

Mrs. JO FISCHER, Personnel Director, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 1914 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that on November 26 or 27, 1963, Mrs. LAURA LAYFIELD, who was formerly employed as a receptionist in this office, and who is presently employed as a hostess in the Court Club, Statler-Hilton, Dallas, mentioned the following to her:

On October 31, 1963, three young men came into the personnel office of the Statler-Hilton. Two of the men requested applications for bellmen, while the third man waited on the other two. The two men completed the applications and turned them over to Mrs. LAYFIELD, who checked the applications for completeness and accuracy.

Mrs. LAYFIELD recalled that one of the young men indicated on the application he completed the tenth grade; he was married, with two children, one being two weeks old; he had been previously employed as a printer; and he spoke Russian.

She informed Mrs. FISHER that since one of the men indicated he spoke Russian, which appeared somewhat unusual for a bellman applicant in Dallas, she asked the young man where he learned to speak Russian. He became very angry and informed Mrs. LAYFIELD it was none of her business. He did state, however, he was married to a Russian girl. He left in a state of anger.

Mrs. LAYFIELD recalled the application was hand printed and she believed the name on the application was (FNU) OSWALD.

Mrs. FISCHER advised that during her conversation with Mrs. LAYFIELD about the above matter, she asked Mrs. LAYFIELD what happened to the young man's application. She said Mrs. LAYFIELD remarked at first that she apparently retained the application because she believed she noted in writing on the application "Very Nasty", or some similar wording. Mrs. FISCHER said during the same conversation Mrs. LAYFIELD mentioned that the young man, while in a state of anger, grabbed his application from her and tore it up. Mrs. FISCHER said she has no personal knowledge of the above matter. She added that Mrs. LAYFIELD is prone to exaggeration at times and she (FISCHER) would not express an opinion as to the authenticity of the above.

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on 12/11/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
by Special Agent JAMES E. GARRIS - LAC Date dictated 12/12/63

Mrs. FISCHER stated that applications executed by anyone applying for employment at the Statler-Hilton are retained by this office. She said applications of persons rejected are destroyed after six months. She searched her files but could locate no application under the names LEE HARVEY OSWALD, LEE HARVEY LESLIE OSWALD, A. HIDEELL, A. J. HIDEELL, ALEK J. HIDEELL, ALEK JAMES HIDEELL, or O. H. LEE.

Mrs. FISCHER advised that according to Mrs. LAYFIELD the second young man in the group was informed they had no openings for a bellman but the hotel did have an opening for a helper in the hotel employees' cafeteria. He accepted that position and began his employment on November 1, 1963. Mrs. LAYFIELD identified the young man as JAMES MURPHY.

Mrs. FISCHER made available the application of MURPHY, whom she had interviewed on two occasions, which reflected the following information (additional description of MURPHY as furnished by Mrs. FISCHER appears in parentheses below):

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| Name | JAMES MURPHY |
| Address | 1715 Canton Street, Dallas, Texas |
| Social Security No. | 488-42-7335 |
| Date of Birth | June 16, 1936 |
| Place of Birth | Kosciusko, Mississippi |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| U. S. Citizen | Yes |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 140 lbs. |
| Hair | Blond (dishwater blond) |
| Eyes | Gray (gray or blue) |
| Marital Status | Single |
| (Characteristics: | Teeth stained; chain smoker, brand unknown; penetrating star while talking) |
| Who recommended you for work with us? | Nobody |
| Emergency Address other than your own: | Sister - JEAN MURPHY, 1309 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana |

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Other training, trade, special skills: Bellhop, writer

Physical defects: None

Past employment: As reflected on application and Permanent Record card made available by Mrs. FISCHER:

Haskell Drive In, Haskell Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 1/61 to 10/61, kitchen helper. Reason left--not enough pay.

Olan Mills Studio, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 10/60 to 2/61, salesman. Reason for leaving--company folded.

Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Florida, 11/61 to 12/61, bellhop. Reason for leaving--seasonal work.

Jefferson Davis Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, 1960-1961, bellman. Reason for leaving--more money.

Mrs. FISCHER made available the Permanent Record card for MURPHY which reflected the following additional information:

Insurance beneficiary: Sister--JEAN MURPHY,
1309 Bourbon Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Education: 11th grade

Military service: None indicated

Have you ever been arrested? No

What languages other than English do you speak? None

What office machines can you operate? None

Number of dependents: None

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Mrs. FISCHER recalls JAMES MURPHY personally because after being employed here for about one week, he came to see her and requested an advance on his salary. His first pay check was due on November 21, 1963. He informed Mrs. FISCHER he had been "kicked out" of the Salvation Army at 800 Browder Street, Dallas, after five days and had to find a room elsewhere. He said he had been in a rented room for a week and had to pay his rent or leave.

She related that she did not see MURPHY again until November 26, 1963, when he came to her and submitted his resignation. He informed Mrs. FISCHER that he was "shaken up" over the President's death and was going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to live with his sister. Mrs. FISCHER said she noted the above information on an "exit interview card", which is a part of MURPHY's file.

Mrs. FISCHER said when MURPHY mentioned he was going to New Orleans she looked up at him with somewhat of a surprised look, after which he immediately stood up and shouted he did not know OSWALD. Mrs. FISCHER said she never mentioned OSWALD to him.

A "Past Work Record" reflected MURPHY was employed on the 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift, six days a week, beginning November 1, 1963. Mrs. FISCHER ascertained from MURPHY's supervisor that his scheduled off day each week was Monday and that although he was on the 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift, his shift could change, depending on the need, to the 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM shift.

Mrs. FISCHER ascertained from the payroll office that on Friday, November 22, 1963, MURPHY checked in for work at 9:23 AM and checked out at 8:50 PM. A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD taken on August 9, 1963, was exhibited to Mrs. FISCHER, and she said she had never seen him in the personnel office at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.