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Re: JACK LESLIE BOWEN,
Aka Jack L. Bowen

Found in the wallet of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the time of his arrest November 22, 1963, by the Dallas, Texas Police Department, was the front and back of a Dallas Public Library Identification Card in the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and bearing the signature LEE H. OSWALD which also reflected the name of JACK L. BOWEN, 1916 Stevens Forest Drive, telephone WH 8-8997. OSWALD's business was shown as Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. JACK L. BOWEN was identified as JACK LESLIE BOWEN, permanent address c/o Mrs. PAULINE GRIFFIN ALLEN, 6155 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas Texas. BOWEN was located on December 7, 1963, in New York City, and interviewed there by SAs JOHN D. HURLEY, JR. and ROGER H. LEE and furnished the following information:

He is presently in New York City on business and is staying at the Martinque Hotel. He was previously employed by Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dallas, as an assistant art director. He was employed in this capacity for approximately two years terminating his employment in August, 1963. In the late fall or early winter of 1962, Lee Harvey Oswald was employed by Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall as a camera trainee. Bowen recalled that OSWALD was a withdrawn, asocial person and was not liked by fellow employees. Bowen stated that on one occasion he was present while OSWALD was discussing obtaining a library card so that he could charge out books on the Russian language at the Public Library. At this time Oswald was talking to DENNIS OFSTEIN, another employee. Bowen told him that he would have to furnish the library with a reference prior to obtaining a card. BOWEN gave him his full name and address so that OSWALD could use it as a reference. He did not give OSWALD his own library card and is positive that OSWALD never used his card to obtain books. BOWEN did state that OSWALD could have secured a library and used BOWEN's name. BOWEN advised that his, BOWEN's wife, was an employee of the Dallas Public Library but the the best of his knowledge never knew or had any contact with OSWALD.

BOWEN advised that he does not have his library card at this time and believes it is in the possession of EDDIE REDDELL, 201 South Lancaster Street, Dallas.

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BOWEN stated OSWALD never discussed political beliefs or entered into political discussion at work. BOWEN did recall that OSWALD had stated he was from New Orleans and had served in the United States Marines. OSWALD also told fellow employees he was interested in the Russian language. BOWEN never met OSWALD outside of work and the only other employee that did know OSWALD outside of work was DENNIS OFSTEIN who also had an interest in the Russian language. BOWEN believes that OFSTEIN had OSWALD and his wife to dinner on at least one occasion.

BOWEN recalled being present in the office of RAY HAWKINS, foreman of the Photo Department, when OSWALD was explaining Russian symbols on maps the firm was preparing for the United States Army.

BOWEN stated that he remembered OSWALD receiving a few outside phone calls but could remember nothing about these calls. On one occasion, BOWEN received a call from an unknown Dallas Bank inquiring if the firm would back a check OSWALD was cashing which was drawn on a New Orleans bank. BOWEN transferred this call to the Secretary-Treasurer of the company.

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