

On 11-24-63 Merlyn Alba, Crescent City Garage, called at the office and was re-interviewed. He furnished a written, sworn statement with reference to his showing Oswald some of his guns and Oswald's attempt to have him, Mr. Alba, purchase a carbine for him. The statement is self-explanatory and can be referred to for details.

On 11-25-63 called at the Retailers Commercial Agency, Inc., Delta Building, 313 Poydras St., New Orleans, phone 524-7000, and interviewed Mr. Lance A. Garcia, Assistant Manager. A credit report concerning Lee Harvey Oswald had been obtained from the W. H. Rolly Coffee Co., Inc. on 11-23-63. Records of the Retailers Commercial Agency, Inc. were checked in the names A. J. Widell, Alex James Widell and various combinations of this name such as Haycl, Haydl, Haydel, etc., with negative results.

As the name R. J. Haydel, Jr. and R. J. Electrical Service, 4909 Danneel St., New Orleans, had come to the attention of SAIC Rice, checks were made in these names.

R. J. Haydel, Jr., 1935 Upperline St., New Orleans, was of record. His file indicated that he had done business as R. J.'s Electrical Co., 4909 Danneel St. Further, that he lived at 1935 Upperline St. with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Haydel, Sr. Subject's file reflects that numerous companies have been trying to locate him for the reason he failed to pay his bills. A review of his file reflects that he owes approximately \$2,500 to various companies.

There was also a limited file on R. J.'s Electrical Service, 4909 Danneel St., New Orleans, which reflected that Retailers Commercial Agency, Inc. Account No. 109-000 had been trying to locate the owner of the business for the reason he failed to pay a bill.

There was also a file on Roger J. Haydel, Sr., 331 Octavia St., New Orleans. His file reflected that he owed numerous persons.

The complete reports of the Retailers Commercial Agency, Inc. pertaining to R. J. Haydel, Jr., R. J.'s Electrical Service, and Roger J. Haydel, Sr. were loaned to the writer and a receipt was signed for same. They are to be returned when they have served their purpose.

The same date called at the Main Office, New Orleans Public Service, Inc., and interviewed Mr. L. R. Nevron. He furnished a photostatic copy of their Service Order No. 21575, dated 5-7-63, which reflects that on 5-9-63 Lee H. Oswald, 4907 Magazine St., lower center apartment, had made application for electricity and gas at 4907 Magazine St. He furnished his place of employment as Leon Israel Co., 300 Magazine St., New Orleans.

Mr. Nevron also furnished a photostat of their Remove Order No. 86019, dated 10-7-63, for Lee H. Oswald. There is a notation on this form as follows:

"Caretaker called party vacated"

As a result of the above, electric and gas service at 4907 Magazine St. had been discontinued on 10-7-63.

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According to the records of the New Orleans Public Service, Inc., R. J. Haydel, Sr. moved from 331 Octavia St., City, to 1935 Upperline St. on 9-23-61, and he is still receiving gas and electric service at the latter address.

The records show that John, or Patricia, J. Lacaze live at 1909 Danneel St. and have been residing at this address since 3-22-62. The writer recalled interviewing a John and Patricia Lacaze, payees of a check, date 3-22-62 some years ago.

A photostat of Install Order No. 13227 dated 3-22-62, was obtained. It shows that the Lacazes have phone numbers 395-7374 and 391-5333, the latter number being the home number of R. J. Haydel, Sr., 1935 Upperline St., City.

Upon returning to the office, R. J. Haydel, Jr., after having been interviewed by SA [redacted] and SAIC Rice, was preparing to depart the office. He was interviewed by the writer and stated phone number 395-7374 had been changed to 391-5365. Further, that he was more or less living in a common-law relationship with Patricia Lacaze, co-payee, date 3-22-62. Further, that as he is an electrician and is seldom home, Patricia Lacaze takes his phone calls for him. He indicated he expects to marry her at a future date.

On 11-26-63 called at Ed Smith Stationery Works, 126 1/2 Common St., New Orleans, and interviewed Mr. J. J. Moore, Vice President. A copy of some application form, The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, bearing the name "R. J. Haydel, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, La." was shown to him. He said without a doubt this had been made with a Superior Stamp Set, No. 2. He said these sets cost \$2.50, were manufactured by the Superior Department Co., Chicago, and were sold by practically all stationery stores, department stores, etc. He said the set contained all the letters in the alphabet and using the set a person could make name stamps in any combination of names.

