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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis

Handbills of FPCC, New Orleans, were passed out to two individuals on Canal Street in August, 1963. One of these two individuals identified the passer of the handbills as OSWALD. Additional persons in business in the vicinity of the International Trade Mart contacted and unable to identify OSWALD. OSWALD unknown to RAY JAMES LEAHART, New Orleans Public Service bus driver. OSWALD contacted News Editor, WDSU-TV, New Orleans, in August, 1963, and said he was going to picket again. OSWALD did not say where, when, or whom he was going to picket. OSWALD also contacted reporter for New Orleans States-Item and requested this newspaper to do a story on his arrest on August 9, 1963, and on him personally. Two former crew members of the SS MARION LYKES could not recognize photograph of OSWALD as being the photograph of anyone they had ever seen. Relatives of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY do not know current whereabouts of MURPHY. JIMMY EARL BURT, Belmont, La., states that on November 22, 1963, he was in Dallas, Texas, that on that date he saw a police officer lying in the street, and saw an unidentified white male, 50 to 60 yards away, running from the scene with a pistol in his right hand. Contacts with camera shops, music companies, gunsmiths, and leather goods stores in New Orleans developed no information regarding the rifle sling.

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Mrs. FREIDA HERARD, 4421 Danneel Street, furnished the following information:

For the past several years she has stopped at least once a week at Marinello's Beauty School, 528 Canal Street, and added that after having her hair fixed, she regularly stopped at a Greek Restaurant located in the 100 block of Camp Street.

She stated that sometime during August, 1963, she happened to observe on Canal Street, an individual who appeared to be passing out handbills. She explained that he handed her a handbill, which she said she still believed was in her home, although she has not been able to locate the handbill after thoroughly searching her residence. She stated that she would continue to search her residence and would advise the New Orleans Office if this handbill were located. She added that she was not able to furnish a description of the person passing out handbills.

She stated that she only observed this activity for a few moments and "did not pay any more attention" to the person passing out these handbills. She stated that she was not aware that also sometime during August, 1963, persons were passing out handbills in front of the International Trade Mart, located at 124 Camp Street.

Mrs HERARD was furnished photographs of persons passing out handbills on August 16, 1963, at the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. These photographs had been furnished for the use of the FBI by television station WDSU. HERARD picked out a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as being identical with the person she said she had observed passing out handbills on Canal Street. HERARD stated that this was the same person who was identified through television and newspaper coverage of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, at which time OSWALD'S picture was widely represented. She added that she could not identify any other persons shown in the pictures furnished the FBI by station WDSU, although she stated that one person pictured in these photographs as possibly holding several handbills with a notation of "X" above him, in her opinion bore a considerable

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resemblance to an individual that she had seen on numerous occasions, who may have been employed in a restaurant known as "The Greek's," located in the 100 block of Camp Street. She stated that approximately six months ago, this restaurant was closed and she believed the owner named, MANUEL, had died and the space occupied by this restaurant had been purchased by the Waterbury Drug Store.

She stated that possibly someone in the 100 block of Camp Street, would be able to further identify persons depicted in these photographs and that the following persons might be contacted:

She stated that a newsboy named JOHNNY had operated a newsstand on the corner of Camp and Canal Streets in front of the Fantasy Lounge for more than 20 years and there was a similar newsstand located directly across from this location on Camp Street. She also stated that persons might be contacted in the stores and other locations in the area between the International Trade Mart and Waterbury's Drug Store on Camp Street.

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Mr. ELWOOD HUETTMAN, 34 Gibbs Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana, and employed by New Orleans Public Service, Inc. 317 Baronne Street (Room 410), New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He stated that sometime during July or August, 1963, while he was walking on Canal Street between Dauphine and Bourbon Streets and between the Katz and Bestoff Drug Store and D. H. Holmes Department Store, a man, whom he described as white male, 25 to 30 years old, 5' 8" tall, 140 to 150 pounds, wearing a khaki shirt and khaki pants, handed him a handbill, yellow in color, with the words "Hands off Cuba! Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans Charter Member Branch, Free Literature, Lectures, Location: FPCC - A. J. Hidell, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, Louisiana, Everyone Welcome!"

He stated that this was approximately 12:30 p.m. as he was returning from his lunch period. He stated that he could not describe the individual who gave him this handbill any further than the foregoing as he did not take particular notice of this individual inasmuch as there always seems to be someone handing out something along Canal Street during that time of day. He stated that he never observed this individual prior to this time nor has he ever seen the foregoing described handbill prior to this time.

He further advised that he thought he had destroyed this handbill, but, when cleaning out his desk on December 12, 1963, he found this handbill in his desk drawer. He stated that he brought this to the attention of his fellow employees and approximately 30 employees looked at this handbill and handled it.

HUETTMAN was exhibited a series of six photographs taken by WDSU-TV on August 16, 1963, in front of the International Trade Mart Building, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, but HUETTMAN could not identify anyone in these photographs. A photograph of LEE HARVEY

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OSWALD was shown to HUETTMAN and he advised that he had seen OSWALD's picture on television and in the newspapers and could, therefore, recognize this photograph of OSWALD, but could not identify OSWALD as being the individual who gave him the foregoing described handbill.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN B. LEE, JR. on December 13, 1963:

The following individuals, who are employed
in the 100 block of Camp Street located between Waterbury's
Drug Store and International Trade Mart Building, were
exhibited a series of six photographs taken by WDSU-TV
on August 16, 1963, in front of the International Trade
Mart Building, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,
and none could identify any of the individuals in these
photographs:

Employees of Waterbury's Drug Store, 540 Canal
Street:

V. WILSON, LENA DE BATTISTA, MARIE ARNONE,
NORBIT STANO, MARY MONTGOMERY, PATRICK
RODECKER, JACKIE FLURRY, BEVERLY DORMAN

Employee of D'Mond Coffe Shop, 108 Camp Street:

Mrs. VERNA FORD

Owner of Louie's Donut Shop, 110 Camp Street:

ZAKARI PAPASINSKIS

Owner of Johnny's News Stand, Camp and Canal:

JOHNNY SHERMAN, 1913 Touro Street

Owner of Miller's News Stand, Camp and Canal:

ALBERT MILER, 1436 Reynes.

RAY JAMES LEAHART

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MUNCY PERKINS, Clerk Carrollton Avenue Station, New Orleans Public Service, Inc., residence address 5320 Camp Street, New Orleans, advised that occasionally individuals have been observed by him at the Carrollton Avenue Station in the early evening hours waiting for RAY JAMES LEAHART, one of the bus drivers. Mr. PERKINS thought that possibly LEE HARVEY OSWALD may have been among these persons waiting for LEAHART on one occasion date not recalled.

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RAY JAMES LEAHART, bus operator, New Orleans Public Service, Inc., residence address 2217 Dante Street, New Orleans, observed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised that he did not know him and had never seen him prior to seeing his photograph on television and in the newspapers.

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