

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16601)

DATE: 12/11/63

FROM : SA JAMES BOYCE PECK

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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On 12/11/63, [redacted] personally called at the New Orleans Office and stated that she has meant to come in and contact an agent relative to the following information which she stated might be pertinent, as it concerned the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY:

She stated for information that for the past several years she has stopped at least one time 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 and two associates, all of whom appeared to be passing out handbills. She explained that one individual handed her a handbill, which she said she still believed was in her home, although she has been unable to find it after thoroughly searching her residence. She stated she would continue to search her residence and contact the New Orleans Office if this handbill were located.

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

She stated that sometime after November 22, 1963, she recalled that one of the individuals she observed on Canal Street, passing out handbills, bore a resemblance to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who she said was so widely displayed through television and newspaper coverage of the assassination of the president.

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She stated that she would not be in any position to describe the person that she said resembled OSWALD, nor could she furnish any information describing his associates, whom she said she observed to be passing out handbills.

[REDACTED] was furnished photographs of persons passing out handbills on August 16, 1963, at the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, La., which photographs had been furnished for the use of the FBI by television station WDSU and she picked out a photograph of OSWALD as being identical with the person she said she had observed on Canal Street and stated that this was the same person who was identified through television coverage as OSWALD. She stated she could not identify any other individuals represented in these photographs, however, an individual pictured in these photographs, as possibly holding several handbills with a notation "X" above him, in her opinion bore a considerable resemblance to an individual that she had seen on numerous occasions, who may have been employed in a restaurant known as "The Greek's", 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 news stand on the corner of Camp and Canal Street in front of Fantasy Lounge for more than 20 years and another newsstand operated, was located directly across the street from him on Camp Street. Also she stated that persons might be contacted in the other stores and locations in the area between the International Trade Mart and Waterbury's Drug Store, on Camp Street.

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LEADS:

1. Relative to establishing the identity of additional persons represented in photographs taken by WDSU on 8/16/63, will make appropriate inquiries and display photographs to proprietors of establishments in the 100 block of Camp Street located between Waterbury's Drug Store and the International Trade Mart.

2. Will contact appropriate persons, Waterbury's Drug Store and display WDSU photograph.

3. Will display photographs to "JOHNNY" who operates newsstand at corner of Camp and Canal St, in front of the Fantasy Lounge.

4. Will display photographs to any additional newsstand operators located at Camp and Canal Street.