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RE: Mrs. MURIEL SMITH

On December 3, 1963, Mr. EDWARD PARTYKA telephonically advised SA RICHARD N. THOMAS that he desired to talk to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since he had information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY.

PARTYKA said he was at the Walgreen Drug Store in the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, East First Avenue and University Boulevard, and wanted an Agent to meet him at this location.

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EDWARD PARTYKA, 134 Garfield, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He stated he has been employed at the Profile Room, Stanley Plaza Hotel, 1560 Sherman, for the past seven and one-half years except for the period June to October, 1963, when he worked at Ramon's Restaurant, 235 Fillmore Street, Denver, Colorado.

PARTYKA stated during this time he has become acquainted with Mrs. WILLIAM ROBERT SMITH who resides at 888 Logan. Her husband is retired secretary of Thrift Finance Company, 725 18th Street, Denver, Colorado. He described Mrs. SMITH as age 50, gray hair, dresses expensively, a heavy drinker and loud talker.

Beginning in June, 1963, he remembered the following remarks Mrs. SMITH made during her presence at the Profile Room:

"Mark my words, Kennedy won't finish his term. A lot of radicals hate his guts -- Left Wing, Right Wing, Castro, and the Russians. They also hate Connolly, too, because he is a friend of Kennedy's."

PARTYKA also overheard her saying in June at the Profile Room, "suppose he can't do the job, but I don't see why not. He has all the tools and has had a dry run for a year now."

In October, 1963, at Ramon's Restaurant and Bar, 235 Fillmore, PARTYKA overheard Mrs. SMITH mention the name "LEE OSBORNE" and the same evening when she left the bar made the statement, "Ruby will handle".

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PARTYKA advised that he had resided in Dallas, Texas, from 1941 to 1951 and worked at the Town and Country, Italian Village, and Sanny's Restaurant. He said Mr. and Mrs. SMITH go to Dallas and Mexico City approximately every six months on vacation and are acquainted with some of the better entertainment and eating establishments in Dallas. She had told PARTYKA her favorite spot in Dallas was the Carousel. In another conversation regarding Texas, Mrs. SMITH told PARTYKA, "Johnson will take the spot and Rockefeller will be the next elected president. General Walker also hates his guts," (meaning KENNEDY).

In early November, 1963, PARTYKA stated he waited table on four men at the Profile Room, two of whom he believes to be JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD. He stated when he came to work that day his boss, ROGER SPERTE, assigned him to their table and stated the men were in a hurry to catch a plane and for him to give them as quick service as possible.

PARTYKA described the four men as follows:

The No. 1 man whom he believes to be RUBY, "looked like STAN MUSIAL from the profile". He wore a gray shiny suit, white tie with narrow gold line running lengthwise, gold wrist-watch and appeared nervous.

The No. 2 man whom he believed to be OSWALD, was described as 5'7", wore a dark suit and tie, and had a receding hairline.

The No. 3 man was described as tall, dark hair, black mustache, wore brown sport jacket, middle thirties, and spoke with a Cuban accent.

The No. 4 man was described as short and stocky build, wore thick dark-rimmed glasses and appeared to be in his middle 50's.

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PARTYKA said the men left the Profile Room at approximately 7:00 p.m. The man who resembled RUBY left a few minutes before the other three. When leaving the table one of the three men remarked "where's Jack?" (whom PARTYKA now believes meant RUBY).

PARTYKA advised that a close associate of Mr. and Mrs. SMITH is LLOYD BOYD, President, Thrift Finance Company, 725 18th Street, Denver, Colorado. He said Mrs. SMITH is frequently seen in the Profile Room and Ramon's Restaurant with BOYD but he does not think they are having an "affair" but are old friends. Mr. SMITH is the retired secretary of the Thrift Finance Company. He does not believe BOYD was at the table that evening with the four men but was in the bar.

He stated that since President KENNEDY's assassination, neither LLOYD BOYD nor Mrs. SMITH have been in the bar. He feels this peculiar inasmuch as they have been regular customers during his employment there the past seven and one-half years.

