



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio  
December 3, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 62-2758

RE: EDWARD RICHARD HELTON  
902 Vine Street  
Hamilton, Ohio

On December 2, 1963, [redacted] Hamilton, Ohio, advised that while at Hoppies Garden, 902 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton, between 7:30 and 8:15 P.M., on December 1, 1963, he was at the bar with the owner and bartender, Walter Newman, Lester Long, Jr., 911 Greenwood Avenue, and captioned individual, who resides at 920 Vine Street, Hamilton.

[redacted] was seated towards the end of the bar while Edward Helton was standing at the extreme end of the bar.

[redacted] Hamilton, did not know Helton and made no conversation with him, but Helton commented [redacted], "They spent one and a half million dollars to get rid of Kennedy". [redacted] made no comment and prepared to go to another part of the bar when Helton stated, "I contributed \$100.00 of the one and a half million". [redacted] joined Lester Long, Jr. farther down the bar. Helton walked over to them and said it would take four million to get rid of "Johnson". [redacted] said that he and Long ignored Helton, who then returned to his end of the bar and announced that he would bet \$50.00 that "Johnson" would not finish his term. Walter Newman who overheard this remark, threw \$50.00 on the bar in front of Helton and said, "Put your money where your mouth is". Helton replied that he did not really want to bet.

[redacted] stated that Helton was sipping 3.2 per cent beer and was still there when he, [redacted] left.

On December 2, 1963, Walter Newman advised that Helton, a neighborhood resident, has a reputation for being a braggard and a "pop off". He is a loner and has no close

friends or associates. He was in Hoppies Garden from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M., December 1, 1963, at which time Newman overheard Helton announce that he would bet \$50.00 that President Johnson would not complete his term. Newman stated he immediately covered the bet and Helton backed down. Newman advised that Helton had a total of three beers while at the bar, but Newman heard no other comment by Helton who left shortly thereafter.

Mr. Newman stated he would not consider statements by Helton to be responsible, that Helton has been in no trouble to his knowledge, holds membership in the Monkeys Mutual Aid Society of Hamilton, which is a social fraternal organization that provides insurance benefits. He further stated that there is no question as to the loyalty of the members of this organization and that he has never had reason to suspect the loyalty of Helton.

On December 2, 1963, Edward Richard Helton was interviewed at his residence, 920 Vine Street, Hamilton, Ohio, and furnished the following information:

On December 1, 1963, he spent the entire day at the Monkeys Mutual Aid Society, 303 Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio. He advised he was alone and consumed one quart of whiskey while there. From this location he went to Hoppies Garden around 7:30 P.M. and was there for 30 to 60 minutes. He stated he may have made statements to the effect that it cost one and a half million dollars to get rid of President Kennedy, that he had contributed \$100.00 of this amount, that it would take four million to get rid of President Johnson, and that he would bet \$50.00 that President Johnson did not finish his term. He said he does not recall having made such statements, had no prerogative to make such statements and that he frequently makes comments while drunk without knowing what he says.

He does not belong to any organization other than Monkeys Mutual Aid Society. He said he considers himself a completely loyal, patriotic, American citizen and has the greatest respect for the President of the United States and other Government authorities.

He stated that if comments were made by him that it would be without meaning, that he frequently attempts to upset Walter Newman while in Hoppies Garden and may have remarked as above for this purpose. He has never had \$100.00 to contribute to any cause nor has he had \$50.00 to bet on anything. He said he is employed at General Electric Corporation, Evendale, Ohio, as a millwright in the Maintenance Department where they do general machinery repair work and fence building. He is employed in Building 700 and has identification card number 6993. He works on the 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. shift, and has been with General Electric since 1951.

Helton could furnish no information concerning former President John F. Kennedy's assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald, or Jack Rubenstein, and stated he does not know and is not acquainted with either Oswald or Rubenstein.

*Ed. ...*  
*Richard*  
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*H. ... Ohio*  
Mr. Helton is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Birth Data:	July 14, 1909, Emiline, Virginia
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	135 pounds
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Hazel, wears black rimmed glasses
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slight
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	Anna Helton, nee Kolb
Son:	William Edward Helton, 307 Brookfield Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio
Grandchildren:	Four.

