Mr. Fenley. I couldn't be positive, but I think it could have been; yes. This could be checked very easily by going to the newspaper file and getting the date and then going back a couple of days.

Mr. Hubert. This Mr. Carter, I think you said, checked with Mr. Hamblen? That is, he told you he did?

Mr. FENLEY. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. On the same day that you told him about it, which was the next day?

Mr. Fenley. The next day after; yes.

Mr. Hubert. I think you mentioned that he said that you suggested that he check it out with Hamblen, and that he did right away, or in a few hours?

Mr. Fenley. I would have written the story myself, except I felt a little dubious, I must say, of it and I wanted George to do the same thing and see if the story matched. So now, frankly, I am not too positive when George actually talked to Hamblen, but I believe the story appeared on a Saturday morning. So if it could have been Thanksgiving, if Thanksgiving would be on a Thursday, and George talked to him on Friday, it would appear for the Saturday paper.

Mr. Hubert. But you have a recollection that Clark spoke to you after having spoken to Hamblen?

Mr. Fenley. Yes; I am certain of that.

Mr. Hubert. Before the story appeared?

Mr. Fenley. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. And told you that the story he got from Hamblen was about the same as what you told him Hamblen told you?

Mr. FENLEY. You mean Carter?

Mr. HUBERT. Yes; George Carter.

Mr. Fenley. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Is there anything else, sir, you would like to comment upon concerning this matter?

Mr. Fenley. No; Gee, I wish I—I am still very curious about this, but what results, if any, this yielded, frankly, I don't mean this for the record, but I frankly heard that he recanted the tale.

Mr. Hubert. Let me ask you this. This is a part of the formality of closing these depositions. I don't think, and I ask you to state whether you concur, that there has been any conversation between us this morning other than that which has been recorded in this deposition?

Mr. Fenley. No.

Mr. HUBERT. You do concur?

Mr. Fenley. I concur.

Mr. Hubert. Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. Fenley. Yes, sir.

## TESTIMONY OF AUBREY LEE LEWIS

The testimony of Aubrey Lee Lewis was taken at 11:30 a.m., on July 14, 1964, in the office of the U.S. attorney, 301 Post Office Building, Bryan and Ervay Streets, Dallas, Tex., by Mr. Leon D. Hubert, Jr., assistant counsel of the President's Commission. Dean Robert G. Story, special counsel to the attorney general of Texas and Sam Kelley, assistant attorney general of Texas, were present.

Mr. Hubert. This is the deposition of Aubrey Lee Lewis. Mr. Lewis, my name is Leon Hubert. I am a member of the advisory staff of the general counsel of the President's Commission. Under the provisions of Executive Order 11130 dated November 29, 1963, and the joint resolution of Congress No. 137, and the rules of procedure adopted by the President's Commission in conformance with that Executive order and the joint resolution, I have been authorized to take a sworn deposition from you. I state to you now that the general nature of the Commission's inquiry is to ascertain, evaluate and report

upon the facts relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent violent death of Lee Harvey Oswald. In particular as to you, Mr. Lewis, the nature of the inquiry today is to determine what facts you know about the death of Oswald and any other pertinent facts you may know about the general inquiry. Now I understand, Mr. Lewis, that you appeared here today by virture of a letter requesting you to do so, addressed to you by Mr. J. Lee Rankin, general counsel of the staff of the President's Commission.

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. When did you receive that?

Mr. Lewis. It was Friday.

Mr. Hubert. Friday, the 10th, is that correct?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Will you stand, please, and take the oath? Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in this matter will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Lewis. I do.

Mr. Hubert. Will you state your name?

Mr. Lewis. Aubrey Lee Lewis.

Mr. HUBERT. Where do you live?

Mr. Lewis, 2321 Tolosa Drive.

Mr. HUBERT. What is your occupation?

Mr. Lewis. I am an assistant branch manager.

Mr. Hubert. Of what?

Mr. Lewis. Western Union Telegraph Co.

Mr. HUBERT. Where?

Mr. Lewis. 7620 Lemmon Avenue.

Mr. Hubert. In what city?

Mr. Lewis. Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Hubert. How long have you been so occupied?

Mr. Lewis. Five years.

Mr. Hubert. What was your occupation prior to that time?

Mr. Lewis. U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hubert. And prior to that?

Mr. LEWIS. High school.

Mr. HUBERT. How old are you?

Mr. Lewis. Twenty-six.

Mr. Hubert. So that all of your adult life you have been employed by the Western Union?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Have you held the same position all that time?

Mr. Lewis. No; I have held the same position about the last year and a half.

