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LOU BURRESS, 10308 Vistadale, Dallas, Texas, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office on December 13, 1963 and advised that on the night of December 12, 1963, he had overheard a conversation between unknown individuals to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had made application for employment with the Woodward, Wight Hardware Company in New Orleans, Louisiana, and on the application he had listed JACK RUBY as a reference.

Mr. BURRESS said that he would not be available for interview in New Orleans, inasmuch as he was leaving New Orleans by plane for Dallas, Texas.

1Date December 20, 1963

G. O. RASCH, Vice President, Woodward, Wight and Company, Limited, advised that he served as Personnel Manager for Woodward Wight and Company. He checked his files of all employees of the company and applications of prospective employees going back to March, 1963, and stated that he had no record of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, O. H. LEE, or anyone named HIDEELL. He also advised that applications of prospective employees dated prior to March, 1963, had been destroyed.

Mr. RASCH was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated he did not recognize it as being of anyone who had applied for a clerical position with Woodward Wight.

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JOHN J. BARCELO, JR., Manager, Warehouse Operations Woodward Wight and Company, Limited, 451 Howard Avenue, advised that he personally interviews most of the prospective employees for the warehouse work of his concern. He examined a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and did not recognize it as being of an applicant for a warehouse position with his company.

Mr. BARCELO checked the file of applications of prospective warehouse employees going back to July 5, 1963 and found no application for LEE HARVEY OSWALD or O. H. LEE or anyone using the name HIDEEL. He stated that applications dated prior to July 5, 1963 had been destroyed.

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