

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: TOM BETHELL

RE: OSWALD'S MOVEMENTS IN NEW ORLEANS

LEE HARVEY OSWALD left his job with the Reily Coffee Company on July 19, 1963. He left for Mexico on September 25, 1963.

During this two month period, his whereabouts are established, or allegedly established as follows:

1. MARINA OSWALD'S TESTIMONY

Interviewed on 11/28/63 by FBI agents Heitman and Boguslar, "Mrs. OSWALD was asked what OSWALD did during the time he was unemployed. She said:

'He sat around the house all day reading. She said he read so much she often wondered why he did not get sores from sitting down so much. She said OSWALD visited the library regularly at New Orleans, where he checked out books mostly on history, but he also read books by Hemingway, Jack London, and Remarque. She said that she cannot accurately recall, but she believes that OSWALD went to the library and checked out books the day before Mrs. PAINE arrived. She said OSWALD went every Tuesday to pick up his unemployment check." (23 H 388)

The following exchange between J. LEE RANKIN and MARINA OSWALD on September 6, 1964 does not quite agree with the above statement.

RANKIN: When you lived in New Orleans and after your husband lost his job, did he stay away from home in the evenings much?

MRS. OSWALD: He was not at home during the day time, but he was at home most of the time in the evenings.

RANKIN: And by being at home in the evenings, what time do you mean -- from 6 o'clock on, or 7 o'clock, or what time?

MRS. OSWALD: After 7.

RANKIN: Did he ever show any signs of having been drinking or being drunk when he came home?

MRS. OSWALD: Never (5 H 615)

2. VISIT TO JESUIT HOUSE OF STUDIES

OSWALD & MARINA went to Mobile, Alabama to address the Jesuit House of Studies on July 27. He returned to New Orleans on July 28, 1963. (CE2649 25 H 921-28)

3. DATES OSWALD CHECKED OUT LIBRARY BOOKS

On May 27, 1963, OSWALD obtained a library card from the Napoleon Branch Library, 913 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans CE 2650 (Secret Service report by JOHN W. RICE) indicates that OSWALD checked out books on the following dates during his unemployed period:

Thursday,	July 18	
Tuesday,	July 30	
Wednesday,	July 31	
Monday,	August 5	
Thursday,	August 8	
Monday,	August 12	
Thursday,	August 22	
Monday,	September 9	
Thursday,	September 19	(See 25 H 929-930)

4. DATES OSWALD PICKED UP UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS

MARINA stated OSWALD picked up his checks on Tuesdays, (see above). This is consistent with the dates he filled out his Continued Interstate Claims, which was every Tuesday. Presumably, therefore, he filled out the form and picked up the check on the same day. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday	July 22
"	July 30
"	Aug. 6
"	Aug. 13
"	Aug. 20
"	Aug. 27
"	Sep. 3
"	Sep. 10
"	Sep. 17
"	Sep. 24

5. DATES OSWALD CASHED UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS

There is no certainty as to the dates the checks were cashed, although the date would have to be between OSWALD's picking up the check and the check being cleared by the bank, (which in some cases is known. See CD 75 p. 506). These checks were all cashed at one of the following stores:

Winn-Dixie #1404, Winn-Dixie #1425;
Winn-Dixie #1439; Brown's Velvet Dairy.

6. OSWALD ENCOUNTERS WITH BRINGUIER

CARLOS BRINGUIER testified (10 H 35) that he met OSWALD on Monday, August 5 in his clothing store on Decatur Street. (Casa Roca, 107 Decatur St.) Philip Geraci and Vance Blalock also saw OSWALD on this occasion.

On Friday, August 9, BRINGUIER encountered OSWALD distributing leaflets on Canal Street. They both went to jail that day. (10 H 38). OSWALD spent that night in jail and was interviewed on Saturday, August 10 by Lieut. MARTELLO and FBI Agent LESTER QUIGLEY.

OSWALD and BRINGUIER appeared in Municipal Court on Monday, August 12, at which time OSWALD paid a \$10 fine; WDSU interviewed OSWALD for television at this time.

