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On March 3, 1967, a source in homosexual matters, who has furnished reliable information in the past, volunteered the following information:

He said that late in 1961, just before he left the New Orleans area on a business trip, he was approached by a number of other homosexuals [redacted] a newly formed group devoted to providing money for legal assistance to indigent homosexuals arrested for crimes against nature and other morals offenses in the New Orleans area [redacted]

[redacted] He said he did, however, hear of the group from time to time on his return trips to New Orleans. He said the group referred to itself as the Clay Bertrand Society and that the name Clay Bertrand had been lifted by them from classical French literature as the symbol of an anonymous go-between for legal assistance. He said he knew one homosexual who had been helped by the group, one [redacted] a hair dresser who is presently residing in California.

He said he had also heard that Clay Bertrand had been the name adopted by Clay Shaw and Doug Jones and some other "uptown homosexuals" as a fictitious name under which they rented an apartment on Chartres Street to be used as a mail drop for pornographic homosexual literature and photographs. He said a friend of his had been approached by one of the members of the "uptown" group and asked if he would like to have any of the pictures. His friend told him that in the course of examining the pictures he noticed that they were in an envelope which bore the name Clay Bertrand and an address on Chartres Street.

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This source said that although he did not know Clay Shaw intimately, he did not think it possible for Clay Shaw to have known either Lee Harvey Oswald or David Ferrie on any continued conspiratorial basis. He said that if Shaw knew then at all it was strictly as "one night stands" or "quick tricks".

He said that Ferrie was known as a "chicken queen", that is a homosexual with a preference for young boys between the ages of 13 and 16, and he was also known as a "gang bang queen", or one who prefers to participate in homosexual relations in a group of usually four or more.

He said that he had recently heard that [redacted] was blackmailing a boy who worked for the Times Picayune because the boy had engaged in homosexual relations with either [redacted] or another member of his group. He said that [redacted] and a man known as [redacted] were members of a so-called baseball team that travels around this part of the country ostensibly to play baseball, however, they make their living primarily by blackmailing both men and women who they have been able to manipulate into a compromising position.

He said that he had no information that Lee Harvey Oswald was a homosexual but said he had heard that Oswald had shared a room on Orleans Street with a homosexual named Bobby Antoine and that another homosexual, Henry Matrange had been involved with them in some way.

This source theorized that Lee Harvey Oswald's association with the Clay Bertrand group might be attributed to Oswald's having had an affair with one of the New Orleans homosexuals and, when it became obvious that Oswald would need a lawyer, that person either through affection or fear of being blackmailed called Dean Andrews, identifying himself as Clay Bertrand and asking Andrews to defend Oswald. As for Andrews, this source said that a good portion of his business in 1963 consisted of defending homosexuals. He said Andrews must certainly have received many calls from Clay Bertrand during that time. He said the transactions were always by telephone and paid for in cash by mail or by courier so that the identities of the members of the Clay Bertrand group would remain unknown.

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