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Mr. E. H. WILLIAMS, Regional Director, Region #7, AFL-CIO, 908 Gladstone Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana, whose office is located at Room 1015, Carondelet Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He recalls LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in his office in New Orleans, Louisiana in about May, 1963. He does not recall the exact date and it may have been earlier than May, 1963 when OSWALD was in his office. The first contact he had with OSWALD was when he received a letter from OSWALD which letter was mailed from another state. He does not recall from where the letter was mailed but it may have been mailed in Ohio or possibly the east coast of the United States. In the letter OSWALD stated he had been raised in New Orleans but had been away for many years. OSWALD said he was returning to New Orleans shortly and would come into the AFL-CIO office to try to obtain a job. This letter was not addressed to WILLIAMS personally but was addressed to the AFL-CIO office.

Sometime, possibly two or three weeks after receiving the letter, OSWALD appeared in WILLIAMS' office and inquired as to the possibility of obtaining a job. WILLIAMS did not know OSWALD but recalls his appearance and now recognizes him as the man whose photograph has been in the newspapers recently. He recalls OSWALD was not a skilled laborer and he discouraged OSWALD's efforts to obtain a job through the AFL-CIO. He thinks he told OSWALD that OSWALD would have to join a union in order to secure a job and OSWALD said he would do so if he could get a job. WILLIAMS does not recall any other details as to his conversation with OSWALD but he believes OSWALD was alone at the time he was in the AFL-CIO office. He did not refer OSWALD to any local office of the AFL-CIO that he can recall. WILLIAMS recalls OSWALD was in his office only a short time but again returned to his office some week or two after the first visit. OSWALD was told that WILLIAMS could not help him secure a job.

There are five other employees in WILLIAMS' office and WILLIAMS does not know whether or not these employees

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E. H. WILLIAMS, Regional Director, Region #7, AFL-CIO, 226 Carondelet Street, advised that during April or May, 1963, his office received a handwritten letter addressed to the Regional Office of AFL-CIO, from an individual named (first name not recalled) OSWALD who said in the letter that he wanted an opportunity to come to that office and talk to someone about getting a job. WILLIAMS cannot remember the contents of the letter and said he believes it mentioned in the letter that the writer, OSWALD, said he was born and raised in New Orleans. WILLIAMS said he thinks the letter was postmarked New Orleans. He said he has thoroughly searched his papers and the entire file in his office and has not been able to locate this letter. He said this is not unusual inasmuch as his usual procedure in letters not pertaining to his business is to throw them away after reading them.

WILLIAMS was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD taken by the New Orleans Police Department on August 9, 1963, and positively identified OSWALD as the individual who came to his office a few days after the letter signed OSWALD was received. WILLIAMS said OSWALD came into the office, spoke to his secretary, and she immediately referred him to WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS said OSWALD told him he was looking for a job and thought that maybe WILLIAMS or his organization could help him find one. WILLIAMS asked him if he was a member of the union and OSWALD told him he had never belonged to a union. WILLIAMS asked him if he had any type of skill but from his conversation with OSWALD, OSWALD indicated that he did not have any particular skill. WILLIAMS told him that he could not help him nor could he send him to anyone in the union inasmuch as he did not have a skill in any particular field.

WILLIAMS asked OSWALD if he had gone to the U. S. Employment Service (USES) and OSWALD replied that he had not. WILLIAMS said as he recalls, he did call the USES and contacted a JIMMY MESSINA and told him OSWALD was in his office and he would appreciate it if he would speak to him at the employment service and get him a job if possible. WILLIAMS said young fellows frequently come to his office for work and if they do not belong to the union or have a particular skill it is his usual procedure to refer them to the USES.

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11 WILLIAMS said OSWALD came in alone and remained in his office for approximately 20 minutes. He said as he recalls, OSWALD impressed him as an odd sort of person who complained that nobody wanted to help him but thought that everyone should help him to make his way in life. OSWALD had mentioned to him that he had a family but gave no further background regarding himself. He said OSWALD also left the impression that he did not want just an ordinary job, but some type of a very good job. WILLIAMS said OSWALD impressed him as having a sharp mind and certainly was sane at the time he spoke to him.

WILLIAMS said that two or three days later OSWALD again came to his office before 9:00 A.M. in the morning and no one was there but him, WILLIAMS, and OSWALD asked him if he had done anything for him. WILLIAMS advised that he believes he told him that he had not done anything for him because he had not promised to do anything for him and that his call to the USES was the best he could do for OSWALD. He said OSWALD left with this and he has not seen him since that time.

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Mrs. ANNA WATSON, secretary, Region #7, AFL-CIO, 226 Carondelet Street, was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD taken by the New Orleans Police Department on August 9, 1963, and she said this individual was familiar to her as the person who had come into the office at one time but she could not remember when he had come in, nor does she recall any conversation with him except to refer him to Mr. E. H. WILLIAMS, the Regional Director of AFL-CIO, Region #7.

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MORRIS GOLDSTEIN, Executive Vice-president, Goldfrings, 810 Canal Street, advised that he had reviewed a number of applications for employment which had been filed with this company and discovered one which had been filed with this company and discovered one which had been filed by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said the application for employment was undated and inasmuch as the Retail Shoe Department in his store was opened on October 1, 1962, that the application would have been received either in the latter part of 1962 or in the beginning months of 1963.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN stated that he had discussed the application with his employees and that no one recalled accepting the application and that no one recalled seeing OSWALD.

He explained that in many instances persons applying for a job are furnished an application and instructed to complete the application form and leave it with one of the store employees.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN furnished the original application for employment in the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

The undated application give the applicant's name as LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Social Security Number 433-34-3887. Address 757 French Street, telephone number EG 6-4323. The applicant shows his date of birth as October 18, 1939, at New Orleans, and resided in New Orleans, "Contin". He indicated he was male, married, resided with his relatives, had two dependents, one child, age 14 months, and one adult dependent. He showed his race as Caucasian, height 5'6", weight 150 pounds, grey eyes, brown hair. He indicated he was applying for the job of shoe salesman at a minimum starting salary of \$1.35 per hour. In case of accident, he requested that word be sent to "OSWALD" (parents), 757 French Street, telephone EG 6-4323. Under the heading education, he showed he had attended Warren Easton High School and completed his schooling in 1959. He also indicated that he had received technical and military education and training. He stated that his last employer was "Active Duty, USMC."

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA MILTON R. KAACK on January 24, 1964.

The 1964 Directory for the City of New Orleans,
does not list an address at 705 Polk Street, nor is there
a Polk Street, in the City of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. FRED L. MC COMBS, 711 Polk Avenue,
advised that there was no such number as 705 Polk Avenue
and that they knew no one in the neighborhood named GEORGE HIDEELL.

On January 29, 1964, the following individuals
advised that they had no record of GEORGE HIDEELL as a student
at their respective institutions:

Miss AUDREY BISSO, Registrar's Office, Tulane
University.

Dean HARRY J. ENGLER, Loyola University

Miss MARY HOGAN, Registrar's Office, Louisiana
State University, in New Orleans.

The 1962 and the 1964 New Orleans City Directories,
which are the most recent city directories, and the current
directory of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company
do not list GEORGE HIDEELL.

The following investigation was conducted by
IC C. L. MURRAY:

On January 29, 1964, Mr. JOSEPH B. TOMER,
Manager, New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Mrs. GLORIA
WATSON, clerk, record room, New Orleans Police Department,
and Mrs. CLARE ZIEGLER, clerk, Bureau of Identification, New
Orleans Police Department, advised that they have no record
on anyone named HIDEELL.