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Mrs. MURIEL G. SMITH, Office Manager, Gold Suites, 666 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, advised her residence is Apartment 6C, 888 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado. Mrs. SMITH advised she has never in her entire life resided or visited Dallas, Texas, and has never at any time visited Mexico or any other country on business or pleasure. Mrs. SMITH stated she does not know JACK RUBY, or LEE OSWALD or anyone with similar sounding names, of Dallas, Texas, and she has never heard of them until President KENNEDY was assassinated. She further stated that she has never heard of Governor CONNELLY of Texas until he was shot in the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mrs. SMITH advised that she personally has been an admirer of former President KENNEDY and of his family, however, she did believe he was spending too much money in running the Government. She stated that she has never had any real strong political feelings regarding the Government and categorically denied making any statements that were attributed to her. She stated she has no idea as to how anyone could say anything about her regarding the KENNEDYS as she felt genuine remorse and sympathy for the KENNEDY family when the President was shot. She stated that to the best of her recollection she has not been out of the State of Colorado within the last three or four years and the last time was a visit to Phoenix, Arizona around Thanksgiving Time of 1959 or 1960.

Mrs. SMITH advised that she and her husband and daughter occasionally go to Ramon's Restaurant at Denver to eat dinner out and also have been to Le Profile Room but she never has more than one or two drinks of Champagne during dinner or afterward. She stated that she has never been intoxicated that she can recall, nor does she make any boisterous statements regarding politics. Mrs. SMITH stated that she has no idea of any enemies or people who dislike her who would say that she would say detrimental things regarding the former president and is at a complete loss to explain it.

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MURIEL G. SMITH, nee Martin
Date of Birth	March 21, 1919
Place of Birth	New York City, New York
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5'6"
Weight	122 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Addresses	Present Address - 888 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado, December, 1959 - Present.
	1010 Magnolia Street, Denver, Colorado, 1955 - 1959.
	3025 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado, 1947 - 1955.
	1165 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, 1945 to 1947.
Education	Graduated East High School, Denver, Colorado, 1936.
Parents	Dr. ALBERT W. MARTIN, father, deceased. Mrs. FLORENCE MARTIN, mother, 1014 Emerson Street, Denver, Colorado.
Daughter	BEBORAH SMITH, age 11.

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Husband WAYNE ROBERT SMITH, formerly employed as Treasurer of Thrift Industrial Bank, Denver, Colorado, presently unemployed.

Occupation Office Manager, Gold Suites for Moore Realty Company, Denver, Colorado, March, 1963, to Present. Prior ten years was unemployed and a housewife.

Criminal Record Denied.

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ROGER SPERGE advised that he is associated with the Le Profile Room, a restaurant at 1560 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, but that he did not know the Mrs. WILLIAM ROBERT SMITH or any regular customer with a similar name. He stated that he had heard no one either in or out of the restaurant make any remarks before or after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY which did suggest that they intended to take his life or wanted anyone to assassinate him. He stated that he was well acquainted with Ramon's, a restaurant in the Cherry Creek District of Denver, inasmuch as he is a personal friend of the owner, RAMONO LENCEVANO. He stated that he had heard no one make any remarks concerning a LEE, a RUBY, or any other name which could be linked up with LEE OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He advised that he was quite familiar with the appearance of both OSWALD and RUBY since having seen their photographs in the local newspapers and he emphatically stated that, based on the fact that he is in the business of meeting people and recalling faces, he was sure neither OSWALD nor RUBY had ever been in the Le Profile Room. He commented that he was sure that he would recall any statements made by any acquaintance of his to the effect that they wished President JOHN F. KENNEDY to be dead, and that he could recall no such statement.

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On December 3, 1963, review of the Denver Directory of 1962 reflects WAYNE R. (MURIEL G.) SMITH reside at 888 Logan Street, Apartment 6C, Denver, Colorado, and he is employed as Secretary-Treasurer of the Thrift Finance Company.

