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Mr. JACK HAMMOND, Manager, Deluxe Diner #1, 315 South Ervay, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents; of that fact that he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law; and of his right to consult an attorney. He furnished the following information:

For approximately two months prior to the date the President was assassinated, LEE HARVEY OSWALD would come into the diner and order french fries. HAMMOND stated that he recognized OSWALD from the newspaper pictures that he had seen. He also stated that he knows JACK RUBY on sight and that he never saw RUBY and OSWALD together at his diner.

In fact, he stated, to his knowledge RUBY has never been in his diner. He knew of no connection between RUBY and OSWALD or of any conspiracy between RUBY and any other individual to kill OSWALD. He knew nothing of RUBY's travels; had never been in RUBY's clubs; knew of no close connection between RUBY and any police officer; or the names of any organizations to which RUBY belonged.

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JACK L. RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM

By letter dated July 14, 1964, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy requested the Commission be provided results of any interviews with Mr. Elmo Slight and Mr. A. J. Reno, who apparently owned a washateria in Lee Harvey Oswald's neighborhood and may have information concerning any acquaintance between Oswald and Jack L. Ruby. Results of investigation in the above regard are attached.

The Commission further requested to be advised whether employees of the Dobbs House, 1221 North Beckley, Dallas, other than Douglas Leake and Sam Rogers, have been interviewed in connection with the patronage by Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald at that restaurant.

A summary of investigation previously reported in this connection follows:

On December 5, 1963, Sam Rogers, Manager, Dobbs House, 1221 North Beckley, Dallas, advised Special Agent Kenneth B. Jackson he had never personally known Oswald or Ruby, but that he had, since President Kennedy's assassination, recognized Oswald's picture as being that of an individual who had been a coffee customer in the Dobbs House Restaurant. He said he had no information Ruby had ever been a customer in the restaurant.

On December 5, 1963, Douglas Leake, 1159 North Madison, Apartment 9, Dallas, advised Special Agent Jackson he had, prior to November 22, 1963, worked the 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM shift at

Attachments

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Dobbs House. He said he recalled Ruby as a customer, but had not seen Ruby for a year or more prior to November 22, 1963. Leake claimed he had recognized pictures of Oswald as being a person who had been in Dobbs House about two times during the days preceding the assassination. He stated he had never seen Ruby and Oswald together.

On December 6, 1963, Mary Adda Dowling, 617 West 10th, then employed by Skillern's Drug Store No. 41, Preston Road and Forest Lane, stated she was formerly employed by Dobbs House, 1221 North Beckley, during daytime hours. She professed to recognize pictures of Oswald as a person who had eaten breakfast at the restaurant usually between 7:00 and 7:30 AM. She related she recalled the person now recognized as Oswald was last seen by her in the restaurant at about 10:00 AM, Wednesday, November 20, 1963, at which time he was "nasty" and used curse words in connection with his order. She went on to relate Officer J. D. Tippit was in the restaurant as was his habit at about that time each morning and "shot a glance at Oswald." She said there was no indication, however, they knew each other. Miss Dowling professed not to have known Jack Ruby as a customer, but said she had heard from another employee he was a night customer.

With reference to the allegation of Miss Dowling that Oswald was in the restaurant at about 10:00 AM, November 20, 1963, it is noted Roy S. Truly, Warehouse Manager, Texas School Book Depository, advised Special Agent Nat A. Pinkston on November 29, 1963, that Oswald's working hours were from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM, with a lunch period from 12:00 noon to 12:45 PM. He said, however, there was no punch time clock.

On November 25, 1963, A. S. Aiken, Bookkeeper, Texas School Book Depository, made available copies of payroll records which reflected Oswald worked an eight-hour day on November 20, 1963.

Attached are the results of additional interviews in the above regard.

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Mr. ELMO SLEIGHT, 501 South Oak Cliff Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, advised he is the former owner of Sleight's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 3-6155. He related he is currently retired after having sold the Sleight's Speed Wash on August 28, 1963, to Mr. ARTHUR JOHN RENO, 2514 Emmett, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. SLEIGHT stated that during his ownership of the above-mentioned speed wash his customers numbered approximately 400 per week and of these customers he could not recall having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY patronizing his place of business.