Mr. Hubert. What are your general duties in that capacity?

Mr. Lewis. I am an operator to receive and send telegrams, and advise the other personnel, instruct the new personnel about the daily routine of the office.

Mr. Hubert. Is that branch number known by a particular designation or number?

Mr. Lewis. It is B-2 branch office.

Mr. Hubert. On Lemmon?

Mr. Lewis. Yes; 7620 Lemmon Avenue.

Mr. Hubert. Do you know Mr. C. A. Hamblen?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. What is his first name?

Mr. Lewis. Curtis.

Mr. Hubert. Is he employed by the Western Union?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. Where?

Mr. Lewis. At 2034 Main, Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Hubert. That is the downtown office?

Mr. Lewis. That is the main branch; yes, sir; main office.

Mr. Hubert. How long have you known him?

Mr. Lewis. I have known him the better part of 5 years. About 41/2.

Mr. Hubert. Have you ever worked with him?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. When?

Mr. Lewis. You mean what years, or when?

Mr. Hubert. I have specifically in mind sometime prior to November 26.

Mr. Lewis. I worked under him nearly 3 years.

Mr. Hubert. Where was that?

Mr. Lewis. That was at the main office, 2034 Main. He is the early night manager.

Mr. Hubert. At the Main Street branch?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. So that you worked under him at the Main Street branch until about 2 years ago?

Mr. Lewis. About a year and a half ago.

Mr. Hubert. Now were you working with him either at the Main Street branch or at the other branch that you mentioned sometime during the fall of 1963?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Where was that? Which one?

Mr. Lewis. That was at the Main Street; 2034 Main.

Mr. Hubert. How did you come to be working there?

Mr. Lewis. I was pulled in from my job because they were short downtown. People were on vacation.

Mr. Hubert. How long a period did you work with Mr. Hamblen then at the Main branch?

Mr. Lewis. I was down 2 weeks altogether, and he was out the first week. I relieved him the first week, and then I relieved this other fellow the second week, and I worked under him the second week I was there.

Mr. Hubert. So that you worked under Mr. Hamblen at the Main branch during the early night shift for 1 week?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. Could you place that week?

Mr. Lewis. It was in October, I believe. I am not for sure.

Mr. Hubert. Would that be a matter of record on this part?

Mr. Lewis. It is in the paper there. I don't know exactly what date it was.

Mr. Hubert. I now show you a photostatic copy of a document dated Dallas, Tex., December 4, 1963, addressed to Mr. Wilcox, apparently signed by Aubrey Lee Lewis, which has heretofore been identified as follows: "Exhibit No. 3006 in the deposition of Laurance R. Wilcox at Dallas, Tex., March 31, 1964, WJL." I have shown you this photostatic copy of this document which I have just described, and I now ask you if that is a photostat of your signature?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Is this document addressed to Mr. Wilcox and identified as I have stated a moment ago, a correct statement of facts, so far as you know?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Now I wish you would give us further details concerning the incident to which reference is made in this Exhibit No. 3006, Wilcox' deposition, with reference to Hamblen's difficulty with a man named Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. Well, as I said, I was working the early night money order counter, and this party approached me and said he had a money order, and I asked him for his identification, which he didn't have any at that time. And I asked him could he obtain some, and he said he guessed he could if he had to. He left and came back with some identification. I believe it was a little Navy ID release card. And I paid him on that. He gave me quite a bit of trouble.

Mr. Hubert. Of what nature?

Mr. Lewis. Oh, he was cursing and telling how lousy everything was.

Mr. Hubert. Did Mr. Hamblen have any part in that matter?

Mr. Lewis. I beg your pardon?

Mr. Hubert. Did Mr. Hamblen have any part in this matter?

Mr. Lewis. Well, yes. When we have difficulty with anybody, he comes up and helps us.

Mr. Hubert. Did he come up on this occasion?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. Did he speak to this individual?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Can you tell us what conversation or statements passed between Mr. Hamblen and the individual?

Mr. Lewis. It was just about the identification, about that you have to have it before you can get your money.

Mr. Hubert. Prior to the time when the man went off to get the identification?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. How long was Mr. Hamblen with this man?

Mr. Lewis. I couldn't say for sure. I don't really know.

Mr. Hubert. How long were you with him on the first occasion?

Mr. Lewis. The first occasion I would say about 4 to 5 minutes.

Mr. Hubert. Now how long after having left to get the identification did he come back with his identification you referred to?

Mr. Lewis. It wasn't long. I would say about 15 to 30 minutes.

Mr. Hubert. Did Mr. Hamblen see him then?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. How do you know that?