On December 13, 1963, Police Technician MELVIN WALBRIDGE, Denver, Colorado Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, advised he could locate no record for a MURIEL G. SMITH.

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Mr. JOSEPH SPERTE, Scotch-N-Sirloin Restaurant, 1196 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, advised that he was familiar with a Mrs. WAYNE R. SMITH who resided at Apartment 6C, 888 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado. He stated he considered her to be a very nice person about 45 to 50 years of age. He commented that on occasions in the past he had noted that she drank considerable amounts and that on occasions she became somewhat boisterous, but that she had never mentioned anything to him or in his presence which could be interpreted as meaning that she would be glad if President JOHN F. KENNEDY was dead. He said that he frequented the Le Profile Room in Denver as well as other restaurants quite often inasmuch as he is involved with the management of the various restaurants, and that he had never seen anyone in any of the restaurants in Denver who resembled the pictures of JACK RUBY or LEE OSWALD which he had seen in the press. He stated that Mrs. SMITH has never discussed any kind of politics with him, and that he would have recalled any such discussions had they occurred because he feels that one of the cardinal rules as a restaurateur is to avoid political discussions with his customers.

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Mr. MARVIN V. COOK, Scotch-N-Sirloin Restaurant, 1196 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, stated that he is very well acquainted with Mrs. WAYNE R. SMITH inasmuch as she frequently visits various restaurants which are located in buildings owned by Mr. COOK. He stated that he considered her to be very nice and one whom he had never seen to drink to an excess. He also stated that she would be most unlikely to make any remarks which suggest that she would be happy if anyone was to be killed. He commented that she had never made any remarks to him or in his presence that would indicate she would be happy if Mr. KENNEDY was dead nor had he ever heard her mention anyone by the name of JACK RUBY or LEE OSWALD either before or after the assassination. Mr. COOK added that he had never seen anyone whom he believed to be identical with OSWALD or RUBY in Denver at any time.

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Mr. ROBERT W. BOYD, Vice-President, Thrift Finance Company, 725 Eighteenth Street, Denver, Colorado, was interviewed in the absence of Mr. LLOYD ROYD, President of the company. Mr. BOYD advised that he is well acquainted with Mr. WAYNE ROBERT (BOB) SMITH and his wife, MURIEL, who reside at 888 Logan Street, Denver.

Mr. BOYD explained that he met Mr. SMITH as an officer of the Thrift Finance Company when he commenced employment with that company in 1947, and was closely associated with him, in both business and social activities, from that time until Mr. SMITH retired from active management about June, 1963. He explained that Mr. SMITH is still one of the major stockholders of the company, and added that to his knowledge, SMITH has not taken any other position or actually been employed since June, 1963. During the last several years of his employment, he served as Treasurer of the Thrift Finance Company.

Mr. BOYD further explained that Mr. SMITH married MURIEL MARTIN about twenty years ago, and that they have one daughter, DEBBIE SMITH, age twelve, who is a "playmate" of the daughter of Governor JOHN LOVE of Colorado.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. SMITH was also employed by the Thrift Finance Company, and after marriage, she was employed by Western Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Moore Realty Company in Denver. Following the birth of her daughter, she was unemployed for several years, until early in 1963, when she again accepted a position with the Moore Realty Company. She is presently employed for that company as a Manager of the Gold Suites Office Building, 666 Sherman Street.

Mr. BOYD described Mrs. SMITH as forty-two to forty-five years, tall, medium build, white hair, quite attractive, and always dressed in excellent taste. He described Mr. SMITH as ~~fifty years, five foot ten inches tall, 250 pounds, large build, and bald.~~

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Mr. BOYD stated that both Mr. and Mrs. SMITH are individuals who enjoy life and "live quite high", but to the best of his knowledge are absolutely loyal citizens who have never indicated any particular interest in politics or political questions. He described them as "hard-headed business people" who have never been attracted to any type of radical ideology, and who, in fact, seldom discuss politics to more than a casual extent. He added that Mr. SMITH's father, now deceased, was employed by the United States Internal Revenue Service for many years.