He related he has no knowledge concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, OSWALD, RUBY, or any connection between RUBY and OSWALD, other than what he has seen on television or read in the local newspapers.

Mr. SLEIGHT advised JOE JOHNSON was employed by him as a janitor at Sleight's Speed Wash and continued to work at the speed wash after its purchase by Mr. RENO. He continued that he believes Mr. RENO also employed a MARIE KOVAR as an attendant; however, he could not state whether she is presently working for Mr. RENO.

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Mr. ARTHUR JOHN RENO, 2514 Emmett, Dallas, Texas, advised he is the owner of Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, which was formerly owned by ELMO SLEIGHT and operated under the name of Sleight's Speed Wash. He stated he purchased the speed wash sometime in the latter part of August, 1963.

Mr. RENO stated that, since becoming the owner of the above-mentioned speed wash, to his knowledge he has not seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY in the speed wash located at 1101 North Beckley, or at any other location. He advised he could furnish no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, or OSWALD, RUBY, or any connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

He related that at the present time he has no employees working at the speed wash. He stated MARIE SISK, who also goes by the name of MARIE KOVAR, was employed by him as an attendant at the speed wash from September, 1963 to December, 1963. He advised MARIE SISK formerly resided at 1032 North Beckley, Dallas, but he did not know her present whereabouts. Mr. RENO further related JOE JOHNSON was employed by him as a janitor at his speed wash from September, 1963 to May, 1964. Mr. RENO stated JOHNSON also worked at Southern Methodist University as a janitor and, to his knowledge, JOHNSON is still gainfully employed in this capacity. Mr. RENO related that possibly JOHNSON or SISK could furnish information relating to RUBY or OSWALD.

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Mrs. MARIE KOVAR, 1032 North Beckley, Apartment G, Dallas, Texas, advised she was formerly employed by Mr. ARTHUR RENO as an attendant at Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, from August, 1963 to December, 1963. She related that her duty hours while working at the speed wash were from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Mrs. KOVAR related she cannot recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY in Reno's Speed Wash. She further related she has no knowledge of any connection between OSWALD and RUBY or of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Mrs. KOVAR stated that on the day RUBY's trial commenced in the late afternoon she was having a soft drink at the Gulf Station located on the corner of Zaigs and North Beckley when a "woman" entered the Gulf Station, purchased a soft drink, thereafter approached her, Mrs. KOVAR, and introduced herself as Mrs. OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mrs. KOVAR advised that "this woman" claimed she had been at JACK RUBY's trial and had taken a taxi to "Mrs. JOHNSON's rooming house" to determine how long it would have taken LEE HARVEY OSWALD to have traveled from downtown Dallas to his room. The woman further claimed she could not locate Mrs. JOHNSON; therefore, she came to the Gulf Station to have a soft drink.

Mrs. KOVAR stated "the woman" claimed "she was writing a book" and thereafter left. She related she could not say whether "this woman" was actually Mrs. OSWALD, the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as she had claimed.

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Mr. JOSEPH JOHNSON, 12015 Hoblitzelle Drive, Richardson, Texas, telephone number AD. 1-1765, advised he was formerly employed by Mr. ELMO SLEIGHT from approximately March, 1960 to September, 1963, at which time Mr. SLEIGHT sold Sleight's Speed Wash to Mr. ARTHUR RENO. He related that he continued working at the speed wash for Mr. RENO as janitor until approximately March, 1964, at which time he terminated his employment.

Mr. JOHNSON advised his working hours while employed at the speed wash located at 1101 North Beckley were from 7:00 PM to 12:00 midnight. He related that on the evening of November 20 or 21, 1963, he recalls seeing an individual he later determined from photographs in local newspapers to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD washing laundry at Reno's Speed Wash. He stated OSWALD did not converse with anyone and, in fact, sat reading magazines until 12:00 midnight, at which time the merchant patrolman, name unrecalled, requested him to leave as the speed wash was closing. Mr. JOHNSON stated OSWALD did not immediately leave, but remained sitting and continued to read magazines for approximately an additional five minutes, at which time he picked up his laundry and left. Mr. JOHNSON advised this was the only time he recalls seeing OSWALD at Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas.