Mr. Moore was shown a photograph of Oswald but stated he had never seen this person before.

On 11-26-63 called at the New Orleans Better Business Bureau and made name checks in the following names:

Fair Play for Cuba - negative
Lee Harvey Oswald - negative
A. J. Hidel, Alex James Hidel-Haydel - negative
Dr. Leonard Weissman - negative

There was a file under the name Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil. It was reviewed and reflected that the local representative is Carlos Eringuier. Further, that a Mrs. Geraci had called the Better Business Bureau on an unknown date to advise that Eringuier had given her son a book of tickets to sell. The Better Business Bureau had checked with City Hall, New Orleans, and was informed that Eringuier had called at City Hall and was given the necessary form to execute in order to make it legal for him to sell tickets or bonds in connection with the Cuban Student Directorate. The file reflects that Mrs. Geraci had been so notified.

There was a file on the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, Crusade to Free Cuba, P.O. Box 2523, New Orleans, which had been removed as of 10-2-62 under the above named laws. This file was reviewed but nothing of interest was noted.

There was also a file under the title of The Information Council of the Americas, 120 South Main Headquarters, 620 Gravier St., New Orleans, phone 523-5511. This file was reviewed but nothing of interest was noted.

On 11-26-63 W. S. Strydom received a telephone call from Mr. Robert Critcher, Field Representative, Louisiana State Unemployment Office, 630 Camp St., New Orleans. He stated that Lee Harvey Oswald had registered with their office for unemployment benefits, had filed a claim for benefits and was registered for work.

Mr. Critcher said that the last time Oswald reported to his office was about 1 1/2 months ago when he filed a claim for benefits. Further, that all wage claims were against the State of Texas. He stated that should we desire to review the records, we should first contact Mr. Ferdinand Messina, District Superintendent, State of Louisiana, Department of Labor, Division of Employment Security, 430 Canal St., City, phone 524-1711.

The same date made phone call to Mr. Messina and he stated that early on the morning of 11-26-63 an FBI agent had been given all of the records pertaining to Oswald.

He said his office had made a check in the name A. J. Midell and various other spellings of this name with negative results.

SAIC Rice later contacted SAIC Sylvester, FBI, New Orleans, and he stated that if Mr. Messina would authorize his office to make a reproduction of the records pertaining to Oswald, his office would make some and furnish them to this office. SAIC Rice contacted Mr. Messina by phone and he stated he would contact the FBI office and authorize the reproduction of the records. They were furnished this office by SA Leary Caskell, FBI, on 11-27-63, and a copy of the complete record was furnished the Dallas office by office memorandum dated 11-29-63.

On 11-26-63 DD phone call was made to Capt. R. E. Horton, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, La. He was requested to make a name check in the following listed names and advise this office of the results immediately:

Lee Harvey Oswald
Clay Bertrand
Fair Play for Cuba
A. J. Midell-Maydel, etc.

The same date a phone call was received from Capt. Horton. He stated that he had an FBI transcript of the criminal record of Oswald, as well as a fingerprint card re Oswald, and would furnish us with a copy of each. Also, that he had a record of James Robert Maydel, home address, Dunkie, La., who had been arrested at Houma, La. on 1-6-55 for indecent exposure. He said he would furnish a photostat of the fingerprint card of the subject in the event it would be of any value.

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He said his office also had a list of the members of the Fair Play for Cuba organization and related information but that he could not furnish this unless authorized to do so by Colonel Burbank of the State Police. He said he had no reason to believe that Colonel Burbank would not authorize him to furnish it, but he would check with him and if he gave his approval, he, Capt. Horton would send the list along with the other items requested by a state trooper. This material was delivered in the office on the morning of 11-27-63.

All of the material furnished has been reviewed but none of the names mentioned have been associated with any of the persons being investigated at the present time.

On 11-26-63, with SA Gerrets, called at the Quality Motor Shop, 4916 Canal St., phone 244-618, where we interviewed Edward Vossel, a former schoolmate of Lee Harvey Oswald.

He stated that in either 1954 or 1955 he had persuaded Oswald to join the Civil Air Patrol, Moisant Unit, Jefferson Parish. He said Oswald attended about four meetings and then dropped out, giving as his reason for doing so the fact that it was a considerable distance from his home on Exchange Place to Moisant Airport.

