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Trial Testimony

Court proceedings in the 32nd day of the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw follow:

Lt. Edward O'Donnell of the New Orleans police department's homicide division, took the stand again as the first witness this morning.

He was cross-examined by assistant district attorney James L. Alcock.

Q—Lt. O'Donnell, can you tell the court the first time you talked to the defense about this case?

A—Yes, sir. I can't give the exact date, but it was after the start of the trial, just a

few weeks ago.

Q—You had no contact prior to that time?

A—No, sir. I hadn't.

AT THIS point, Alcock ended the cross-examination and chief defense counsel F. Irvin Dymond released the witness, telling O'Donnell, "That's all, lieutenant."

The second defense witness today was Arthur O. Davis, a New Orleans architect associated with the firm of Curtis and Davis.

Q—In connection with your

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business, do you do much traveling?

A—Yes, I have an office in New York as well as in New Orleans. I make the trip to New York once a week.

Dymond then showed Davis the registration book from the V.I.P. room at New Orleans International Airport and asked the witness to identify his signature.

A—The second signature from the bottom of the page is my signature.

Q—What is the name directly below yours?

A—Clay Bertrand.

Q—Do you recall being in Moisant airport on Dec. 14, 1966?

A—Yes . . . I did go to New York that day.

Q—Do your records reflect what time you were at Moisant?

A—To the best of my knowledge, it was around mid-day.

Q—On that occasion . . . did you go into the V.I.P. room?

A—Yes.

Q—Were any other people in there?

A—Yes, there were some other gentlemen in there.

Q—Are you acquainted with Clay Shaw?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you see Clay Shaw in the V.I.P. room?

A—No, I did not.

DYMOND then asked the

witness if he was generally familiar, from having seen him on various occasions, with Clay Shaw's manner of address. Davis said he was.

Q—Have you ever seen Clay Shaw wearing noticeably tight trousers?

A—No.

UNDER cross-examination, Davis testified that he was alone when he went into the V.I.P. room.

Q—Do you recall the signature of Clay Bertrand in the book when you signed it?

A—I'm relatively sure I was the last signature.

Q—Did you see anyone sign the book after you signed it?

A—No.

ALCOCK THEN asked Davis to examine other names on the page that he signed, and asked him if he knew of any of the people who had signed.

Davis said he did not.

Q—Approximately how long did you remain in the room?

A—I would guess, 20 minutes to a half hour.

Q—And you don't remember anyone else signing the book after you . . . ?

A—No.

The witness was excused. Defendant Clay L. Shaw took the stand at 9:33 a. m. to be questioned by one of his attorneys, Irvin Dymond.

Q—Mr. Shaw, are you the defendant in this case?

A—Yes, I am.

Q—Will you state your age?

A—I am 55.

Q—Will you state your educational background?

A—I am a graduate of high school—Warren Easton, 1924.

Q—Did you attend college?

A—No, I did not.

Q—After high school, what did you do, Mr. Shaw?

A—I went to work for Western Union and for a period worked here in New Orleans. I was later transferred by them to New York, where I worked for them for some years.

Q—In what capacity were you employed?

A—I worked as district manager for Western Union, having some 30 or 40 branch offices under my direction.

Q—After that what did you do?

A—After that I spent some

time in public relations and advertising work and later went into the Army.

Q—To what year, then, did you remain in the Army?

A—Until late 1945.

Q—What was the nature of your discharge?

A—I received an honorable discharge.

Q—Subsequent to your army discharge, what have you been doing?

A—At that time I returned to New Orleans where a group of businessmen were planning to found an international trade center. I was offered the job as managing director.

Q—Did you accept this position?

A—Yes, I did.

Q—How long did you remain in this position?

A—For 19 years, until Oct. 1, 1965.

Q—Under what conditions did you leave the International Trade Mart?

A—It was completely voluntary. I resigned. I had other things to do at that time.

AT THIS POINT Dymond showed a photograph to Shaw, said that it was marked State 1 and that it "purported to be a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald."

Q—Have you ever seen this person?

A—I have never seen him.

Q—Were you ever acquainted with him?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever talked to this person?

A—I never have.

