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Captain J. W. FRITZ, Homicide and Robbery, Dallas Police Department, was interviewed concerning a certain telephone number found on a piece of paper about 1½ x 2" in the right hand side pocket of the trousers of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, which trousers have been maintained in the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory (Parkland Hospital) as evidence in the pending murder case in the name JACK LEON RUBY.

Captain FRITZ stated that OSWALD was completely searched after his arrest November 22, 1963 and was allowed to keep nothing. Subsequently on November 22, 1963, OSWALD wanted to call Attorney JOHN ABT in New York City but did not have his phone number. Captain FRITZ stated he advised OSWALD he could make a collect call from the jail and explained to OSWALD how to give the operator the name of the person he wanted without having the number, and ABT, being a prominent attorney in New York, the operator would locate him and furnish OSWALD with the phone number. FRITZ stated that as a matter of course the operator would want to know the number the call was being made from and the same would be RI 8-9711, which is the Dallas Police Department number and appears on the dial of the phone in the jail.

FRITZ stated on the morning of November 23, 1963, he asked OSWALD if he had made his call and OSWALD advised he had been allowed to make a call but had been unable to contact Attorney ABT.

FRITZ stated it would be within the policy of the jail where a long distance call was made to allow the prisoner pencil and paper to write the number down on.

FRITZ stated JIM POPPLEWELL, Jail Officer, who was on detail to stay at OSWALD's cell, has advised that he took OSWALD to the phone to make the above mentioned long distance call and that OSWALD tried to call his attorney collect. OSWALD got the phone number of ABT from the operator and then stated he would not be able to remember it and asked POPPLEWELL to get him paper and pencil to write the number down on. FRITZ stated POPPLEWELL advised he tore off a small piece of paper

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from the corner of a telephone contact slip and after getting an OK, he furnished said piece of paper and pencil to OSWALD in order for him to write the phone number down. Thereafter OSWALD attempted to call the number but was unable to get the call through to ABT.

FRITZ stated POPPLEWELL advised the he later took OSWALD to the phone again and OSWALD made two or three other calls or attempts, however, POPPLEWELL does not know if the calls were completed or who OSWALD might have called, and no record was kept of numbers called.