Mr. Lewis. Because he came back up to the counter.

Mr. HUBERT. Mr. Hamblen did?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Why did he do that? Did you ask him to?

Mr. Lewis. He saw him come in, and he came back and helped me out with him.

Mr. Hubert. Was this person disagreeable on the second occasion?

Mr. Lewis. He was somewhat disagreeable—still in a nasty mood—you might say.

Mr. Hubert. When you say nasty mood, could you give us an example of what physically happened that you characterize as nasty?

Mr. Lewis. Well, cursing and telling us how lousy we are, and that he had been paid money orders before and never had to have any identification. And just generally what everybody else tells us. It is nothing new. We hear it quite often.

Mr. Hubert. Do you remember this person's name?

Mr. Lewis. No. sir.

Mr. Hubert. Did Mr. Hamblen tell you that he had had difficulty with this man prior to this occasion?

Mr. Lewis. No. sir.

Mr. Hubert. Did he tell you that he had ever cashed any money orders for this person prior to this occasion?

Mr. Lewis. I don't believe so, no, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Do you recall any address to the payee?

Mr. Lewis. The YMCA is the only address that he gave me.

Mr. Hubert. Was the telegram money order addressed to the YMCA?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir; as far as I can remember, it was.

Mr. Hubert. Well, now, as I understand it, it must have come in with the telegram?

Mr. Lewis. He came in with the check.

Mr. Hubert. The check?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Your recollection is, the check was addressed to the YMCA, to an individual at the Y?

Mr. Lewis. We have a rubber stamp at each branch office which is stamped at the top of their checks where it was issued, and as I recall, it was issued at the Cotton Exchange office.

Mr. Hubert. At the Cotton Exchange office?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Of Dallas, Tex.?

Mr. Lewis. Dallas.

Mr. Hubert. So that there was someone in Dallas sending a money order from the Cotton Exchange office?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir. That is where it was addressed, to the Cotton Exchange.

That is where the money order was sent to. I have no idea where it was sent from.

Mr. HUBERT. Well, what is this part then about, YMCA?

Mr. Lewis. We have an "Office Issued" and there is a rubber stamp on the check where it was issued at, but I have no idea or know where it was coming from. That was where the check was written up at, at the Cotton Exchange.

Mr. Hubert. And it was addressed to the payee?

Mr. Lewis. To the payee at the YMCA.

Mr. Hubert. How are those checks handled? For instance, when it was issued by the Cotton Exchange branch, would it have been mailed or delivered?

Mr. Lewis. Delivered by boy.

Mr. Hubert. Delivered by boy?

Mr. Lewis. To the clerk.

Mr. HUBERT. To the addressee?

Mr. Lewis. To the clerk at the YMCA. The clerk signs for it and keeps them there in a little box they have there.

Mr. Hubert. Do you know of your own knowledge whether this was done in this case? That is to say, that the clerk receipted for it at the YMCA?

Mr. Lewis. So far as I know, that is how it was handled.

Mr. Hubert. I mean if you know that absolutely, or are you just assuming that is the way?

Mr. Lewis. I am just assuming that is the way it was handled.

Mr. HUBERT. You don't have any particular knowledge on this occasion?

Mr. Lewis. No: I don't.

Mr. Hubert. Can you give us a description of this individual?

Mr. Lewis. The only thing I could remember was that he was of a feminine, very slender build fellow.

Mr. HUBERT. What do you mean?

Mr. Lewis. Well, he talked funny and peculiar.

Mr. Hubert. Did he have an accent?

Mr. Lewis. No accent. Just the way a person acts.

Mr. Hubert. What was his mannerism?

Mr. Lewis. Mannerism was feminine.

Mr. HUBERT. In what way?

Mr. Lewis. Well, I don't know how to describe it.

Mr. Hubert. Just an overall impression?

Mr. Lewis. Just an overall impression, of the person. As far as remembering his weight and height and everything like that, I wouldn't. I have no idea.

Mr. Hubert. Was he dark complexioned?

Mr. Lewis. Dark complexioned.

Mr. Hubert. Do you remember the color of his eyes?

Mr. Lewis. No. sir.

Mr. HUBERT. Had dark hair?

Mr. Lewis. That is the only thing I remember.

Mr. Hubert. How was he dressed?

Mr. Lewis. I don't recall that either.

Mr. HUBERT. Was he alone?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir. There was a companion with him.

Mr. Hubert. How did you know that the person with him was with him? In fact was a companion?

Mr. Lewis. They were talking. They came together and left together both times.

Mr. Hubert. I understand you to say that the companion of the payee that we have been talking about was of a Latin American or Spanish type?

