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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

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THERE APPEARED IN THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT ISSUE OF NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM AN ARTICLE REPORTING THE RESULTS OF THE MORNING SESSION OF THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW ON FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE MORNING SESSION BEGAN WITH ARMY PATHOLOGIST COL. PIERRE A. FINCK BEING RECALLED TO THE STAND FOR CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION. Texas Co.

THE PROSECUTION CONTINUED ITS ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE AUTOPSY REPORT FINDINGS THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT FROM BEHIND. THE PROSECUTION THEN ASKED DR. FINCK DETAILED QUESTIONS AS TO WHO WAS IN CHARGE IN THE ROOM WHERE THE AUTOPSY WAS CONDUCTED, AND AT ONE POINT ATTEMPTED TO INFER THAT DR. FINCK HAD BEEN GIVEN AN ORDER AS TO THE OPINIONS HE WAS TO WRITE IN RELATIONSHIP TO HIS AUTOPSY FINDINGS. DR. FINCK DENIED THAT ANY SUCH ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN AND FHE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED SUCH AN ORDER IF IT HAD BEEN ISSUED.

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THE PROSECUTION THEN QUESTIONED DR. FINCK REGARDING HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

UPON REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE, DR. FINCK TESTIFIED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE AUTOPSY IT WAS HIS FIRM OPINION THAT THE WOUND OF ENTRY WAS AT THE BACK OF THE NECK AND THE WOUND OF EXIT IN THE FRONT OF THE NECK WHERE THE TRACHEOTOMY INCISION HAD BEEN MADE. HE FURTHER TESTIFIED THAT IT WAS HIS FIRM OPINION THAT THE SECOND WOUND WAS AT THE BACK OF THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXIT TO THIS WOUND THE RIGHT TOP SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD. HE TESTIFIED THAT THE HEAD WOUND WAS THE FATAL WOUND WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT AS OF THIS DATE, THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD CHANGE HIS OPINION.

UPON RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION, DR. FINCK TESTIFIED THAT SOME OF THE X-RAYS OF THE PRESIDENT DID NOT COME OUT. HE FURTHER TESTIFIED HE COULD NOT RECALL THE DETAILS OF BEING TOLD NOT TO DISECT THE AREA OF THE PRESIDENTS

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THROAT. THE PROSECUTION AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHO WAS GIVING THE ORDERS DURING THE AUTOPSY TO WHICH THE DEFENSE'S OBJECTIONS WERE SUSTAINED AND DR. FINCK WAS EXCUSED AS A WITNESS.

ACCORDING TO TH ARTICLE, THE, THE DEFENSE THEN CALLED DEAN ~~A.~~ ^{L.A.} ANDREWS, A NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY, AS ITS NEXT WITNESS.

ANDREWS TESTIFIED THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE WAS HOSPITALIZED IN THE HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL AT NEW ORLEANS. HE TESTIFIED HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL WHICH WAS LOCAL IN NATURE AND THAT THIS TELEPHONE CALL HE RECEIVED WAS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. HE TESTIFIED THAT THIS CALL WAS NOT FROM CLAY SHAW AND THAT HE NEVER RECEIVED ANY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CLAY SHAW. HE TESTIFIED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SHAW AND THAT THE FIRST TIME HE EVER SAW SHAW WAS WHEN SHAW'S PICTURE APPEARED IN A NEWSPAPER IN CONNECTION WITH DA GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION.

HE TESTIFIED THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS TELEPHONE CALL, HE CONTACTED HIS SECRETARY AND REQUESTED SHE LOCATE A FILE
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ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HE TESTIFIED OSWALD HAD BEEN INTO HIS OFFICE ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS IN EARLY MAY OR JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

HE TESTIFIED THAT EITHER ON THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT DAY AFTER THIS CALL, HE CONTACTED LOCAL ATTORNEY SAM MONK ZELDEN AND ASKED ZELDEN IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO DALLAS TO REPRESENT OSWALD.

