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File No. 157-3310-1A1
Date Received 4-5-68
From Donald F. Wood
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
405 Lance Lane
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
B'ham, Ala- (CITY AND STATE)
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By Neil P. SHANAHAN (NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)
To Be Returned 🖂 Yes Receipt given 🗀 Yes
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Description:
Signed Statement

Birmingham, Alabama April 5, 1968

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This information was not given to me personally by this individual, but I determined it from the bill of sale that was prepared by Mr. Baker.

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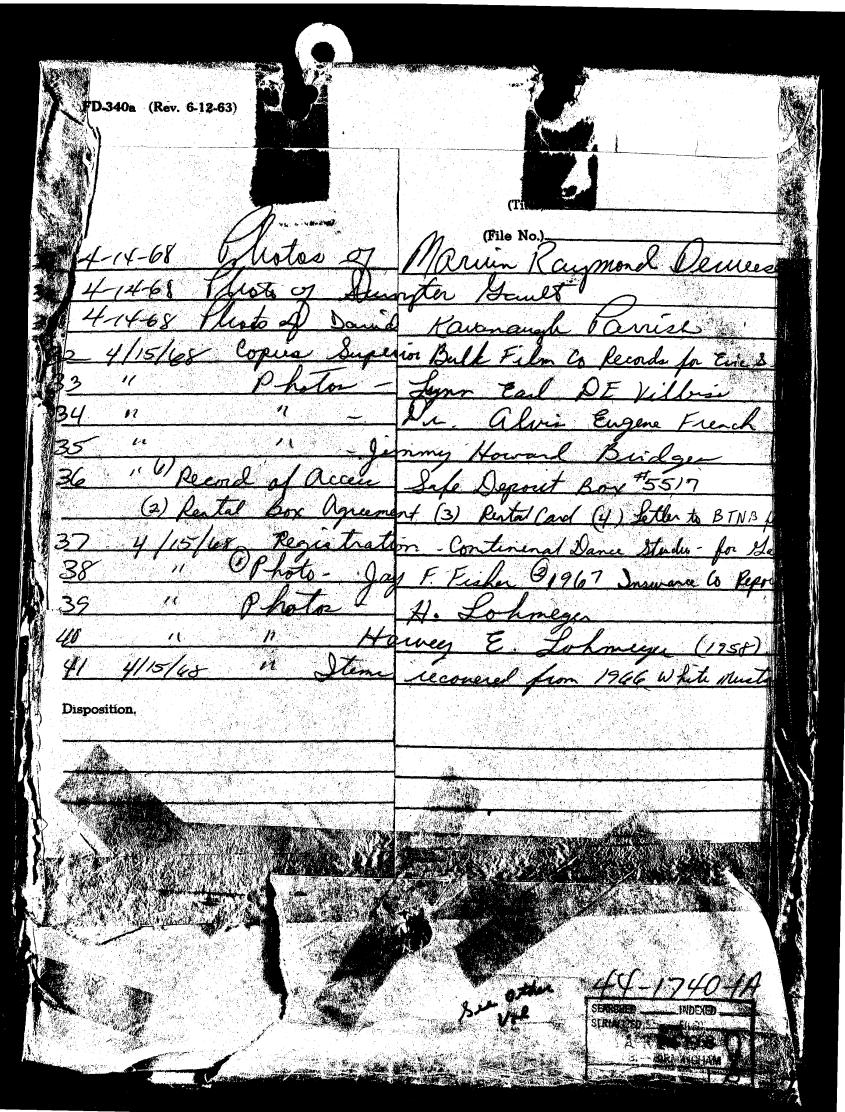
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Birmingham, Alabama April 5, 1968

I, U. L. MATTHEW BAKER, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN and J. T. ARNETT, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I reside at 1408 Clermont Drive, Birmingham, Alabama. I am employed as a salesman by Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama. I am 50 years of age, and I have been employed by Aeromarine Supply Company since April, 1946. I have a hearing deficiency and I wear a hearing aid.

At about noontime, March 29, 1968, a customer made an inquiry regarding purchasing a rifle. This customer was a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", 150 to 155 pounds, age approximately 32 to 35 (he later gave me the age of 36), medium complexion, normal features, nothing outstanding that I can recall, and brown hair.

He was dressed in a coat, slacks, shirt and tie.

I do not recall any large contrast in the color of the coat and slacks and they may have been matching. I do not recall the exact color of his clothing. He appeared to be neatly dressed.

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I do not recall this man's exact words but I gained the impression that he wished to buy an all-purpose rifle, one that could be used to shoot small game or large He did not ask for any particular make or caliber I showed him a Remington model 700 rifle, .243 Winchester caliber. This is the only rifle I showed this He asked me about buying a scope and asked my suggestions about what power scope he should use on this I suggested that he purchase a Redfield 2X - 7X I gained the impression that this man was not familiar with guns. He agreed to purchase the rifle I had shown him and also the scope. He also purchased one box of .243 caliber cartridges and a base and mount for the scope. The .243 Winchester caliber cartridges were manufactured by the Norma Company. I made up a sales document from Aeromarine Supply Company Invoice #2251A. The customer gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, address 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. I have observed this sales document and apparently when I made the number 9 in 1907, I had first misunderstood the customer because I have written over some number but it appears to me now to be the number 9. I do not recall what I had first written. I cannot recall or decipher my handwriting to determine what I had originally written

