

Date _____

10/29/64

1

HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL was located at his place of employment, the Hollywood Dodge Automobile Company, at 4620 Hollywood Boulevard. At the outset of the interview, McCALL, professed a complete lack of ability to remember names, dates and figures, but volunteered that he had records at his residence which could give a better account of his personal activities.

Accordingly, the interviewing Agents accompanied McCALL to his residence at 1116 North New Hampshire, Apartment 3, Los Angeles, California. At this residence was JOE WESLEY COE. Interview was conducted with McCALL in the presence of JOE COE who at McCALL's request secured available papers to verify employments, residences and dates.

McCALL related that he and JOE COE went to Dallas, Texas, in approximately October 1963. He stated that prior to leaving for Dallas he had been working as an automobile salesman at the California Ford Company in Glendale, California. He mentioned that this had been his main employment in the Los Angeles area but that he had not been too successful in this field and they thought that perhaps a change of locale would bring about a change in their luck. In addition to his employments as an automobile salesman, McCALL stated that he and JOE COE opened the Hollywood Contact Club which he described as a lonely hearts club and that he operated this from his residence at 1200 Alta Loma Drive in Hollywood. He also stated that upon his return from Dallas he re-established the same type business and this time the name of this operation was the West Coast Contact Club. This was also operated from the Alta Loma address which is actually the Sunset-Marquis Apartment House, as well as the Braemer-Lesser Apartment House located at 8440 Sunset Boulevard. He stated that both ventures lasted approximately two or three months but were financial failures. He stated that he and COE pooled

On 10/26/64 at Los Angeles, California File # LA 105-15823

by SA WILLIAM L. MC DERMOTT
SA HOWARD H. DAVIS/meh

Date dictated

10/28/64

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

what little money they had to form these ventures and that they had no other financial backing.

McCALL also related that a number of years ago he purchased a home in the Bahamas for \$6000. Prior to going to Texas he sold this property to a CHARLES D. NORRIS for \$3500. He advised that NORRIS was with the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in the Bahamas. McCALL stated that he sold this property for this amount of money mainly because it was termite infested and it was too far away for him to look after properly. McCALL advised that at the time of the sale he received \$300 in cash and was to receive \$200 per month in 16 monthly installments until the balance of the loan was satisfied. The sale was handled by CHARLES MOSS, Eleuthera, Governor's Harbour, Bahamas, where the property was also located.

McCALL advised that with this \$300 and the prospect of \$200 per month as a sustainer he felt that he and COE could manage until they became established or secured a job in Dallas.

They answered an advertisement in a Los Angeles newspaper and drove a 1960 Chevrolet which they obtained from a Beverly Hills Agency. This vehicle he recalled had a stick shift and they delivered this to a person whom he could not recall in Dallas. It was his recollection, however, that they were paid \$50 for delivering this vehicle.

Shortly after arriving in Dallas, McCALL secured a job as a salesman with the Downtown Lincoln-Mercury Agency which was located on Commerce Street. He claimed that he never sold a car and never received any money while employed there. He advised that when President KENNEDY was assassinated and when it was broadcast over the radio that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was the individual who shot the President, a salesman whose name he could not readily recall advised him and most of the other salesmen at the dealership that he had seen OSWALD and that OSWALD had been into the agency to purchase a vehicle a week or so earlier.

He was asked if the name of this salesman could have been BOGARD. McCALL readily recognized the name and states positively that that was the name of the individual that he was referring to.

According to BOGARD, OSWALD drove over the same route that President KENNEDY subsequently traveled on the date he was assassinated, and that OSWALD drove very fast. The car in question

that was used on that date for the demonstration, according to McCALL, was a red Comet Caliente, Model 210, that had a four speed transmission. OSWALD reportedly had no money at the time but stated that he would have the money to pay cash for it in about ten days or two weeks.

According to McCALL, BOGARD recalled this episode specifically as they either ran out of gas or else BOGARD had to pay for gas upon their return since they had traveled such a distance on this demonstration ride. McCALL mentioned that it was customary for a test or demonstration ride to consist of a run of several blocks, but it was his recollection that BOGARD stated they were gone for approximately 45 minutes. To the best of his recollection, McCALL recalls that BOGARD at the time described where he and OSWALD had driven, but McCALL said that he was not familiar enough with Dallas to state the exact route that was taken.