HE TESTIFIED THAT SUBSEQUENTLY HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED REGIS KENNEDY OF THE FBI AND INFORMED KENNEDY THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN IN NEW ORLEANS^S EITHER THE SUMMER OR SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. HE TESTIFIED HE ALSO CONTACTED THE LOCAL SECRET SERVICE AND GAVE THEM THE SAME INFO BUT THE SECRET SERVICE DID NOT SEEM TO BE TOO INTERESTED.

ANDREWS TESTIFIED THAT SUBSEQUENTLY REGIS KENNEDY INTERVIEWED HIM AT THE HOSPITAL WHERE ANDREWS WAS UNDER SEDATION. HE TESTIFIED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH KENNEDY, HE USED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND.
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HE TESTIFIED THAT CLAY L. SHAW IS OR WAS NOT THE CLAY BERTRAND HE REFERRED TO. ANDREWS TESTIFIED HE BELIEVES HE KNOWS WHO BERTRAND IS. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE KNEW DAVID FERRIE SLIGHTLY AND THAT HE NEVER SAW FERRIE WITH SHAW OR WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND NEVER HEARD OSWALD OR FERRIE EVER MENTION SHAW'S NAME.

ANDREWS WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTION AND TESTIFIED HE FIRST MET OSWALD IN LATE MAY OF NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND THEREAFTER OSWALD CAME TO HIS OFFICE FOUR OR FIVE TIMES ACCOMPANIED BY A MEXICAN APPEARING PERSON.

HE TESTIFIED HE GAVE OSWALD LEGAL ADVICE BUT RECEIVED NO PAY ON THE FIRST VISIT. LATER ON OSWALD AGAIN RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE ACCOMPANIED BY A MEXICAN-APPEARING INDIVIDUAL AND THE APPEARANCES OF OSWALD IN HIS OFFICE WERE IN THREE DAY INTERVALS.

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ANDREWS TESTIFIED THAT LATER ON HE SAW OSWALD HANDING OUT LEAFLETS ON THE STREET STILL IN THE COMPANY OF THE MEXICAN. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, HE DID NOT KNOW IF OSWALD WAS A HOMOSEXUAL AND HE DID NOT KNOW IF ANYONE HAD SENT OSWALD TO SEE HIM.

HE TESTIFIED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE VOICE ON THE TELEPHONE DURING THE CALL WHICH HE RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND HE RECOGNIZED THIS VOICE FROM HIS LEGAL PRACTICE.

ANDREWS TESTIFIED HE WAS INTRODUCED TO CLAY BERTRAND IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES AT A BAR. HE WAS INTRODUCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED HELEN GIRT WHOM HE HAD DEFENDED ON A NARCOTICS CHARGE. ANDREWS TESTIFIED THAT BERTRAND WAS NOT THE MAN'S REAL NAME AND HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THIS PERSON ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD INTERFERE WITH HIS APPEAL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PERJURY CASE. HE TESTIFIED BERTRAND REFERRED CLIENTS TO HIS OFFICE.

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IN EXPLAINING HIS CONVERSATION WITH REGIS KENNEDY OF THE FBI, ANDREWS TESTIFIED THAT HE GAVE KENNEDY THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND AS A FALSE NAME IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PERSON WHO HAD SENT CLIENTS.

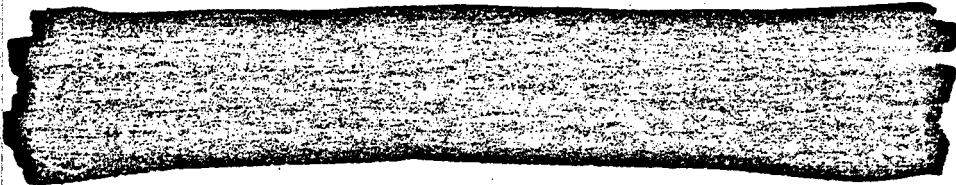
HE TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK HE LIED TO THE FBI WHEN HE TOLD KENNEDY THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON THAT HAD CALLED HIM WAS CLAY BERTRAND. HE TESTIFIED HE USED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND MERELY AS A COVER NAME . HE TESTIFIED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL WHETHER HE TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT "BERTRAND" CALLED HIM AT THE HOSPITAL.

THE MORNING SESSION OF THE TRIAL WAS THEN RECESSED.



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