

M E M O R A N D U M

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RE: CLAY SHAW CASE

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Perry Russo has testified that in September 1963 he attended a party at DAVID FERRIE'S house; towards the end of the evening the people remaining were DAVID FERRIE, PERRY RUSSO, LEON OSWALD and CLEM BERTRAND. Russo identified CLEM BERTRAND as CLAY SHAW, and LEON OSWALD as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. FERRIE then started to discuss an assassination attempt. BERTRAND and OSWALD took part in this discussion.

VERNON BUNDY has testified that around June 1963 he saw CLAY SHAW give money to OSWALD on the Lakefront. SHAW was driving a large four door black sedan. OSWALD needed a shave, and dropped a few yellow leaflets with black printing referring to Cuba.

MR. CHARLES I. SPIESEL (father's address: 255 W. 23rd St., Apt. 5E, New York, N. Y., Tel: 924-0791) has stated that in June 1963 he went to a party in the French Quarter, exact location unknown, and there met DAVID FERRIE and CLAY SHAW, and a third man whom SPIESEL cannot identify, but who resembled the photograph of OSWALD with the beard drawn in. The assassination of President Kennedy was discussed at this party, and SHAW turned to the man identified as DAVID FERRIE and asked him if the individual doing the shooting could be flown out to safety.

CONNIE T. KAYE, vocalist at Pat O'Brien's states that she saw OSWALD in Pat O'Brien's two or three times in the summer of 1963. She says that in September 1963 OSWALD had what appeared to be a couple of days' growth of beard.

CLYDE JOHNSON, Box 327, Kentwood, Louisiana, has given a statement to the effect that in early September 1963 he met three men, then identified as ALTON BERNARD, JACK and LEON, at the Capitol House in Baton Rouge. He overheard a conversation while he was in the bathroom; one said, "Well, he's got to come down from Washington, the pressure is on." At an earlier meeting BERNARD had made some anti-Kennedy remarks to CLYDE JOHNSON. JOHNSON adds that he saw ALTON BERNARD give brown envelopes to JACK and LEON. He identifies BERNARD as CLAY SHAW; JACK as JACK RUBY; LEON as LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JAMES A. HARDIMAN, 2006 Pauger St., N. O., Tel: 949-2187, "presently employed by the United States as a mail carrier," has sworn by affidavit that "after the CLAY SHAW case broke and the name CLEM BERTRAND became well known, I realized that I had delivered letters addressed to CLEM BERTRAND to 1414 Chartres St.," the address of JEFF BIDDERSON. He also delivered letters addressed to CLAY SHAW to BIDDERSON'S residence. These letters, unlike the ones addressed to BERTRAND, had been forwarded from another address. None of the letters addressed to CLEM BERTRAND was ever returned.

RAY B. HIATT, 1411 Marigny, stated that he bought a 1960 black Cadillac sedan from JEFFERSON BIDDERSON about a year ago. He stated that he had seen BIDDERSON talking to CLAY SHAW on at least two occasions.

MRS. JESSIE PARKER, 1623 North Galvez St., N.O., Tel: 947-0838, commenced employment as a hostess in the V.I.P. Room at the Moisant International Airport on November 14, 1966, and worked from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She has sworn by affidavit that a man whom she identifies as CLAY SHAW signed the V.I.P. registration book. "He signed it 12/14/66 CLAY BERTRAND, New Orleans, Louisiana." He was with four other persons from Caracas and another who appeared to be an interpreter. They all signed the book. When she left work at 2:00 p.m. SHAW and his party were still in the V.I.P. Room.

JULES RICCO KIMBLE, 4839 Babylon St., N.O., La., has given a statement in which he claims that DAVID FERRIE introduced him to CLAY SHAW in the Golden Lantern, in late 1960 or early 1961. About a year later KIMBLE flew with DAVID FERRIE to Montreal, Canada. CLAY SHAW accompanied them. When they returned the next day, SHAW was accompanied by a Mexican or Cuban.

THOMAS C. BREITNER, 1430 Josephine St., Berkeley, California (525-8895), a lab technician in molecular biology, has advised that he met CLAY SHAW at the University of California on either November 21 or November 22, 1963. He recalls that several people employed by the university dropped into the lab stockroom to meet SHAW, and that SHAW introduced himself as CLAY BERTRAM. On one occasion SHAW said CLEM BERTRAM, but quickly changed the name to CLAY.

MRS. PEGGY LANDRY has testified before the Grand Jury of Orleans Parish that in 1961 or 1962 JOHN CAMPBELL came to her house with a man who was known as CLAY BERTRAND. This man fits the description of CLAY SHAW, but in her testimony MRS. LANDRY does not positively identify him as CLAY SHAW. Later, HAROLD de MONTFORTE was taken to MRS. LANDRY'S residence, but "she denied that this was the person who was introduced to her as CLAY BERTRAND by JOHN CAMPBELL, and persisted in her identification of CLAY SHAW as CLAY BERTRAND."

HENRY BURNELL CLARK, employee of Stewart & Carroll General Merchandise Store in Clinton, La., will testify that in the summer of 1963, after a period of civil rights demonstration and picketing, he saw a man in Clinton whom he identifies as CLAY SHAW. He will also testify that "during the same period of time in the summer of 1963" he saw, in the same location as CLAY SHAW, a man whom he now identifies as DAVID FERRIE.