Vossel said when he joined the CAP, Capt. Dave Parrie, a former pilot or co-pilot for Delta or Eastern Airlines, was the commander. He could not say if Capt. Parrie was the commander at the time Oswald joined. He said he does not know if Oswald was acquainted with Parrie, who is alleged to be a homosexual.

Vossel said he has had no contact with Oswald in the past eight years. He promised to contact this office in the event he should think of anything that would be of value to this office.

Vossel did mention that he collects guns. Further, that he has an Italian-made rifle of the same type as the one allegedly used to shoot the President; that he shot this rifle several times, but it is so poorly constructed he decided that it was best not to shoot it anymore for the reason he was afraid it would explode.

A local attorney, Dean Andrews, with whom SAC Rice is acquainted, had informed SAC Rice that a person furnishing his name as Clay Bertrand had called him and asked him if he was interested in defending Oswald. (The full particulars concerning the call received from Mr. Andrews will be set forth in a report to be submitted by SAC Rice.)

There are a number of Bertrands listed in the New Orleans Telephone Book. None listed are named Clay. There is a Charles C. Bertrand, 1321 Bienville St. Park, phone 523-4027. Regarding that the Charles C. could stand for Charles Clay, on 11-26-63 by phone contacted Mrs. Charlene Bertrand, Apt. C., 1321 Bienville St. Park. She stated her husband's full name is Charles Gallery Bertrand; that he is a doctor and could be contacted at the Medical and Accident Room, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, 523-2311. She stated she did not know anyone named Clay Bertrand.

On 11-26-63 with SA Gerrets called at Pan American Films, 822 N. Rampart St., City, and obtained a roll of film in accordance with the previous arrangements made by SAC Rice.

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The same date with SA Gerrets called at the K.L. Broadcasting Co., 1024 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, where we obtained various still shots in accordance with previous arrangements made by SA W.C. Rice.

On 11-17-63 interviewed Mrs. Eugenia Donnelly, 544 Camp St., New Orleans, home address 3212 Canal St., New Orleans, for the reason James Arthur, previously mentioned, had stated that Mrs. Donnelly had seen the man who tried to rent an office at 544 Camp, the man stating he wanted office furniture such as chairs and tables and that he wanted to hold meetings at night. Mrs. Donnelly emphatically stated that she had not seen the man in question. She said it was well known that Arthur was an obvious mental case and that he sometimes made foolish statements to attract attention. She was shown a photo of Oswald but stated she had never seen him before.

As Lee Harvey Oswald is alleged to have had some conversation with Philip Ceraci III, 2201 Green Lakes Road, in the store of Carlos Bringuier, on 11-20-63 attempted to contact Ceraci by phone, VA 7-2696. It was learned that his number had been changed. Subsequent to this, SA Leon Gaskell, 271, New Orleans, informed the writer that agents of his office had interviewed Ceraci who acknowledged that he had talked to Oswald for a very short time while he, Ceraci, was waiting to speak to Bringuier. SA Gaskell said that Ceraci could furnish no information of value.

On 11-30-63 contacted Carlos Guiraga, 3134 Derby Place, New Orleans, phone 913-2062. He stated he was furnishing the following information in confidence for the reason his father is in prison in Cuba and if the wrong persons should learn that he is cooperating with the Government, he feels that the Castro Government might harm his mother and father.

Carlos said that after Oswald had been arrested on 8-9-63, Carlos Bringuier ordered him to infiltrate Oswald's organization if he could. He said he went to Oswald's home at 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans, the date not recalled, but it was between the date Oswald appeared in court and the date of the debate, possibly on 8-16-63.

He said he spent about one hour talking to Oswald who told him he learned to speak Russian at Tulane University, New Orleans. (Carlos said Oswald spoke to his young daughter in a foreign language. When Carlos asked Oswald what language he was speaking, Oswald said Russian.) He said Oswald had not mentioned to him that he had defected to Russia. He said Oswald asked him to join the Fair Play for Cuba group and had given him an application form. Oswald told him he could join for \$1.

He said that during the conversation, Oswald stated that if the United States should invade Cuba, he, Oswald, would fight on the side of the Castro Government.

He said Oswald never did mention any of the names of members of the Fair Play for Cuba group. He did say that meetings were held at various private homes in New Orleans.

Carlos said he had been willing to join the Fair Play for Cuba group provided it was done with the backing of the FBI or the local police force. He said he had made this known to Lt. Martello, NOPD, who apparently forgot about it.

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