Also BOGARD supposedly stated that after the demonstration ride he wrote the name of LEE OSWALD on a card and gave it to another salesman in the event that OSWALD came in while BOGARD was not present. McCALL said he does not recall the name of this salesman but believed him to be short in stature.

McCALL related that he had no firsthand knowledge of the above-described events. He also added that he could not state that he ever saw OSWALD. McCALL related that he specifically recalls that one of the salesmen who was present at the time that BOGARD was relating this story mentioned that this incident should be reported to the FBI. When it appeared that nobody was going to do so this individual himself called the FBI and reported the incident.

McCALL stated he was present at this time and stated that this individual turned to the sales manager and asked for his home telephone number. The manager wanted to know why he wanted this and the salesman answered that he was talking to the FBI and they wanted to know this information. Shortly thereafter a representative or representatives from the FBI came to the agency and questioned the sales manager and BOGARD. McCALL stated that he was not questioned by the FBI. When asked if this individual's name could have been LAWRENCE, McCALL stated in the affirmative and he recalled that his name was JACK LAWRENCE.

According to McCALL, sometime later he left this agency and went to work for the Eagle Lincoln-Mercury Dealership in Dallas, Texas. McCALL was unable to recall the exact dates that he was in Dallas but feels that it was from approximately October 1963 until January 1964. He stated that JOE COE was never employed while in Dallas and he also related that both he and JOE COE resided at two residences. The only one that he could readily recall was the Chateau DeVille which he stated was across the bridge on the south side of town.

In January 1964, McCALL advised that he received approximately \$1200 which was the balance of the loan from the sale of his home. He mentioned that he deposited this in the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas. He advised that he discounted the note.

With this money and since he had had no success in Dallas he and COE decided to return to Los Angeles.

He advised that they went to an agency which was located behind the Big D Auction Center and obtained a 1963 Comet which they drove to Los Angeles. He recalls that this was delivered to a small dealer in the Southwest section of Los Angeles.

McCALL stated he never purchased any vehicle while in Dallas since he had the use of a demonstrator which was given to him by his employers and it was his recollection these cars were also Comets.

Upon returning to Los Angeles, McCALL stated that he and COE resided at the Sunset-Marquis Apartments, 1200 Alta Loma, and re-established the West Coast Contact Club. He produced a receipt at this time which indicated that they rented this apartment on January 10, 1964.

As has been mentioned previously he stated they had limited success and moved from the Sunset-Marquis to the Braemer-Lesser Apartments as this afforded a better location on Sunset Boulevard.

They were evicted from this latter apartment as the manager stated they secured the apartment for a residence and not a business and therefore he evicted them.

LA 105-15823

McCALL stated that as a result of this eviction they lost their clientele and disbanded the business. For this business venture, McCALL stated that he utilized the balance of the \$1200 from the sale of his property and also from income tax refunds of his and COE's.

Since that time, McCALL advised he has been employed at various agencies as an automobile salesman in the Los Angeles, California, area.

McCALL related that he mentioned the OSWALD incident, occurring at the Lincoln-Mercury Dealership in Dallas, to a Los Angeles man and he stated that he told this individual that he bought a Lincoln Continental in Dallas. He told this individual that he no longer had the Lincoln as it was stolen a short time after he purchased the vehicle and that it was a total loss since he had no insurance. McCALL stated that he mentioned this situation to this individual as he considered this person somewhat of a "big dealer" who in the past had tried to impress McCALL with his importance and also had tried to convey to McCALL the fact that he was somewhat wealthy. McCALL advised that he never told any individual that a salesman was the one that drove OSWALD on the demonstration ride and he also advised that he never told any individual that OSWALD had attempted to purchase a Lincoln Continental.

McCALL advised that he has not seen this individual since he related the above incident to him.

With regard to JOE COE, McCALL stated that COE has no personal knowledge of the affairs that took place in Dallas and he only knows what McCALL has related to him. This information is set forth above.

McCALL made available for perusal two documents relating to the property he had owned in the Bahama Islands. These "indentures" or deeds related, he advised, to the property he had sold. One indenture dated May 18, 1962, in the Bahama Islands, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, was from CHARLOTTE BLODGETT of San Diego, California, selling for \$6000 to HARRY R. McCALL of Greenville, South Carolina, a minister of religion, certain described property. This document was notarized by ALICE L. JOHNSON, 2261 North Lake Avenue (no city given). With regard to the date of May 18, 1962, McCALL stated that although he had

purchased this property many years ago he had not been able to obtain a deed for it even though he had gone so far as to try legal action to get the deed. However, suddenly CHARLOTTE BLODGETT voluntarily furnished him with a deed to the property.

