

1Date December 12, 1963LOUISIANA

Mr. ADRIAN T. ALBAN, Manager, Crescent City Garage, Inc., 618 Magazine Street, was interviewed specifically concerning any conversation he had had with LEE HARVEY OSWALD concerning rifle slings. Mr. ALBAN stated that OSWALD had never expressed a particular interest in any form of sling and that to the best of his knowledge the subject had never been discussed between them.

On 12/10/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 100-16601
by SA ROBERT M. WHOMSLEY :gas Date dictated 12/12/63

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The following inquiries were made by SA ROBERT M. WHOMSLEY on December 11 and 12, 1963:

Mr. P. C. ~~X~~SPEDALE, ^{Louisiana} owner, Crescent Gun and repair Company, 2401 South Claiborne Avenue, stated that in his opinion the sling described as having been on the rifle of LEE HARVEY OSWALD is undoubtedly a target sling. In this regard he stated that he had never seen a sling black and brown in color and that they are all naturally oiled leather, brown in color. He said there are no distributors in New Orleans for leather products, i.e. holsters, slings and so forth. He said that in addition to his concern, there are two other firms in New Orleans dealing almost exclusively in firearms.

Mr. ARTHUR T. ~~X~~TURNER, gunsmith, and Mr. LEE ~~X~~AGERTON, Manager, New Orleans Arms Company, Inc., 240 Chartres Street, both commented in the manner of Mr. SPEDALE. ^{Louisiana}

Mr. FRANK ~~X~~MORENO, Manager, Security Company, 3604 South Carrollton Avenue, likewise commented in the manner of those individuals noted above.

A photograph of OSWALD was shown to those individuals indicated and all informed he is unknown to them and has never been known to have done business in their respective businesses.

The individuals named below were contacted at their respective places of business and all advised they had never seen a rifle sling of the description of that found on the rifle of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. In addition it was learned that they receive very few orders to make rifle slings to precise specifications for customers, and, in addition, never made one to order for OSWALD. When shown a photograph of OSWALD, all informed he is unknown to them and was never known to be in their respective companies:

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G. M. ~~X~~ROULE, Rolands Sporting Goods, 300 South Rampart Street, New Orleans.

WILLIAM ~~X~~NUNEZ, Charles P. Rayne Company, 721 Camp Street, New Orleans.

T. E. ~~X~~VINCI, Pioneer Saddlery, 300 Camp Street, New Orleans.

The individuals named below were contacted at their respective business establishments and all advised as follows:

Rifle slings are not carried in their inventories inasmuch as the dealer outlets they serve order leather products, i.e. rifle slings, holsters, ammunition belts and so forth, direct from the manufacturer. The only slings that are sold to dealer outlets are those pre-assembled on the firearms at the factory and they are included in the unit prices of the various firearms carried. Those businesses named are the jobbers for all sporting goods and other firms dealing in the sale of firearms in the immediate New Orleans locale:

Louisiana
H. E. ~~X~~WINDES, Sales Manager, Monroe Hardware Company, 333 North Diamond Street, New Orleans.

G. O. ~~X~~RASCH, Vice President, Woodward, Wright and Company, 451 Howard Avenue, New Orleans.

J. M. ~~X~~WEBB, Buyer, Stratton Baldwin Company, Inc., 700 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans.

W. T. ~~X~~STAUFFER, Secretary-Treasurer, Stauffer Eshlema and Company, Ltd., 1448 South Peters Street.

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CONTACT WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA NEWSPAPERS

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On December 10, 1963, the Dallas Office advised that Mr. SAMUEL B. ~~X~~BALLEN, Chairman of the Board of High-plains Natural Gas Company and Electrical Log Service, Inc., 1717 Southland Center, Dallas, Texas, had met LEE HARVEY OSWALD in December, 1962, in Dallas, Texas. BALLEN recalls talking with OSWALD, and it is his recollection that OSWALD had been employed by a newspaper in New Orleans, Louisiana.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

The following investigation was conducted by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY:

The following individuals advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had never been employed by their newspapers:

Miss JANE ~~X~~LEWIS, Office Manager, Bowling Press and News and Views, 3709 South Carrollton Avenue. NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

CLYDE ~~X~~VICGUES, Assistant Business Manager, Catholic Action of the South, and the Clarion, 523 Natchez, New Orleans. LOUISIANA

Mrs. FRANCES C. ~~X~~BADGETT, Office Manager, Central Christian Advocate, 631 Baronne Street, New Orleans. LOUISIANA

A. L. ~~X~~FRANCIS, Owner and Publisher of the Daily Shopping Guide, Daily Journal of Commerce, and the Daily Shipping Guide, 516 Natchez Street. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

WILLIAM ~~X~~DONNELLS, The Federationist, 841 Louisa Street. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Mr. EASTON ~~X~~KING, Publisher, Gentilly Advertiser, 613 South Rampart. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

KENT COURTNEY, Publisher of the Independent American, 7819 Green Street. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Mr. O. AL CHIARELLO, Owner, Italo-American Publishing Company and publisher, International Review, 1025 Barracks.

EDWARD ROSE, Editor, West Bank Guide, and Jefferson Daily Legal News, 3709 West Bank Expressway, Gretna, Louisiana.

ASTON COX, Editor, Jefferson Democrat, 540 First Street, Gretna, Louisiana

SIDNEY STEINER, Editor and Publisher, Jefferson Parish Times, 110 Severn Street, Metairie, Louisiana

ABRAHAM SLABAT, 4538 South Johnson, Editor and Publisher of the Jewish Ledger, which closed October 11, 1963.

J. FINGER, Office Manager, The Journal Commerce, International Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. G. M. WATSON, Louisiana Weekly Publishing Company, 640 South Rampart, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. M. SULLIVAN, Office Manager, Official Daily Court Records, and Montgomery and Company printers, 430 Chartres, New Orleans, Louisiana

MARGARET MITCHELL, Personnel Manager, New Orleans States-Item, and the Times Picayune, 615 North Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. FELTS B. LEE, Fuller Building, 2100 North Claiborne, Current local manager of the Pittsburg Courier, New Orleans, Louisiana

JACK E. ROUSSEAU, 1821 Orleans, former manager of the Pittsburg Courier, New Orleans, Louisiana

EDWARD ROY, Editor, St. Bernard Voice, 234 Mehle Street, Arabi, Louisiana.

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ANTHONY LUPO, Publisher, Sports Bulletin, 530
Iris Street, Metairie. LOUISIANA

WILLIAM JENNINGS LONG, Editor Vieux Carre Courier,
110 Royal Street. NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana

BELLE SMITH, Office Manager, Wall Street Journal,
International Trade Mart.

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Reference Report of SA STEPHEN M.
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 New Orleans.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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