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On March 25, 1964, BENJAMIN C. WARD, 828 Summit Street, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed at his home.

WARD advised that due to an extremely nervous system, he has a custom of walking to the downtown Montgomery area quite frequently about two or three o'clock in the morning. At approximately this time in either January or February, 1963, he had walked to the Trailways Bus Station in Montgomery to buy a magazine. He observed three or four men sitting at the coffee counter drinking coffee and engaged all of these men in a general conversation for several minutes. He did not obtain any of the names of these men and has no recollection whatever concerning the things discussed, but he does know that it was nothing of any particular import which they discussed during this time.

After the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was published in newspapers, magazines and displayed on television, WARD advised he recognized these pictures as being one of the men with whom he talked at the Trailways Bus Station on this occasion. He recalled that he heard one of the men with this person call the man identified by him as OSWALD by the name of ART.

WARD stated that he saw this same man on one other occasion which was the Friday before Labor Day in 1963. WARD stated at approximately 1:15 PM that date, he caught the Greyhound Bus from Montgomery to Mobile, Alabama, for the purpose of going to Pensacola, Florida, later to the dog races. While in the bus station in Montgomery prior to boarding his bus, he met this same man, identified by WARD as LEE HARVEY OSWALD and talked to him for some ten or fifteen minutes in the bus station. This man apparently had been on the bus when it came into the Montgomery station as he was permitted to board the bus before the passengers who were getting on for the first time in Montgomery.

After boarding the bus, he again had a lengthy discussion with this man and after telling the man he was going

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to Pensacola from Mobile to watch the dog races, this man stated that he, too, would get off in Mobile and go to Pensacola with him although he planned to go to New Orleans.

WARD stated that he and the man identified by him as OSWALD arrived in Mobile at approximately 6:00 PM and almost immediately caught a bus to Pensacola where they attended the dog races. Both returned by bus to Mobile, arriving about midnight and he, WARD, obtained a room in a hotel across the street from the bus station; however, the man identified by him as OSWALD stayed at the bus station stating he was going on to New Orleans. WARD stated that he has not seen this individual since that time.

WARD stated that the man identified by him as OSWALD never did tell him what his name was and he never did ask the man for his name. WARD stated that he and this man did not discuss anything in particular concerning where the man had been and where he was going, what he planned to do, and as a result, he knows nothing whatever about this individual as a result of his conversations with him.

WARD was asked if he loaned this individual some money, and he stated that he had not, that they had both bet on the dog races and this man had won about \$800 in this manner and he himself had won about \$125 on that occasion.

WARD was asked if he had observed this individual in the vicinity of the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, during the time Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY was visiting in Montgomery. WARD stated he did not go around the capitol during the time Attorney General KENNEDY was in Montgomery and has no idea if this man was in that vicinity. He stated that he does recall that the visit to Montgomery by Attorney General KENNEDY was on the day after he had seen the man identified by him as OSWALD at the Trailways Bus Station in Montgomery in January or February, 1963.

WARD was asked if he were convinced beyond any doubt that the man he had met on the two occasions in Montgomery was identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. WARD stated that he could not swear that this individual was definitely LEE HARVEY OSWALD; however, based on this man's appearance and OSWALD's appearance as depicted in his pictures, he feels rather certain that this man was identical with OSWALD.