

Mrs. LAURA LAYFIELD, hostess, Court Club, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 1814 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, who resides at 1810 Mosier Street, Dallas, telephone TA 7-7877, advised as follows:

She was employed as a receptionist in the personnel office, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, until recently. On October 31, 1963, while she was in the personnel office, three young men entered. She does not recall the exact time the men entered but stated, "It was lunchtime", since the other employees had gone to lunch. Mrs. LAYFIELD said her lunch hour was 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and she believes the three men came into the personnel office shortly after 12:30 PM. She added she was the only employee present at the time but two or three unknown applicants were in the personnel office when the men entered.

Two of the men requested applications for employment as bellmen while the third man waited on the other two. She added the three men appeared to be acquaintances.

After completing their applications, she checked the applications for completeness and accuracy. One of the young men hand printed his application, and she seems to recall the name (FNU) OSWALD appeared on the name line of the application. She said she recalls this young man in particular because he indicated on his application that he spoke Russian and it appeared somewhat unusual in Dallas for a bellman applicant to speak Russian. She also believes the young man indicated on his application (or she learned through conversation with him) that he completed the tenth grade; he was married, with two children, one being two weeks old; and he listed three prior employments, all as a printer or printer's helper.

She seems to recall two of the employments were in Dallas, Texas, and one in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was unable to recall his former employers but believed he indicated his lengths of employment as one and one-half years, one year and six months. She also believes he listed a Fort Worth address on his application and that he had been in military service. During their conversation he mentioned he had been in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area for three or four years.

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Mrs. LAYFIELD said she asked the young man where he learned to speak the Russian language, and he became very angry, shouting it was none of her business. He did state, however, he was married to a Russian girl. The young man said nothing further and left in a state of anger.

She stated that the two men accompanying the above young man left with him, but one of the young men, whom she identified as JAMES MURPHY, returned later that day and was hired as a helper in the hotel employees' cafeteria.

Mrs. LAYFIELD estimated that the above three men were in the personnel office from fifteen to twenty minutes.

Mrs. LAYFIELD believed she read in a local newspaper, after President KENNEDY was assassinated, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been employed at the Texas Book Depository in Dallas for about two months and OSWALD would have been employed at the depository on October 31, 1963, the day that the above young man was in her office. She opined, however, that if the above young man was OSWALD, that OSWALD could have walked from the Texas Book Depository Building to the Statler-Hilton Hotel or used some means of transportation, on his lunch hour, completed his application and returned to his employment there.

(It is to be noted that the Texas Book Depository Building in Dallas is fourteen blocks from the Statler-Hilton Hotel.)

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD dated August 9, 1963, was exhibited to Mrs. LAYFIELD, and she stated the above individual closely resembles OSWALD.

She said she checked the personnel office but was unable to locate the application executed by the above person. She seems to recall noting on the application in writing that the person interviewed was "very angry" or some similar wording. However, she also seems to recall that this person may have grabbed the application from her hands at the time and tore it up.

She described the person interviewed by her on October 31, 1963, as follows:

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| Name | Unknown, but possibly (FNU) OSWALD |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | About 30 |
| Height | 5'8" to 5'10" |
| Weight | 140 to 150 lbs. |
| Hair | Medium brown or sandy, medium length, slightly receding hairline |
| Eyes | Unknown |
| Build | Slender |
| Scars and Marks | None noticeable |
| Characteristics | Deep voice; no Southern accent; stared at person while talking |

She described the third man, who said nothing and waited on the other two to complete their applications, as follows:

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| Name | Unknown |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | About 19 years |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 180 lbs. |
| Build | Stocky |
| Hair | Dark, straight |
| Eyes | Unknown |
| Complexion | Dark |
| Scars and Marks | None noticed |
| Characteristics | None noticed |

Mrs. LAYFIELD also advised she is acquainted with JACK RUBY and advised as follows:

In approximately the spring of 1960 she noticed an ad in a local Dallas newspaper placed by RUBY, who desired a young woman to work in his club. To the best of her recollection, the ad called for a young woman to manage or serve as a hostess at a night club.

She called about the ad and JACK RUBY answered. After conversing with RUBY for a few minutes, RUBY insisted on interviewing Mrs. LAYFIELD at her residence. When RUBY arrived, and after talking with him for a short time, he informed her he would like to hire Mrs. LAYFIELD to manage his waitresses at the Carousel

Club in Dallas. At the same time, RUBY offered to go into the night club business with Mrs. LAYFIELD. She informed RUBY that she "did not need money that bad". Mrs. LAYFIELD declined to explain what she meant by her answer to RUBY that she "did not need the money that bad". She did state that she has no personal knowledge that RUBY was ever engaged in prostitution, narcotics, or gambling.

Mrs. LAYFIELD stated she did not like RUBY's "approach" and refused his offer for employment and his offer as a business partner.

The next time she saw RUBY was in October 1960 when she was passing the Dallas County District Attorney's office in Dallas. RUBY came up to her and asked her to go to the fair with him. She refused.

Several months later she went to the Carousel Club with a friend, and RUBY greeted her. She did not see RUBY again until about four months ago, when she went to his Vegas Club in Dallas with friends and he spoke to her.

She related that the above have been the only contacts with RUBY and she has never dated him. She knew nothing about his personal life. She said RUBY never mentioned the names of any Dallas police officers and he never indicated he had friends on the Dallas Police Department.

Mrs. LAYFIELD said she knew of no association between RUBY and OSWALD.