

APPLICATION FOR A NEW ORLEANS
LIBRARY CARD, D16

On November 23, 1963, Miss THERESA MILITELLO, Acting Librarian, Main Office, New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans, Louisiana, made available to representatives of the FBI, the original application for a library card in the name of LEE H. OSWALD, 2907 Magazine, occupation - mechanic, employer, Wm. B. Reilly Company, 640 Magazine, and signed LEE H. OSWALD. This application indicated that library card N8640 was issued to OSWALD with the expiration date May 27, 1966. The date of the application is not shown.

On June 23, 1964, Miss MILITELLO was recontacted by a representative of the FBI, at which time she advised that the original application for a library card, which she had given to the FBI on November 23, 1963, had been originally located by GERALDINE VAUCRESSON, an assistant librarian at the Napoleon Branch of the New Orleans Public Library.

Miss MILITELLO said she recalled that when she was contacted on the afternoon of November 23, 1963, by representatives of the FBI, for any information her records might contain regarding OSWALD, she recalled that during the morning of November 23, 1963, she had received a telephone call from Mrs. VAUCRESSON. Mrs. VAUCRESSON informed her that she had located in the records of the Napoleon Branch of the New Orleans Public Library, an application for a library card made by OSWALD.

Miss MILITELLO stated that because the Napoleon Branch of the public library was closed on the afternoon of November 23, 1963, she called Mrs. VAUCRESSON and asked Mrs. VAUCRESSON where she had placed the application card of OSWALD's, and was informed that the card had been placed in Mrs. VAUCRESSON's supply cabinet.

Miss MILITELLO said that upon determining this, she went with the representatives of the FBI to the Napoleon Branch of the New Orleans Public Library and opened the library and obtained OSWALD's application for a library card from the supply cabinet of Mrs. VAUCRESSON, and thereafter she gave this application card to the FBI representatives.

Mrs. GERALDINE VAUCRESSON, Assistant Librarian, Napoleon Branch of the New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised a representative of the FBI that she recalled that on the morning of November 23, 1963, which

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was a Saturday, she received a telephone call at the library from Mr. JACOB LIECHNER, who at that time was a part-time library assistant. LIECHNER told her that he had seen pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television and that he recalled that OSWALD had frequented the Napoleon Branch Library and had filled out an application for a library card and requested Mrs. VAUCRESSON to attempt to locate this application card.

Mrs. VAUCRESSON said she checked the application cards on file and found OSWALD's card and thereafter called Miss THERESA MILITELLO at the main building of the New Orleans Public Library. After she called Miss MILITELLO, she then placed this application card of OSWALD's in her supply cabinet.

Mrs. VAUCRESSON stated that she closed the Napoleon Branch Library at 12:00 noon, November 23, 1963, and sometime during the afternoon she received a call at her residence from Miss MILITELLO inquiring as to where she had placed the application card of OSWALD'S. Mrs. VAUCRESSON related that she told Miss MILITELLO that she had placed this card in her supply cabinet at the Napoleon Branch Library.

Mrs. VAUCRESSON stated that on Monday, November 25, 1963, when she came to work at the Napoleon Branch Library, she looked in her supply cabinet and observed that the application card for OSWALD was gone and assumed that Miss MILITELLO had come to the Branch Library on November 23, 1963, and obtained this card.

A photograph of Item 29, captioned, "New Orleans Library Card, D16", contained on page three of a letter dated May 20, 1964, from the President's Commission to Mr. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was exhibited to Mrs. VAUCRESSON. Mrs. VAUCRESSON stated that the application depicted in this photograph was the same one she had removed from the application file at the Napoleon Branch of the New Orleans Public Library and thereafter placed in her supply cabinet at the library.