ANDREW HADEN DUNN, unemployed, of Clinton, La., will testify that during civil rights demonstrations in the summer of 1963, he was sitting in front of Wright's Barber Shop, across the street from the Registrar of Voters Office. He saw a black Cadillac pull up with four men in it. He identifies these 4 men as CLAY SHAW, DAVID FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OWSALD, and GUY BANISTER.

JOHN MANCHESTER, Town Marshall, Clinton, La., will testify that during the time of the civil rights demonstrations in 1963, his attention was called to a Cadillac parked close to the Voter Registrar's Office. He established by talking to the occupants of the car that they were from the Trade Mart in New Orleans, and he remembers a joke that they were "selling bananas". He remembers there were two people in the car, whom he identifies as CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE.

HENRY EARL PALMER, Registrar of Voters, Clinton, La., will testify that some time between September 1 and October 15th, 1963, there was a voters registration drive on in Clinton. He noticed two white men in line with the colored people, who later arrived in his office, and identified themselves as LEE HARVEY OSWALD and ESTES MORGAN. On his way out to a cafe he also noticed a black Cadillac with two men inside. He identifies them as CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE. He remembers telling someone the Justice Department was there and telling them to run a 1028 (license registration check) on the car. The person whom he told this to returned and told him they were not Justice Department, but from the Trade Mart in New Orleans.

Later that afternoon OSWALD came in to register, and told PALMER that he was living in Jackson with a doctor, and that he wanted to register in order to get a job at the hospital there. PALMER told OSWALD that he would have to get a letter from someone in Jackson saying he had to have been living there for 6 months in order to register, and that he did not have to be a registered voter to get the hospital job.

When PALMER left his office at 5:45 p.m. the Cadillac had gone. He then met GLORIA WILSON who told him that OSWALD ("the boy in line with the niggers") got into the Cadillac when he came out.

(GLORIA WILSON and ESTES MORGAN are both dead.)

COREY COLLINS, C.O.R.E. worker, will testify that he was present at the Clinton Voters' Registration drive in the Summer of 1963. He recalls a large black automobile, and seeing JOHN MANCHESTER talking to the occupants. He thought it was an FBI car. He remembers seeing a man whom he now identifies as LEE HARVEY OSWALD get out of the car and join the registration line. He identifies a picture marked "S-2" (CLAY SHAW) as being of a man he saw around Clinton somewhere but cannot be sure when or where. He adds that he knew ESTES MORGAN and saw him in the registration line once, but doesn't know if it was the same day.

VERLA BELL will testify that she was with COREY COLLINS. She remembers the black Cadillac, MANCHESTER talking to the occupants, PALMER talking to MANCHESTER, and DUNN sitting in front of the barber's shop. However she cannot identify any of the people in the car or the registration line.

LEA MCGEE, barber in Jackson, La., (about 15 miles from Clinton), will testify that in late August or early September, 1963, a person whom he later identified as LEE HARVEY OSWALD came to his shop and had a haircut. He stated he wanted to get a job at the East Louisiana State Hospital; he gave the impression he was new in town. MCGEE told OSWALD that MR. REEVES MORGAN, State Representative, would be a good man to go and see to get a hospital job, and gave him directions to MORGAN'S house; he added that it would help if he were a registered voter in the Parish. He noticed that outside there was an old and shabby car, with a young woman sitting in the front.

REEVES MORGAN, State Representative for East Feliciana Parish, will testify that in late August or early September, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD came to his house in an old automobile and said he wanted to get a job at the E. Louisiana State Hospital in the electrical department. He told MR. MORGAN that he was living in New Orleans at the time. MORGAN told him the procedures necessary to get the job, i.e., fill out application at the hospital and apply for a Civil Service Test. MORGAN told OSWALD that if there were a job opening he would feel obliged to try and get it for one of his constituents, explaining that this meant a registered voter.

MARY MORGAN, daughter of REEVES MORGAN, will corroborate her father's testimony and add that she remembers seeing an old model car parked outside during the visit, and that there was a woman in the car.

BOBBIE DEDON, Receptionist, E. Louisiana State Hospital Clinic, will testify that she remembers that LEE HARVEY OSWALD came and asked her for instructions on how to get to the Personnel Office. She had no further conversation with him. She knew ESTES MORGAN, and she "somehow relates" OSWALD with him.

ALINE WOODSIDE & MRS. KEMP will both testify that they told REEVES MORGAN that they saw OSWALD'S application form in the personnel files of the E. Louisiana State Hospital, where they were employed.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS MARTELLO, N.O.P.D., will testify that he obtained a copy of a CORLISS LAMONT pamphlet entitled "The Crime Against Cuba" from LEE HARVEY OSWALD on August 10, 1963. This pamphlet, stamped "FPCC, 544 Camp St., New Orleans, La." will be presented as an exhibit in Court.

VERNON G. GERDES and ROBERT J. GUZMAN, will testify that they saw DAVID FERRIE at the Newman Building, address: 544 Camp St.

I. E. "BILL" NITSCHKE, former FBI agent, will testify that he saw DAVID FERRIE in GUY BANISTER'S office at 544 Camp St. He will also testify that he saw a man whom he identifies in "PIZZO Exhibit No. 453-B" (Warren Report: 21 H 139) as apparently handing out leaflets with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in GUY BANISTER'S office with several Latin individuals.

(n.b. introduce Pizzo exhibit into evidence by testimony of the WDSU photographer who took it.)

(DAVID LEWIS will testify that he saw OSWALD and FERRIE together at Mancuso's Restaurant, which is on the corner of the Newman Building, 544 Camp St.)