Mr. BOYD stated that to his knowledge neither Mr. nor Mrs. SMITH have ever had any relatives, business associates, or other possible contacts in Dallas, Texas; and he does not believe that either of them have been in Dallas within recent years. During the past several years, they have spent nearly all their vacations in the vicinity of Phoenix, Arizona. He has never heard either of them mention any acquaintance by name of "LEE", "JACK" or "JACK RUBY." He said that if seeking entertainment, Mrs. SMITH only patronizes the most luxurious restaurants or clubs, and that in his opinion she would never, under any circumstances, enter an establishment such as the Carousel Club even if she was in Dallas.

He stated that Mrs. MURIEL SMITH does drink considerably socially, but that he does not consider her to be an alcoholic. He stated specifically that he has never known her to drink anything except champagne, and that even if she is drinking, she is not prone to brag or even exaggerate. He has never known her to make any "wild" statements which did not have some basis of fact.

Mr. BOYD advised that the only actual friends of Mr. and Mrs. SMITH in the Denver area have been responsible business people, contractors, or bankers, none of whom he would question in any respect. He continued that Mr. and Mrs. SMITH do dine out rather frequently, and that they often patronize the La Profile

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Room and Ramon's Restaurant in Denver. He said that by being patrons of these establishments, they have become casual acquaintances of JOSEPH SPERTE, Manager of the La Profile; ROGER SPERTE, Manager of Ramon's; and a waiter named EDWARD PARTYYKA who has worked at both establishments.

In regard to PARTYYKA, Mr. BOYD stated he has obtained a couple of loans from the Thrift Finance Company on the basis of his casual acquaintance with Mr. WAYNE ROBERT SMITH, and that the company has had considerable difficulty with this account. He said that he has personally discussed this delinquent account with EDWARD PARTYYKA on several occasions within recent months, and that he has threatened to discuss the matter with PARTYYKA's employers. Although he has promised in various ways to relieve the delinquent account, PARTYYKA has failed to do so and is several payments in arrears at this time. Mr. BOYD said that he has found PARTYYKA to be "a liar" and completely unreliable in regard to this matter. He said, however, that even though PARTYYKA came to the Thrift Finance Company because of a reference from Mr. SMITH, he does not believe that SMITH, or his wife, have ever contacted PARTYYKA relative to this delinquent account because SMITH acted strictly as treasurer of the company and never, at any time, attempted to supervise any of the accounts or loans.

Mr. BOYD advised that records of the Thrift Finance Company reflect that EDWARD and ADELIN PARTYYKA, 134 Garfield Street, Denver, Colorado, first obtained a loan from that company on July 16, 1962 in the amount of \$216.69. The balance of this account was incorporated in a new loan made December 6, 1962, in total amount of \$504.00 repayable in 12 months at the rate of \$42.00 a month. The records reflect that payments were only made on January 4, 1963; April 22, 1963; August 5, 1963;

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September 17, 1963; and October 21, 1963. The current outstanding balance is \$239.39. On loan application dated July 16, 1962, PARTYYKA indicated that he resided at 1269 Logan, Apartment 31; that he had been employed as a waiter at La Profile Room for six and one-half years; and that his nearest relative was his mother, Mrs. ROSE GAZDA, 2211 East Baltimore Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. He also listed the name of a brother, STANLEY PARTYYKA, employed by the Martin Company, and his mother-in-law as Mrs. MARY WATKINS, 8417 (no street), Dallas, Texas.

Mr. BOYD concluded that although his contact with Mr. and Mrs. SMITH has been only infrequent and casual during the past few months, he absolutely does not believe that either of them would ever enter any "plot" or even make any brash statements relative to possible harm to the late President KENNEDY or any other individual. He added that the President of his company, Mr. LLOYD BOYD, has not had any more contact with Mr. and Mrs. SMITH than he has and, furthermore, has never had any direct contact with EDWARD PARTYYKA relative to the aforementioned loan.

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