

September 2, 1964

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Honorable J. Leo Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northwest
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 21, 1964, requesting that affidavits be obtained from Mr. L. J. Lewis and Mr. B. M. Patterson.

Affidavits have been obtained from the above individuals and two copies of each are enclosed. Also enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated August 27, 1964, Dallas, Texas, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" which pertains to this matter.

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Sincerely yours,
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Enclosures (6)

NOTE: Commission stated that the interviews of the above individuals to be used in its published report relating to the murder of Officer Tippit and they desired affidavits from each specifying that their report of the interview was a correct representation of what each witnessed on 11-22-63. Lewis, a wholesale car dealer, and Patterson, a cafeteria employee, were on a used car lot along the escape route, from where Officer J. D. Tippit was murdered. Each heard shots and saw a white man carrying a gun, pass the used car lot. Lewis could not identify Oswald. Patterson did identify Oswald and also saw him discard his zipper jacket. Neither of these individuals were actual witnesses to the shooting. Each of the above reviewed our report of their interview and certified it was materially correct, however, made clarifications to original comments. No further action necessary. In Patterson's affidavit he stated he did not specifically recall having been exhibited a photograph of Oswald during his interview of 1/22/64, and desired

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this paragraph to be deleted as an official reporting of that interview.

During Patterson's interview on 8-26-64, he observed two different photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald, at which time he advised this person (Oswald) is positively and unquestionably the same person he saw at approximately 1:30 PM, 11/22/63. This information is contained in the LHM furnished to the Commission and no further action necessary.

In the L. J. Lewis affidavit he stated upon hearing the gunshots (which were connected with the shooting of J. W. Tippit) Lewis indicated he immediately called the Dallas Police Department followed by the comments he observed a white male running south on Patton Avenue carrying either an automatic pistol or revolver in his hand and was attempting to reload same. In Lewis' original interview on 1/21/64, he indicated he heard the shots, observed a white male with a pistol or revolver in his hand, running and was either attempting to reload or conceal the weapon in his belt line, followed by the comment that he then went into the office of a used car dealer and called the Police Department. Therefore, Lewis' affidavit is nothing more than the clarification of when he called the Police Department.