The second indenture was dated June 10, 1963, and was between HARRY R. McCALL of Los Angeles, California, and CHARLES D. NORRIS, selling to NORRIS the property described in the previously referred to indenture for \$3500. It was indicated there was to be an initial payment of \$300 with the remaining \$3200 to be paid in 16 equal monthly installments.

WILLIAM CERVENAK, Major, U. S. Air Force, witnessed this document for NORRIS while JOE W. COE witnessed the document for McCALL.

McCALL also produced a deposit slip which reflects that on January 8, 1964, a sum of \$1196.41 was deposited in the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas through the Citizens National Bank, Leesburg, Florida, account number 06046.

McCall also produced two canceled checks of the Sunset-Wetherly Branch of the Bank of America which reflects that on January 9, 1964, the sum of \$600 was obtained from the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas and on January 10, 1964, the sum of \$590. These transactions were handled by mail.

McCALL produced a record which reflects that he served in the U. S. Navy from June 11, 1943, until May 10, 1947, at which time he received an honorable discharge as a radio electrician's mate, second class. His Navy serial number was 829-48-69.

McCALL voluntarily advised that he was a graduate from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, where he received an AB degree in Psychology in 1951. He also stated that he was an ordained minister having graduated from the Southeast Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. McCALL stated that he had formerly been married to BARBARA LACKEY and that they had five children. He stated that they were divorced in 1961 at Jacksonville, Florida.

Date _____

10/29/64

1

JOE WESLEY COE advised that he resides at 1116 North New Hampshire Avenue, Apartment 3, with HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL. He stated that he is unemployed. COE advised with respect to the information furnished to the interviewing Agents by HARRY McCALL that he had no personal knowledge of this information and that everything he knows concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD incident was related to him by HARRY McCALL.

COE stated that on November 22, 1963, he was at his apartment at the Chateau DeVille in Dallas and that he did not see the assassination. He mentioned that he told one or possibly two individuals that he was an eye witness to President KENNEDY's assassination, but he avowed that this was not the truth. He stated he does not know why he related this information to these individuals and he stated that he is now extremely regretful that he did so.

With respect to COE and McCALL's return from Dallas to Los Angeles in a Comet automobile, it was COE's definite recollection that this dealership that they delivered the vehicle to was located in the south part of Los Angeles and he vividly recalls that they drove south on the Harbor Freeway to this agency. He stated that after they delivered the vehicle the owner's wife drove he and McCALL to a bus so that they could return to the Los Angeles area.

On 10/26/64 at Los Angeles, California File # LA 105-15823

by SA WILLIAM L. MC DERMOTT
SA HOWARD H. DAVIS/meh Date dictated 10/28/64

ENCLOSURE

1
LA 105-15823
WLM:meh

FRANK LAW, Manager of the Braemer-Lesser Apartments, 8440 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised on October 26, 1964, that his records reflect that HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL and JOE WESLEY COE leased Apartment 304 on May 1, 1964. They were evicted on June 7, 1964, inasmuch as LAW stated that they secured the apartment under false pretenses. He advised that COE and McCALL were operating the West Coast Contact Club from their apartment which was in violation with their lease. He stated that their records show that as of April 8, 1964, McCALL's bank account at the Sunset-Wetherly Branch of the Bank of America was in low three figures. They indicated that they had formerly resided at the Sunset-Marquis Apartments, 1200 Alta Loma Drive.

JOAN KNOTT, Clerk, Sunset-Marquis Apartments, 1200 Alta Loma, Los Angeles, advised that her records reflect that HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL and JOE WESLEY COE leased an apartment on two occasions. On the first occasion the lease was from October 2, 1963, until November 2, 1963. On the second occasion the lease was from January 10, 1964, until April 30, 1964. Miss KNOTT stated that McCALL and COE operated some sort of a lonely hearts club but she did not know the name of this operation.