7. OSWALD PASSING OUT LEAFLETS IN FRONT OF TRADE MART

On Friday, August 16, OSWALD was televised passing out leaflets in front of the International Trade Mart on Camp St. (Warren Report, p. 729). On the same day, CARLOS BRINGUIER testified, he sent a "friend" round to OSWALD's house to speak to OSWALD, which he did, "for about 1 hour". (10 H 41). The friend was CARLOS QUIROGA.

The last occasion when BRINGUIER saw OSWALD was about 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, at WDSU radio station. (10 H 42). On that occasion, ED BUTLER of INCA, and BILL STUCKEY, were also there.

8. BILL STUCKEY TESTIMONY

BILL STUCKEY testified that he first met OSWALD, at OSWALD's house, at about 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, at which time OSWALD was wearing "Marine Corps fatigue trousers." (11 H 160). At 5 o'clock that evening OSWALD appeared at WDSU radio station, and recorded a program which was played that night. ("Latin Listening Post")

Later, on "August 19 or 20" (11 H 166) OSWALD telephoned STUCKEY and agreed to appear on "Conversation Carte Blanche", and OSWALD appeared again for that program on Wednesday, August 21,

at WDSU station. After the program he had a drink with OSWALD alone at COMEAUX's bar on Royal Street.

These were the only occasions STUCKEY met OSWALD.

9. RUTH PAINE ARRIVAL IN NEW ORLEANS

RUTH PAINE arrived in New Orleans during the mid-afternoon, either on Friday, September 20 (3 H 5) or on Saturday, September 21. (3 H 7). She adds, "My recollection is that he (OSWALD) was present most of the weekend." (3 H 8) RUTH KLOEPPER also visited the OSWALD's on Sunday, September 22nd. (3 H 8). On Sunday, also, OSWALD packed the car in preparation for RUTH and MARINA's departure. (3 H 9).

RUTH PAINE left with MARINA and the children on Monday, September 23rd.

10. CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER

OSWALD filled out a change of address card on Tuesday, September 24, re-routing his mail to 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas. (CE 2476 25 H 670)

11. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1963

On this date OSWALD collected an unemployment check from his P.O. Box in New Orleans, cashed it, and probably boarded a bus en route for Mexico City. (Warren Report, p. 731).

12. LETTERS TO V. T. LEE, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FPCC.

OSWALD wrote letters to V. T. LEE which bear OSWALD's address on Magazine Street and the following dates:

Thursday, Aug. 1 (envelope shows 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4)
Monday, Aug. 12 (no envelope)
Saturday, Aug. 17 (envelope shows 6:00 p.m. Aug. 17)

There is no certainty OSWALD was in New Orleans on August 1 and August 4, of course, but alternatively, there is no reason for supposing he was not.

13. OSWALD AT MEXICAN CONSULATE

OSWALD obtained a 15 day visa from the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans on Tuesday, September 17. (CE 2478)

14. OSWALD'S INTERSTATE CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

In order to receive unemployment compensation during his unemployed period, OSWALD filed Continued Interstate Claims at the Division of Employment Security, 630 Camp St., New Orleans. These claims require that you "explain what you have done to find work." OSWALD filled out these forms every week and indicated that he had sought work during his unemployed period as follows: (See Burcham Exhibit, Vol 19, p. 224-234)