DYMOND then picked up a photograph which he said was marked S 17 and that it purported to be a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald with a beard.

Q—Do you recognize this person?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever seen this man?

A—No, I have not.

Q—Have you ever known this man?

A—I have not.

DYMOND picked up another photo which he said was marked State 3 and "purported to be a photograph of the late David Ferrie."

Q—Did you know this man?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever seen this

man?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever had a conversation with this man?

A—No.

Q—Prior to the proceedings here and preliminary thereto, have you ever known a person by the name of Perry Raymond Russo?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever been to a party where he was present?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever had any business or social connections or been acquainted with this man at all?

A—No.

Q—Mr. Shaw, while you were in the military, did you wear a regular uniform?

A—Yes.

Q—I assume you wore a hat at that time. Have you worn a hat since then?

A—No.

Q—Do you own a hat at the present time?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever been in Clinton, La.?

A—I've never been in Clinton.

Q—Do you have any relatives there?

A—A first cousin, married to a Mr. Yarbrough.

Q—Have you ever visited your cousin?

A—No.

Q—Have you visited him elsewhere?

A—Yes I have seen him in Kentwood, I believe, where my family comes from.

Q—Are your father and mother alive.

A—My father is dead.

Q—When did he die?

A—Nov. 25, 1966.

Q—Where were your parents residing when your father died?

A—They lived in Hammond.

Q—Where is your mother now?

A—She still resides in Hammond at the same place.

Q—Have you ever owned a black Cadillac?

A—No.

Q—Ever owned a Cadillac?

A—No.

DYMOND then showed Shaw a photograph which he said was marked S 6 and asked whether he recognized a car shown it?

A—This car resembles one which was owned by Mr. Jeff

Biddison.

Q—Have you ever owned one similar to this car?

A—No.

Q—You testified that this photograph was similar to one owned by Mr. Biddison. Have you ever borrowed this similar car?

A—Yes.

Q—When.

A—In the fall of 1966.

Q—Did you ever borrow it in the year of 1963?

A—No. I didn't.

Q—Do you own a car?

A—Yes.

Q—What kind of car?

A—It is a black Thunderbird convertible.

Q—Is it similar to the one I have shown you?

A—Not at all.

Q—Referring to the period of July to October, 1963, where were you employed?

A—I was managing director of the Trade Mart.

Q—What normally were your duties?

A—I was manager of the building and handled promotion of trade. We handled various activities of the Trade Mart—manager of the building and the institution.

Q—Did anything unusual occur within your duties between July and October 8, 1963.

A—We were planning to build a new mart. To do this it was necessary to issue bonds. A New York bonding firm was interested and we were working out a deal between July and October of 1963 in which we had to obtain offers to lease the building at a yearly total of \$425,000.

Q—Had you not succeeded, what would have happened?

A—There would be no Trade Mart now.

Q—What was the nature of the workload you were performing at that time?

A—It was extremely heavy. I have never worked harder in my life?

Q—During the time, Mr. Shaw, did you take any trips?

A—Yes, I went to Hammond on one occasion when my father was not well. This was in late September. I went for one day.

Q—Any contacts with your office during that day?

A—Yes, my secretary called

me at Hammond.

Q—Did you go to any other towns with the exception of those on the way to Hammond?

A—No.

Q—How did you get to Hammond?

A—Sometimes by train. Sometimes I drove my car. To tell exactly how I went that day now six years later, I could not.

Q—Other than that trip, did you make any other trip out of New Orleans in September or October?

A—No.

Q—During that period, except for the one trip to Hammond, were you absent from your job at the Trade Mart any other day?

A—No. Our work week was Monday through Friday during this period and we worked a lot of Saturdays.

Q—Were you ever absent from the International Trade Mart on a work day?

A—No.

Q—How many days a week did you work?

A—During an average week, Monday through Friday. During this period, we worked a number of Saturdays.

Q—Did Mr. Lloyd Cobb have anything to do with this work?

A—He was the president . . . ultimately, it was his responsibility . . . He supervised and directed the work.

Q—What was the nature of your contact with Mr. Cobb?

A—It was very close—we were in touch at least one time a day, either by telephone or in person.