Mr. W. B. LONDON, Office Manager of the Beverly Hills Ford, 8850 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, advised that HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL, Social Security Number 243-22-7199, was employed as a salesman from June 19, 1962, until August 14, 1962, and from January 30, 1963, until April 5, 1963.

Mrs. HELEN HARRIS, Clerk, California Ford, 1401 South Brand, Glendale, California, advised on October 26, 1964, that HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL was employed as a salesman from August 16, 1963, until October 15, 1963. Residences listed were 4643 Los Feliz and 1200 Alta Loma Drive.

STANLEY KLEIN, Office Manager, Escobar Ford, Norwalk, California, advised that HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL was employed as a salesman from November 9, 1962, until January 29, 1963.

JOE WESLEY COE was employed from November 28, 1962, until January 21, 1963.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information pertaining to the

ENCLOSURE

2

LA 105-15823

WLM:meh

Hollywood Contact Club, the West Coast Contact Club, JOE WESLEY
COE, HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL o [REDACTED]

Set forth is a description of HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL:

Name	HARRY RANDOLPH McCALL
Address	1116 North New Hampshire, Los Angeles, California
Birth data	September 1, 1924, Spencer, North Carolina
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175
Hair	Reddish brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Navy serial no.	8294869
Marital status	Divorced
Ex-wife	BARBARA LACKEY, born Gaffney, South Carolina
Dependents	Claims 5 children
Social Security No.	248-22-7199

Set forth is a description of JOE WESLEY COE:

Name	JOE WESLEY COE
Address	1116 North New Hampshire, Los Angeles, California
Birth data	8/13/36, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Features	Handsome
Marital status	Single
Mother	Mrs. ROSA L. COE, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Social Security No.	241-52-2304

3
LA 105-15823
WLM:meh

Set forth is a description of [REDACTED]

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Birth data	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	180
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Wife [REDACTED]

The above descriptions were obtained through interview and from records of the Aetna Insurance Company, 810 South Spring, Los Angeles, California, a bonding company for Escobar Ford.

FBI WASH DC

NOV 3 1964

FBI DALLAS

1249

PM CST URGENT 11-3-64 SDA

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 2 P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. IS DASH R DASH CUBA.

MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, TWO TWO TWO ZERO THOMAS PLACE, FT.

WORTH, TEXAS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE FBI RA AT FT. WORTH TODAY. SHE WAS VERY EXCITED AND CRYING. SHE STATED THAT A PUBLISHING FIRM, NAME OF WHICH SHE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE, HAD RECENTLY FURNISHED HER WITH A TAPE RECORDER AND A NUMBER OF SPOOLS OF TAPE. SHE STATED SHE WAS TO RECORD HER EXPERIENCES DURING THE LAST ELEVEN MONTHS AND A BOOK WAS TO BE COMPILED FROM THIS. TODAY SHE TURNED ON THE RECORDER AND DISCOVERED THAT ONE SPOOL OF TAPE HAD ALREADY BEEN USED AND A FOREIGN LANGUAGE WAS ON THE TAPE, WHICH SHE BELIEVED IS RUSSIAN. SHE STATED IT WAS HER OPINION THAT SOMEONE HAD SLIPPED IN HER HOUSE AND RECORDED INFORMATION FOR HER AND IT MIGHT IDENTIFY THE PERSON WHO KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS POSITIVE THAT HER SON, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS NOT GUILTY AND THAT SOONER OR LATER SHE WOULD TRACK DOWN THE

END PAGE 1

53 NOV 10 1964-7

Handwritten notes and stamps in the top right corner, including a date stamp "NOV 5 1964" and various initials and scribbles.

5219

Handwritten initials or scribbles at the bottom right.

DL 100-10461

P 2

TRUE ASSASSIN. SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE TAPE TO BE REMOVED FROM HER HOME FOR TRANSLATION PURPOSES. SHE STATED THAT ON SECOND THOUGHT, SHE WAS GOING TO CALL SOMEONE IN HIGH AUTHORITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND HAVE THEM SEND AN INTERPRETER TO HER HOUSE.

THIS IS BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU ONLY AND UACB, NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE DALLAS OFFICE..

JL
was

END

RPP

FBI WASH DC

TU DISC

THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS.

FILE NO. 105-82555

SERIAL NO. 5220

PAGE NO. 1-4

NO. OF PAGES 4

SECTION NO.

219

CTA

REFERRAL