Mr. Lewis. Yes; that I do recall.

Mr. Hubert. By that, you mean what?

Mr. Lewis. Dark complexioned, and just looked of Spanish descent.

Mr. HUBERT. Latin American?

Mr. Lewis. Latin American descent.

Mr. Hubert. They were speaking English?

Mr. Lewis. Normal speech in English.

Mr. Hubert. Did you notice any Spanish accent?

Mr. Lewis. The fellow had a Spanish accent.

Mr. Hubert. He was accompanied by the boy with a Spanish accent?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Do you recall anything else that happened?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir; I wasn't paying much attention to him.

Mr. Hubert I don't mean the exact conversation, but just the general situation.

Mr. Lewis. No; I wouldn't know.

Mr. Hubert. How would you describe the person of Spanish accent insofar as build and size and weight?

Mr. Lewis. He was of short and slender build.

Mr. Hubert. Shorter than the pavee?

Mr. Lewis. About the same.

Mr. Hubert. About the same weight?

Mr. Lewis. Approximately, yes.

Mr. Hubert. Do you remember how he was dressed?

Mr. Lewis. No. sir.

Mr. Hubert. Do you recall how much the money order was for?

Mr. Lewis. No; it was for a small amount. I don't recall the exact amount.

Mr. Hubert. You had never had any other business with this payee before?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir.

Mr. Hubert. You didn't have any afterward?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir.

Mr. Hubert. And Hamblen did not mention to you that he had had any before?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir. The first time I knew about that was when we went into our district manager's office.

Mr. Hubert. Now, I show you a picture which I have marked for identification on the back thereof on the lower right-hand corner the following words: "Dallas, Tex., July 14, 1964, Exhibit No. 1 of Aubrey L. Lewis." I ask you if this picture resembles the person that you have been testifying about as the payee on the occasion you have mentioned?

Mr. Lewis. I couldn't say if it resembled him.

Mr. Hubert. You have no recollection whether it looks like him at all?

Mr. Lewis. I sure don't.

Mr. HUBERT. You said he had dark hair?

Mr. Lewis. That is true. He had dark hair, but as far as any features, I don't remember the eyes or nose or anything. I don't recall them.

Mr. Hubert. You don't recall, as I understand from your statement, that the man's name was Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir; I do not recall that.

Mr. Hubert. You are familiar with the fact that Mr. Hamblen says he was Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. Yes; I am familiar with that.

Mr. Hubert. But you don't remember?

Mr. Lewis. I don't remember.

Mr. Hubert. You cannot tell us now whether or not the picture shown in Exhibit No. 1, which in fact is a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald, was the man you have been testifying about as the payee of that money order?

Mr. Lewis. I couldn't say for sure.

Mr. Hubert. Can you say for sure either way that it was or it was not?

Mr. Lewis. No; I can't be sure.

Mr. Hubert. In other words, it could be and it could not be?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir; it could be and it couldn't be. I have no way of knowing.

Mr. Hubert. You will not say it was not that man?

Mr. Lewis. I wouldn't say it wasn't, but I wouldn't say it was, because it could be. I don't know.

Mr. Hubert. Do you recall making any comments to Mr. Hamblen on the occasion that you have been testifying about, and after this payee had left, that you would like to punch the heads of people of this character?

Mr. Lewis. Yes; I made that statement.

Mr. Hubert. You made that statement to Mr. Hamblen?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUBERT. Why was that?

Mr. Lewis. Well, he is just a person that kind of gives you a bad time. You can do without that kind. You don't have time to fool with them.

Mr. Hubert. Now when did it first come to your attention that it was possible that the man that had dealings with you, as you have testified, might be Lee Harvey Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. Mr. Hamblen, after I had gone back on my job quite sometime, called me at home one night and asked me did I recall when I had paid that party, and I told him I recalled it.

And he asked me did I recognize him as being Oswald, and I said, "No, I have never put it together." I just never did. And I still can't picture the two. I had forgotten all about it.

Mr. Hubert. When was it that Hamblen approached you, as you say he did, and asked you about this?

Mr. Lewis. I don't recall the date, but it was a couple of weeks after the assassination, after he was killed.

Mr. Hubert. You say then it was about the first week in December?

Mr. Lewis. I would say somewhere along in there. I am not for sure, but it was a short time span.

Mr. Hubert. Would it thus have been about 2 months after you had had this episode, that this episode occurred between you and this man?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Then your memory did not associate the payee with Lee Harvey Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir.

Mr. Hubert. At that time had you been shown or looked at pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald?