*Mon.- July 22 (filed initial claim)
 Tues.- July 23: Stone Center
 Wed.- " 24: Rex Photography
 Fri.- " 26: O'Donnell Brothers Printing;
 Offset Production & Design
 Mon.- " 29: Southern Printing; Krause-Bon Studio
 *Tues.- " 30: Godchaux's, Canal St.; Coca Cola Bottling Co.
 Fri.- Aug. 2 : Winston Printing Co.
 Sat.- " 3 : United Fruit Co.; Nifty Printing Co.
 Mon.- " 5 : Union Printing Co.
 *Tues.- " 6 : Cosmos Shipping
 Wed.- " 7 : Katz & Bestoff
 Fri.- " 9 : Ables Commercial Photography
 Mon.- " 12: Bernados-Weiss Photography; Hartman Studios.
 *Tues.- " 13: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 14: Esso Company
 Thur.- " 15: Print Rollers, Inc.
 Fri.- " 16: Times-Picayune; States-Item.
 Sun.- " 18: Bestoff Drugstore (darkroom)
 Mon.- " 19: Krains Shoes; Pedro Art Studio;
 Thomas Barberito
 *Tues.- " 20: Scultz Bookkeeping. (clerk)
 Thur.- " 22: Jean Guccione (photographer)
 Fri.- " 23: Lee Tilton Studio (darkroom)
 Mon.- " 26: Bill Coran Studio (photographer)
 *Tues.- " 27: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 28: Francks Studio (photographer)
 Thur.- " 29: Rosen, 859 So. Front St. (Clerk)
 Fri.- " 30: Reif or Ceif Studio (darkroom)
 *Tues.- Sep. 3 : South Central Studio (darkroom)
 Wed.- " 4 : Lincoln Photo studio (Photo)
 Thur.- " 5 : Primary Color Lab (darkroom)
 Fri.- " 6 : Dumas Milner Leasing (clerk)
 Mon.- " 9 : McKenzie Shoppe; Marine & Industrial (clerk)
 *Tues.- " 10: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 11: Jasimer Co. (clerk)
 Thur.- " 12: Rathborne Land & Lumber Co. (any)
 Fri.- " 13: Sackett Studios (photo)
 Sat.- " 14: Ansco Photo Supplies (photo)
 *Tues.- " 17: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 18: Ajax, Inc., Photographers (photo)
 Thur.- " 19: W. B. Simson, Shipping (any)
 Fri.- " 20: 532 Magazine, B. D. Co. (clerk)
 *Tues.- " 24: (filed final claim)

It cannot be taken as established that OSWALD in fact sought work at any of the above establishments, in view of the ease with which he could have looked them up in the Yellow Pages, and simply filled in the names on the forms he filled out. It is especially unlikely that he sought work after obtaining his visa for Mexico on September 17.

Therefore the following summary of OSWALD's activities does not include reference to the above alleged attempts to obtain employment.

15. SUMMARY OF OSWALD'S MOVEMENTS WHILE UNEMPLOYED IN N. O.

JULY

Thursday	18	At library
Friday	19	Left Reily Coffee Co.
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	Filed first unemployment claim.
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	
Friday	26	
Saturday	27	To Mobile
Sunday	28	Mobile to New Orleans
Monday	29	
Tuesday	30	At library; filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	31	At library;

AUGUST

Thursday	1	Wrote "August 1" on letter to V. T. Lee
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	Letter to V. T. Lee postmarked 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4.
Monday	5	At library; Met Carlos Bringuier in Casa Roca
Tuesday	6	Filed unemployment claim
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	At library
Friday	9	Arrested on Canal St. Spent night at police station.
Saturday	10	Interviewed at police station.

AUGUST - Cont.

Sunday	11	
Monday	12	Payed fine in Court; at library.
Tuesday	13	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	14	
Thursday	15	
Friday	16	Leafleting at Trade Mart; Quiroga goes to Magazine St.
Saturday	17	Stuckey visits Oswald at 8 a.m., and recorded him at 5 p.m.
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	Oswald phone Stuckey (or on 20th)
Tuesday	20	Filed unemployment claim
Wednesday	21	Appeared on Conversation 'Carte Blanche' at WDSU.
Thursday	22	At library
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	
Tuesday	27	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	

SEPTEMBER - Cont.

Sunday	8	
Monday	9	At library
Tuesday	10	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	
Tuesday	17	At Mexican Consulate; Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	At library
Friday	20	Ruth Paine arrived in N.O. (or on Sep. 21)
Saturday	21	Ruth Paine with Oswalds
Sunday	22	Ruth Paine with Oswalds
Monday	23	Ruth Paine left with Marina.
Tuesday	24	Filed unemployment claim; changed address at Post Office.
Wednesday	25	Cashed check. Left N.O. en route for Mexico.