He related he has never seen JACK L. RUBY at Reno's Speed Wash or at any other location and could furnish no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or regarding OSWALD, RUBY or any connections between OSWALD and RUBY.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he recalls Mr. RENO having a "day attendant" employed at the speed wash; however, he could not recall her name, but remarked she may possibly be able to furnish information about OSWALD or RUBY.

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Mr. W. C. CAUGHRAN, 809 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 2-0496, advised he has been employed with the Smith Detective Agency, Dallas, Texas, telephone number RI. 1-1011, in the capacity of a Merchant Patrolman since June 28, 1963. He related his duty hours are from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM and, during the performance of his duties, he makes periodic checks of Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley.

Mr. CAUGHRAN related that during these periodic checks of Reno's Speed Wash he saw an individual in this establishment whom he later identified as being LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the accused assassin of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He advised he is unable to recall the specific dates or times he saw OSWALD in Reno's Speed Wash; however, he does recall that on each occasion OSWALD was always reading a magazine and was never speaking to anyone.

Mr. CAUGHRAN stated that he has no knowledge concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, nor has he any knowledge or information of OSWALD and RUBY having any connection, other than what he has seen on television or read in the local newspapers.

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Mr. SAM ROGERS, 2316 Engle, Dallas, Texas, telephone number FE. 1-4872, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD, on July 27, 1964, he is the lessee of the Dobbs House Restaurant located at 1221 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. ROGERS related the following list of individuals were employed by him at the Dobbs House during 1963:

DOLORES HARRISON
DOUGLAS LEAKE
BRENDA SIMMONS
HENRY A. LOGAN
EMETH POLLARD
MARY ADA DOWLING

He stated BRENDA SIMMONS, listed above, is his daughter-in-law and explained that she worked at the Dobbs House periodically on a part-time basis. He advised she no longer lives in Dallas, explaining she moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, where her address is 1509 11th Street, Apartment B.

Mr. ROGERS stated HENRY A. LOGAN, listed above, was a "transit" and only worked at the Dobbs House for two days, which he believed were November 14 - 15, 1963.

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Mr. D. L. PATRICK, 708 North Lancaster, Dallas, Texas, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD on July 29, 1964, he is the manager of an apartment house located at the above address.

Mr. PATRICK stated rental receipt books for the above apartment house reveal that H. A. LOGAN was a tenant at the apartment house, having rented Unit No. 6 from October 12, 1963 to November 15, 1963.

Mr. PATRICK related he cannot recall what Mr. LOGAN did for a living; however, he recalls LOGAN, upon leaving, stated he was returning to California, specific city unknown.

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Mrs. DOLORES HARRISON, 3219 San Jacinto, Apartment No. 208, Dallas, Texas, advised she has been employed as a waitress at the Dobbs House for approximately six years.

She stated that during the latter months of 1963, specific dates unrecalled, LEE HARVEY OSWALD came into the Dobbs House numerous times. Mrs. HARRISON related that on November 21, 1963, she recalls OSWALD having been in the Dobbs House for breakfast, specific time unrecalled. She stated she recalls this particular occasion, inasmuch as OSWALD had ordered "eggs over light" and, when served, made a complaint that the eggs were "cooked too hard." Mrs. HARRISON advised she prepared OSWALD's eggs and MARY DOWLING, a waitress, served same to him. She related that, although OSWALD complained of the eggs, he accepted them.

Mrs. HARRISON stated that when seeing OSWALD at the Dobbs House she recalls he "did not talk much and was always reading magazines or books."

She related although she saw OSWALD at the Dobbs House a number of times she did not know his identity until seeing his picture in the newspapers as being the accused assassin of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mrs. HARRISON advised she has never seen JACK L. RUBY at the Dobbs House or at any other location; she has no knowledge of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, or of any connections between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Miss EDITH EVELYN POLLARD, 312 North Bishop, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 3-9842, advised she was formerly employed at the Dobbs House, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, on a "part-time basis" from August, 1963 to May, 1964. She explained she worked on Fridays and Saturdays as a waitress at the Dobbs House during the above indicated period, during which time she could not recall having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY at the Dobbs House or at any other location.

She related she could not furnish any information regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, of OSWALD or RUBY, and/or any connection between OSWALD and RUBY.

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