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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR stated he took trip to Dallas, Texas, about five days prior to 10/17/63, with LORAN EUGENE HALL in HALL's car to pick up a trailer. SEYMOUR not in Dallas in September, 1963. SEYMOUR states LAWRENCE HOWARD not with them in Dallas, that they did not contact anyone by name of ODIO in Dallas or any professors. Names ODIO, LEOPOLDO, and ANGELO unknown to him. He does not recall any address of 1080 Magellan Circle in Dallas. SEYMOUR states "KIKI" MAS FERRAR resides in Florida and not known to be in Dallas and was not contacted there. SEYMOUR states HALL is loud-mouth, bolsterous, a liar and given to exaggeration.

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WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR, 3638 West Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona, furnished the following information:

SEYMOUR resides with his sister, ELLA DUPUIS, and her husband, LARRY J. DUPUIS, at 3638 West Lewis, Phoenix. SEYMOUR is presently employed as a welder at the Hudspeth Steel and Manufacturing Company, Glendale, Arizona.

SEYMOUR previously resided in Tucson, Arizona, and in March, 1962, went to Florida. While in Florida he became active in the anti-Castro movement and aided in the training of various persons, mainly exiled Cubans, for a possible invasion of Cuba to depose FIDEL CASTRO. While in that area he became acquainted with LORAN EUGENE HALL. SEYMOUR was employed at various places and during September, 1963, he was employed as a welder with Beach Welding, Miami Beach, Florida. He had worked for them once before. SEYMOUR could not recall the date he went back to work for Beach Welding, but it was before September 1, 1963. He worked for them until about a week or so after October 1, 1963, when he quit to take a trip with HALL to Dallas, Texas.

SEYMOUR explained that sometime during late September, 1963, HALL and another acquaintance of theirs, LAWRENCE HOWARD, went to Los Angeles, California, and had brought a trailer of supplies as far as Dallas, Texas, and had left them there. HALL and SEYMOUR were driving to Dallas in HALL's car to get this luggage trailer and bring it on to Florida.

HALL and SEYMOUR drove straight through and arrived in Dallas about five days before their arrest by the Dallas, Texas, Police Department which was October 17, 1963. Upon their arrival in Dallas, they contacted a Cuban friend of HALL's. SEYMOUR could not recall the name of this person. The Cuban resided in an apartment house on the second floor. Neither HALL nor SEYMOUR contacted anyone else in this apartment house. HALL, SEYMOUR and the Cuban went out and had coffee together. This was merely a social visit.

SEYMOUR and HALL spent the first night at the S. vation Army in skid row, and the rest of the time in

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Dallas at the Young Men's Christian Association, Dallas.

The only other persons that HALL and SEYMOUR contacted in Dallas were an American girlfriend of HALL's and a man by the name of LESTER LOGUE (Phonetic). SEYMOUR stayed in the car while HALL visited the girl. SEYMOUR stated that LOGUE had an office in a building in downtown Dallas and had something to do with minerals or oil. On one occasion HALL and SEYMOUR contacted LOGUE at his home. SEYMOUR could not further describe the location of the places of these individuals in Dallas. He explained that HALL was doing all of the contacting and that he, SEYMOUR, was merely going along "for the ride".

SEYMOUR explained their arrest by the Dallas Police Department by the fact that HALL had a long beard and that the police became suspicious of them and stopped them to interrogate them. While talking to them the police located some drugs which they used in Florida to keep themselves awake during their training. HALL was charged with the possession of dangerous drugs while SEYMOUR was merely detained, but not actually arrested. Both were fingerprinted and photographed by the Dallas Police Department.

HALL and SEYMOUR spent one night after their arrest in Dallas and left at dark the second night with the trailer enroute to Florida. They drove straight through to Florida.

SEYMOUR stated that he has never heard of the names of SILVIO ODIO, Mrs. ODIO, LEOPOLDO or ANGELO. He has never had any contact with nor has he met LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He has only read about OSWALD in the newspaper or heard of him on the radio or television. At no time did he, SEYMOUR, visit with any person at any apartment by the name of ODIO, nor did they contact any professors in Dallas. They did not go to any university in Dallas. He had never heard of the address, 1080 Magellan Circle, Dallas.

SEYMOUR further stated that LAWRENCE HOWARD was not with them at anytime while they were in Dallas in

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October, 1963. SEYMOUR stated that while he has never met "KIKI" MAS FERRAR, this individual is a brother to ROLANDO MAS FERRAR, a former Cuban Senator during the Baptista regime. "KIKI" generally lives in Florida. SEYMOUR pointed out that ROLANDO MAS FERRAE is generally known also as "El Tigre" (The Tiger). SEYMOUR did not contact anyone by the name of "KIKI" in Dallas.

SEYMOUR stated that LAWRENCE HOWARD's father was Irish and his mother was of Mexican descent. HOWARD is married to a Mexican girl and speaks Spanish fluently. SEYMOUR stated that he, SEYMOUR, understands, Spanish quite well and can make himself understood fairly well. HALL speaks some Spanish, but not as well as SEYMOUR.

SEYMOUR stated that HOWARD as of two or three weeks ago was residing at 3191 Blanchard Street, Los Angeles 33, California. SEYMOUR further stated that he did not leave Florida between March, 1962 and October, 1963.

SEYMOUR explained that the trailer contained some arms which were destined for the anti-Castro forces, but that HALL was caught with these arms near Key Largo, Florida, by the U. S. Customs Officials who confiscated them. HOWARD and SEYMOUR became disgusted at HALL for this and the way he "ran off at the mouth" when he was stopped. Both HOWARD and SEYMOUR gave up any attempt to help the Anti-Castro Cubans and returned to their homes.

SEYMOUR described HALL as a loud mouth, boisterous, a filthy talking individual, a liar, one who likes to tell a story and include himself in as one of the "big wheels" when he actually had nothing to do with the story, and as one who is given to exaggerations.

SEYMOUR furnished the following description:

Age	27 years
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	January 12, 1937

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Place of Birth	Fort Benton, Montana
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown - curly
Scars and marks	None visible
Tattoos	"USN" on left bicep
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Welder
Education	Graduated Tucson, Arizona High School
Father	HOWARD SEYMOUR, deceased
Mother	ALICE CAREY, nee CRATCHA, Phoenix, Arizona
Step-Father	EDWIN CAREY, Phoenix, Arizona
Military service	U. S. Navy - 1954 to 1957, Honorable Discharge.