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25/1/81	<p>JOHN, MAREE, ANDREW AND ELAYNE MARGARET MAGERS INTERVIEWED RE BEDSER MURDER</p> <p>About 11.40am. on 25/1/81, attended [redacted], an old house being renovated with sand stock bricks, and there spoke to the owners, John MAGERS, born [redacted] Quantity Surveyer employed by Dpt. of Housing, Australia Square Telephone. (Home) [redacted] (Bus.) [redacted], not known and his wife, Maree MAGERS, born [redacted] Not known. Mrs. MAGERS originally contacted Police on 17/12/80 about the murder (See R/S 86) on the basis that she and her husband had dealt with the deceased.</p> <p>Mr. MAGERS stated that the deceased had come to his home to look at a cedar book case that he had advertized in the paper. On that occasion, the deceased came along by himself, during the day. MAGERS brother, Andrew was also present at the time. BEDSER did not buy the book case. MAGERS suggested that his brother Andrew had dealt more with BEDSER and may be able to assist further. Both Mr. Mrs. MAGERS were shown the Penry photograph of the suspect. They couldn't assist in that regard. Mr. MAGERS wears spectackles and bears some resemblance to the Penry. On the question of his movements on the day of the murder, MAGERS stated that he was at work in the City. During the course of the conversation, I mentioned a wing armed chair. MAGERS syated that he had owned such a chair which was covered in a turquoise coloured material that he sold for some \$250-00 some 2 years ago to a man at Hunters Hill. He later found out this this chair was valued at around \$2,000-00/ He was ujnable to assist with the name and address of the purchaser of this chair.</p> <p>As I was about to leave the premises, MAGERS brother and sister in law arrived. I then spoke to Andrew MAGERS, born [redacted] of [redacted] Phone. [redacted], employed by ManUFACTURERS Mutual Insurance, 60 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Phone [redacted]</p>	<u>FESZCZUK</u>

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	<p>He is a collector of Australian Cedar furniture and has purchased many items from BEDSER over the years, although his relationship with BEDSER was only casual. He stated that on the day of the murder, he was at work when his boss, Mr. Brian ROSE, who lives in the Merrylands area, came back from lunch and exclaimed "Some bloke got stabbed in the arcade a while ago!" The following day, MAGERS saw an article in the Daily Telegraph concerning the murder and spoke further to ROSE about same. ROSE told MAGERS that he was in the Sports Store in the Arcade in question, when he heard a woman screaming out. He rushed outside and saw the deceased leaning against the fruit shop holding his side and saying "Help me. Help me." ROSE then rushed back into the shop and asked an ambulance to be called. ROSE is currently on vacation and will be back at work after 2/2/81.</p> <p>Andrew MAGERS wife, Elayne Margaret MAGERS, born [REDACTED] stated that she works in the Antique Section of David Jones Market Street, Store (6th Floor) She had been speaking to her immediate boss about the murder, a Mr. STOKES, who told her that the murder was connected to his (Bedsers) homosexual activities. She suggests that this was only gossip through the trade. She also mentioned that on the day of the murder, David Jones were opening an antique section at their Parramatta Store. Mr. STOKES is said to have commented that they should eliminate competition in that regard by eliminating BEDSER.</p> <p>Andrew MAGERS was in the deceased's shop on the day before the murder (1/12/80) during his lunch hour, but was unable to assist any further. He was looking at a book case in the shop. He and his wife were also shown the Penry Photo but without success.</p> <p>They were asked whether they knew a Ron COLLINS, Antique Dealer mentioned by Edna BESER R/S 63/2. They knew him and stated that he conducts his business opposite the 'OAKES' diner on Pacific Highway,</p>	

