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Baltimore, Maryland, assembly line;

June, 1956, to August, 1956,  
 Remington Rand Company,  
 Baltimore, Maryland, salesman;

September, 1956, to March, 1958,  
 Trojan Boat Company,  
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania, salesman;

March, 1958, to January, 1959,  
 in business for self as trucking  
 contractor, Toledo, Ohio  
 (Unable to make go of business.);

January, 1959, to June, 1959,  
 West Toledo Marine Company,  
 Toledo, Ohio, salesman;

July, 1959, to August, 1961,  
 Albright Boat and Marine Company,  
 Pineville, North Carolina, sales-  
 man.

RICHARD LEE HOUSTON, United States Marine Corps 2081759, assigned to Platoon 134, B Company, First Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, advised that he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on May 8, 1964, at Dallas, Texas. He advised he was employed by the "Dallas Morning News" in the Retail Advertising Department for approximately one and one-half years and frequently during the political seasons he engaged in accepting political advertisements for the newspaper. He advised that due to the number of the political advertisements, anyone in the department was eligible to handle them.

On one date, which he was unable to recall, an individual who informed HOUSTON that he was BERNARD WEISSMAN entered the office while he, HOUSTON, was on duty and informed HOUSTON that he wanted to place an advertisement in the newspaper. HOUSTON explained that WEISSMAN identified himself verbally and did not exhibit any papers to verify his identification.

HOUSTON described WEISSMAN as being between 25 and 28 years of age, six feet tall, thin, slight build, dark wavy hair, dark complexion as that of an individual of the Jewish descent, and spoke with a slight New York accent. HOUSTON said that possibly WEISSMAN wore glasses, but he was unable to make a definite statement to that effect.

Upon entering the office, WEISSMAN gave HOUSTON a copy of the advertisement he wanted to place in the newspaper. After HOUSTON looked at it, there was some question in his mind as to whether it could be placed due to the contents of the advertisement, and he then took the copy to JOHN RECTOR, whom HOUSTON identified as the Advertising Manager.

HOUSTON recalled that RECTOR then took the advertisement to CY WAGNER, the Advertising Director.

HOUSTON stated that at that point he returned to his location, and he was unable to state what happened with the advertisement from there on.

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Upon returning to his location, HOUSTON informed WEISSMAN that they would need some money and would have an attorney look at the advertisement to be sure it would be all right to place in the newspaper. HOUSTON recalled that the cost of the advertisement was \$1,400.00 and WEISSMAN made a deposit of \$500.00 cash to the cashier. Since HOUSTON did not handle the deposit transaction, he did not know how this deposit was made except that it was in cash. WEISSMAN informed HOUSTON that he would bring in the remainder of the cost when he came to check the proof.

To the best of HOUSTON's recollection, WEISSMAN came in approximately two days later to check the proof and after looking at the proof, WEISSMAN made some changes to the questions contained in the advertisement. HOUSTON said he then took the advertisement back to the Advertising Manager and to his knowledge the advertisement was approved.

HOUSTON stated that at this time WEISSMAN also paid the remainder of the charges for the ad.

HOUSTON stated he recalled that the advertisement carried the name of BERNARD WEISSMAN as Chairman of the American Fact-Finding Committee.

HOUSTON said this was the last time he saw WEISSMAN. He was unable to recall the exact date that WEISSMAN appeared for the second time but is of the opinion that it must have been the 14th or 16th of November, 1963.

HOUSTON recalled that WEISSMAN stated that other members of the Committee had to approve the advertisement and took some proofs of the ad with him. WEISSMAN furnished HOUSTON an address which, according to HOUSTON, he gave to the Advertising Manager.

HOUSTON stated that he was acquainted with JACK RUBY since RUBY had come into the office almost on a weekly basis to place ads in the newspaper concerning the night clubs. HOUSTON stated he knew RUBY only by sight and was not acquainted with him. He advised that RUBY at no time made any mention to him about the ad placed by WEISSMAN in

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the newspaper. HOUSTON also stated that RUBY was not mentioned by WEISSMAN in the two visits to the office with HOUSTON.

HOUSTON voluntarily furnished an opinion that the advertisement was placed in the morning paper since it would be on the streets in time for the impact to hit the public prior to the visit of President KENNEDY.