

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. MARGARET "PEGGY" SMITH advised she resides at 6373 Bordeaux and has no telephone at home. She said she is presently employed as an interviewer at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Texas and has been employed by the hotel for a little over four years. She said that she was first employed as a Secretary in the Personnel Department; later, she held a combination job of insurance clerk and interviewer, and she has been a senior interviewer for the past several months.

She said that about one month before President KENNEDY was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963, she recalled a fellow employee, LAURA LAYFIELD, came to her office in the rear of the Personnel Department and commented to her that an applicant had been "rude". She said LAURA told her she had brushed this applicant off and had not referred him for an interview. No other information was given by LAURA at that time.

She said since that time LAURA mentioned to her that Special Agent JAMES E. GARRIS of the FBI had interviewed her, and LAURA came to her and asked her "When was the man (applicant) here?" Mrs. SMITH said she told her she did not remember anything about the incident, but after giving it some consideration, she said she recalled that LAURA tended to dramatize many incidents that happened in the front office, and she did not put any particular credence in what she had said about this person being discourteous.

Mrs. SMITH said it is not unusual to have a discourteous applicant in the personnel office; that many of them come in a half-drunk condition, and when they are told there is no position available, they tend to become unruly and discourteous.

She said LAURA LAYFIELD never did tell her that she had accepted or received an application from LEE HARVEY OSWALD - she only remarked that she had had a "very discourteous" applicant.

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She said she had no personal idea as to how LEE HARVEY OSWALD might have come into the picture, but she did not believe he had ever made an application for employment at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Texas. She also said that she had never known OSWALD, or JACK RUBY, and, further, she knew nothing of any association between these people.

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