

INTERVIEW OF BERN ROTMAN, WDSU-TV, NEW ORLEANS
AND DAVID CHANDLER, NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM
NEWSPAPER

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Mr. BERN ROTMAN, Senior News Editor, WDSU-TV, Channel 6, New Orleans, advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in the television station around August 16, 1963, at which time he was interviewed both on television and radio. He said the only contact he had with OSWALD at this time was when OSWALD was introduced to him, as OSWALD, was being given a short tour of the news office of this station.

Mr. ROTMAN stated that a short time later OSWALD called him on the telephone and stated that he was going to picket again. OSWALD then asked Mr. ROTMAN what date he would like to have OSWALD picket. Mr. ROTMAN advised OSWALD that he did not want OSWALD to picket and had no interest as to what date he did picket, but he said that if OSWALD was going to picket, the News Bureau of Channel 6 would like to be made aware of it.

Mr. ROTMAN said that the above was the only contact he had with OSWALD and he did not know OSWALD considered him friendly enough that he would put his name in an address book.

Mr. ROTMAN said that when he was contacted by OSWALD on the telephone, OSWALD did not say where or when or whom he was going to picket.

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Mr. DAVID CHANDLER, Reporter for the New Orleans States-Item Daily Newspaper, published in New Orleans, advised that he knows of no journalist in the city of New Orleans by the name of DAVID CRAWFORD and that he feels that if the name of DAVID CRAWFORD appeared in the possession of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, it was actually, CHANDLER, that it had reference to.

Mr. CHANDLER stated that a couple of days after OSWALD was arrested on August 9, 1963, in New Orleans, OSWALD came into the newspaper office and spoke to Mr. CHANDLER, telling him that one CARL BRINGIUER, who owns a store at 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, was training guerrillas for future fighting in Cuba. He also told Mr. CHANDLER that BRINGIUER was attempting to sell bonds to support BRINGIUER's organization but had not acquired the necessary city permit to do so.

OSWALD told Mr. CHANDLER that he would like the newspaper to do a story on his arrest and on him personally. Mr. CHANDLER advised OSWALD that it was unlikely that the newspaper would do any story on him or the "Fair Play for Cuba" committee which OSWALD claimed to represent because they were not in sympathy with him or his ideas. Mr. CHANDLER said OSWALD replied that he sort of thought they might not want to do the story but OSWALD also said that anyone had a right to their individual thoughts and expressions. At this point, Mr. CHANDLER said the interview between him and OSWALD was terminated.

Mr. CHANDLER said that the above is the only contact he had with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Mr. JULIUS GINDY, Owner of Gindy's Discount House, 1030 Canal Street, New Orleans, advised that there is no such number as 1032 Canal Street.

Mr. GINDY was exhibited a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he advised that OSWALD had never been in his store or had any contact with him.

Mr. GINDY said that the only Spanish speaking employee he had was a Cuban by the name of DANNY PARADELLA.

Mr. GINDY also advised that he could only recognize OSWALD's photograph because he had seen pictures of OSWALD on television and in the newspapers.

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DANNY PARADELLA, an employee of Gindy's Discount House, 1030 Canal Street, advised that he spoke very little English and, therefore, was interviewed in the Spanish language.

PARADELLA was exhibited a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he advised that he had never had any personal contact with OSWALD and was only able to recognize him because he had seen his picture on television and in the newspapers.

Mr. PARADELLA stated that he never recalled seeing OSWALD in or around Gindy's Discount House.

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INTERVIEWS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CREW
OF S.S. MARION LYKES ON VOYAGE 110,
SEPTEMBER, 1959

1Date December 18, 1963

VICTOR FRANKLIN, 2700 Dryades Street, was interviewed at the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Ward 4-F, Bed 15 at New Orleans, Louisiana, where he has been a patient since November 27, 1963.

FRANKLIN recalled sailing on the SS Marion Lykes, Voyage 110 in 1959 as a messman. He stated that during the voyage, he served as a pantryman and it was his duty to set up a steam table in the pantry, adjacent to the dining room, used by passengers and officers, and that he often assisted WILLIAM WALLACE in serving passengers.

Mr. FRANKLIN did not remember anyone named OSWALD who was a passenger and did not recognize a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as being of anyone he had ever seen.

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Date December 18, 19631

WILLIAM HILL, 311 West Robert E. Lee Boulevard, advised that he served as Chief Engineer on the SS Marion Lykes, Voyage 110 in 1959, but did not recall any of the passengers on the voyage.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was displayed, but Mr. HILL did not recognize it as being of anyone he had known as a passenger.

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RE: JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY

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JEAN MURPHY, 1323 Dauphine Street (524-3505), New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is a sister of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, but advised that she has not seen MURPHY since 1960 when he visited her at her former address, 1309 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that she believed he was living in New Orleans at the time, address unknown. She said that she saw her brother only once during the period he was staying in New Orleans. She said that she recalls JAMES remained in New Orleans only one week at that time. She advised that she has not seen or heard from her brother since that time. She said that she could not understand why her brother would leave her address as a forwarding address. She said that her brother has never lived with her at any time.

She said that there was only a slight possibility that he would visit any of his relatives. She furnished the following names and addresses of relatives:

Father, OLIVE F. MURPHY, deceased;
 Mother, MAUDE (HOWELL) MURPHY, Whitfield Mental Hospital, Whitfield, Mississippi;
 Brother, CLYDE MURPHY, address unknown;
 Brother, PETE MURPHY, Kosciusko, Mississippi;
 Brother, O. GERALD MURPHY, Jackson, Tennessee;
 Brother, RICHARD MURPHY, address unknown;
 Sister, Mrs. PEARL WAGNER, Melville, Louisiana;
 Sister, LUCILLE MURPHY
 Sister, BARBARA MURPHY, 214 High Street, Memphis, Tennessee;

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