WAS VERY NEBULOUS AS TO THE EXACT STATEMENT HE ALLEGEDLY HEARD FROM SOME WOMAN PRIOR TO NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE. PATROLMAN MEYERS COULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT SCHNELL HAD NOT HEARD THE STATEMENT AS MEYERS HAD REPORTED AND BECAME VERY EVASIVE WHEN ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD HEARD AND WHEN HE HAD HEARD IT.

DALLAS AND CINCINNATI ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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