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on this document. By referring to a copy of this sales document, the customer gave me his age as 36. I sold him one Remington model 700, Aeromarine Supply Company stock or item #759A. This gun is a bolt-action rifle, caliber .243 Winchester, Serial Number 283749. The price of this rifle was \$134.95. I sold him a 2X - 7X Redfield scope, list price \$94.50, discounted price \$74.60; one Redfield JR700 base and Redfield DL rings used to mount the scope, list price \$23.90, discounted price \$20.32; one box of .243 caliber cartridges manufactured by the Norma Company, price \$4.65. The total price was \$234.52, with tax of \$14.07, making a total of \$248.59. This customer, after I made out the sales document, signed his name in my presence as HARVEY LOWMEYER. I have noted that the handwriting written by this customer is not clear but it appears to be HARVEY LOWMEYER.

The customer paid me for the above merchandise with cash and I believe most of the bills were \$20 bills. It was necessary that I mount the scope for the customer and after he made the purchase of the gun, the customer left the store and I mounted the scope on the rifle.

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Sometime later, the exact time I cannot recall, but during the afternoon of March 29, 1968, this same man returned to the store and picked up his rifle, also the Remington rifle box, scope box and the box of cartridges.

I did not see anyone accompanying this man and I did not observe him after he left the store. I do not know what type of automobile or in what manner he left the area.

The next morning DON WOOD, son of the owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, informed me that this man had called him the evening before and wanted to exchange the rifle I had sold him for another rifle.

I recall on Saturday, March 30, 1968, the same customer came into the store, exact time I do not recall. He talked with DON WOOD but I was not present during the actual exchange of the rifle I had sold the man for another rifle. I recall after seeing this man in the store, he left the store and returned with the Remington rifle box that I had sold him the previous day. Later the same day, the exact time I cannot recall, this man came back to the store and picked up a rifle from DON WOOD. I did not pay close attention to this rifle but I have observed on the copy of the sales document that I had made up the previous day that DON WOOD had made the

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notation that there had been an exchange in rifles by striking through model 700 and adding model 760, and by striking through item or stock number 759A and adding number 504A. Bolt action was struck through and added was pump action. Serial Number 283749 was crossed through and added was Serial Number 461476.

When the man returned for the second rifle, I observed that the second rifle did not fit into the box for the Remington model 760 because the scope had been mounted on this rifle. DON WOOD then put this rifle into a Browning rifle box after he removed the styrofoam packing material that was in the Browning box.

The Remington model 760 rifle that the man received from DON WOOD is a .30/06. I recall that during this final transaction, I placed the box of .243 cartridges back in stock and DON WOOD gave this man a box of .30/06 cartridges.

I also recall that when DON WOOD and his father left for lunch that day, they had instructed me that if the man returned, I was to give him the model 760 Remington rifle in exchange for the Remington model 700 which he returned, and there was to be no money difference in the exchange. I do not know in what manner DON WOOD mounted

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the scope on the second rifle or whether he made any changes in the scope base or mount that I had used on the previous day.

I have read the above statement of six pages and it is true.

I. S. Matthew Baker.

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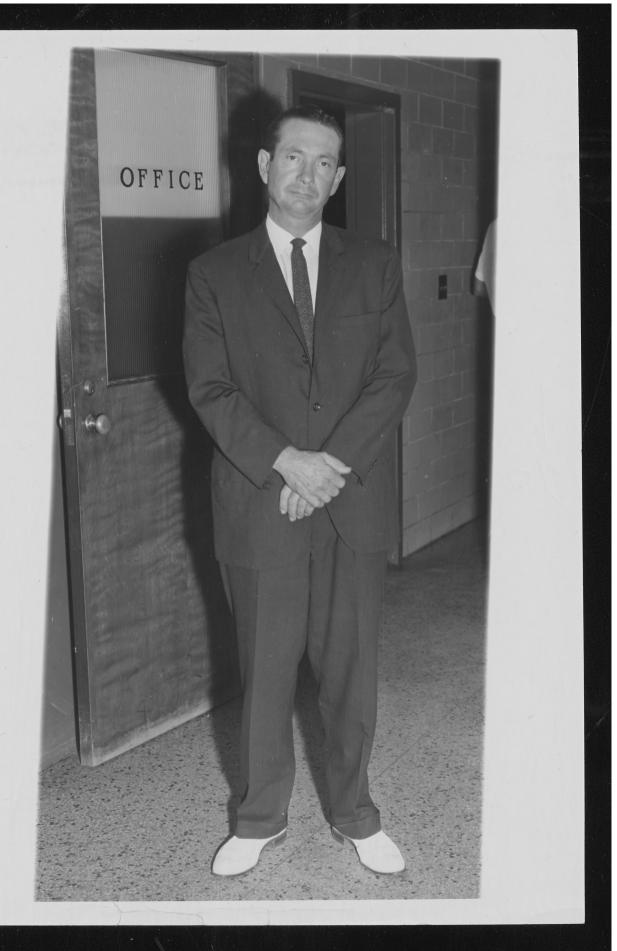
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Race: White Sex: Male

Sex: DOB:

POB: Sacremento, California

Height: 5' 10"

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Hair: Derk
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Build: Medium

Residence: 101 Deway Avenue,

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