Mr. Lewis. I had seen him on TV.

Mr. Hubert. Have you at any time prior to today been shown a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald as I have shown it to you?

Mr. Lewis. I don't recall if Mr. Wilcox had one or not. I am not sure. But I saw it in the newspapers and on TV, and I don't recall seeing one that day. I could have. He possibly had one.

Mr. Hubert. What I am talking about is the day that inquiry was focused upon the possibility of this payee as Lee Harvey Oswald. Were you then shown a picture and asked if it was that man as I have done today?

Mr. Lewis. I believe I was. I am not for sure, but I believe Mr. Wilcox had one at the time.

Mr. Hubert. I think you have described the identification card which this payee ultimately produced and which you ultimately recognized?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. I believe you said it was a Navy ID card?

Mr. Lewis. It was a little release card you get when you get out of the service.

Mr. Hubert. Did it have a picture on it?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir. It just had his name and some of them have serial numbers and some of them don't.

Mr. Hubert. So the identification established then was that the person who held the telegram also held a card addressed to the payee of the telegram?

Mr. Lewis. Yes.

Mr. Hubert. Did he have a library card as well?

Mr. Lewis. I believe it was a library card also.

Mr. Hubert. That didn't have any picture?

Mr. Lewis. That didn't have a picture; no. This ID that he had wasn't very good at all, as far as we considered identification to pay money orders.

Mr. HUBERT. Why not?

Mr. Lewis. We like to have pictures on identification and some legal papers, you might say; insurance and driver's license.

Mr. Hubert. Driver's license?

Mr. Lewis. Driver's license; yes.

Mr. HUBERT. Did you ask for that?

Mr. Lewis. I asked for it, and he didn't have any.

Mr. Hubert. Did he say he didn't drive?

Mr. Lewis. He didn't make comment. He said he didn't have any license.

Mr. HUBERT. You think it was about a half hour after the first episode that he returned with the other identification?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubert. Was the Latin American looking person with him on both occasions?

Mr. Lewis. Both occasions; yes.

Mr. Hubert. All right, sir, have you anything to add?

Mr. Lewis. No, sir.

Mr. Hubert. I think you made reference to the fact that the check from the Western Union, which was the subject of this whole episode, had been purchased by someone and payable to the payee involved at the Cotton Exchange branch?

Mr. Lewis. Cotton Exchange branch.

Mr. Hubert. Is that in Dallas?

Mr. Lewis. Yes, sir; it is in the Cotton Exchange Building. I think it is on North Ervay.\*

Mr. Hubert. All right, sir, I ask you whether you concur with me that since I have met you today, which was the first time we ever met, there has been no conversation between us other than that which has been covered in the deposition in one way or another, is that correct?

Mr. Lewis. That's correct.

Mr. Hubert. Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. Lewis. Thank you, sir.

## TESTIMONY OF DEAN ADAMS ANDREWS, JR.

The testimony of Dean Adams Andrews, Jr., was taken on July 21, 1964, at the Old Civil Courts Building, Royal and Conti Streets, New Orleans, La., by Mr. Wesley J. Liebeler, assistant counsel of the President's Commission.

Dean Andrews, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

Mr. LIEBELER. Mr. Andrews, as you know by now, I am an attorney on the staff of the President's Commission. I have been authorized to take your deposition pursuant to authority granted to the Commission by Executive Order No. 11130, dated November 29, 1963, and joint resolution of Congress, No. 137.

I understand that the Secret Service served a subpena on you last week to be here today, so you have had the requisite notice for the proceeding.

As you are a member of the bar—as you know, of course, you are entitled to counsel, but you can probably forego that if you want to. You also know that you have all the usual privileges not to answer questions on the grounds of incrimination and whatever other privileges you might have and want to exercise.

Mr. Liebeler. Would you state your full name for the record, please.

Mr. Andrews. Dean, and the middle initial is A, A for Adams, Andrews, Jr.

Mr. Liebeler. I am correct, am I not, that you are a member of the Bar of Louisiana?

Mr. Andrews. I am a member of the bar of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Liebeler. And you regularly practice law in the city of New Orleans?

Mr. Andrews. That's my office; yes.

Mr. LIEBELER. Where do you live?

Mr. Andrews. 207 Metairie Lawn Drive. That's in Metairie, La.

Mr. Liebeler. Metairie Lawn Drive in Metairie?

Mr. Andrews. Yes.

Mr. Liebeler. Where do you maintain your offices?

Mr. Andrews. 627 Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans.

<sup>\*608</sup> North St. Paul, one block from Ervay and YMCA.