Q—Do you recall the state's witness Charles I. Speisel?

A—Yes.

Q—Had you ever seen him before?

A—No.

SHAW SAID that he had never attended a party at which Speisel was present.

Turning to another state witness, Dymond asked Shaw: "I assume you heard Perry Raymond Russo's testimony?"

A—Yes, I did.

Q—Have you ever been to a party or a meeting with Rus-

so. . . I show you a photo of him?

A—I have not.

J—Have you ever been to a party or a meeting with David Ferrie. . . I show you a photo of Mr. Ferrie?

A—I have not.

Q—Have you ever been to a party or meeting as described by Russo in his testimony?

A—I have not.

DYMOND then turned to a new line of questioning concerning the location of the apartment of David Ferrie.

Q—Do you know the general location of Louisiana ave. pkwy?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you ever attend a party or a meeting at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy.?

A—No, I never have.

THE DEFENSE counsel then began questioning Shaw about the visit of President John F. Kennedy to New Orleans for the dedication of the Nashville ave. wharf in 1962.

Q—Do you recall President Kennedy's visit here?

A—Yes, I do.

Q—Did you have any connection with this trip?

A—Yes. Congressman (Hale) Boggs asked me to serve on the reception committee.

Q—Would you please describe your duties and activities?

A—In 1962, a group of about 60 people was invited to serve on the receptions committee. A bus took the group to the airport to meet President Kennedy. Of this group, some 14 were to go in limousines following the presidential car from the airport to the Nashville ave. wharf. The rest rode in the bus. I rode in the bus.

Q—Did you go to the airport in the bus?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you go to the wharf in the bus?

A—Yes.

Q—Do you remember how you were dressed?

A—I do not remember the

color of the suit or tie. But, I certainly was dressed in a conservative business suit and a tie.

Q—Did you wear tight pants?

A—No.

Q—Did you ever wear tight pants?

A—No.

Q—Had you ever met President Kennedy before his visit?

A—Yes.

Q—What was the occasion?

A—In the spring of 1962, Chep Morrison was appointed by President Kennedy as our ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington. Mr. Morrison very kindly invited me to be present in Washington when he was sworn in and I accepted the invitation.

"I met the President then."

Q—Did you ever have any ill feelings toward the President?

A—Certainly not.

Q—Were you a supporter of his?

A—Yes, I believed in him.

DYMOND then turned the questioning back to Ferrie and asked Shaw if he had ever met with Ferrie in a filling station on Veterans' hwy. or anywhere else. Shaw answered in the negative and said he had never conversed with him.

Shaw also testified he had never seen state witness Vernon Bundy before his appearance at the trial and that he had never met anyone at the Pontchartrain seawall as described by Bundy.

Q—More specifically, did you ever meet with Oswald on the seawall?

A—I have not.

Q—Did you ever give him any money?

A—No, certainly not.

Q—Did you have any reason to give him any money?

A—No.

Q—Were you ever pro-Castro?

SHAW ANSWERED in the negative and said he had never engaged in any activity which could be construed as such.

Q—Are you familiar with the VIP Room at the airport?

A—No. I did not know that

room existed until this trial. Dymond then showed Shaw the guest book from the Eastern Airlines' VIP room and asked if a signature earlier identified as reading "Clay Bertrand" was Shaw's signature.

A—No, it is not.

Q—Have you ever signed your name in any way in a book such as this in the VIP Room?

A—No, I never have.

Q—Do you know specifically where you were Dec. 14, 1966?

A—No, I do not.

Q—Were you aware then that the name of Clay Bertrand was important in connection with the assassination of the president?

A—No.

Q—Do you travel by commercial airliner?

A—No.

Q—How do you travel?

A—By train.

SHAW SAID that his last plane trip was about 10 years ago. He said that when he went to Europe in 1966 he sailed from the Port of New Orleans to Barcelona.

Q—Have you ever been known as Clay Bertrand?

A—No, I have not.

Q—Have you ever been known as Clem Bertrand?

A—No, I have not.

Q—Have you ever used an alias or a faked name?

A—In the early 1950s I used the name Allen White as a pen name for one of my plays. Those were the maiden names of my two grandmothers.

Q—Do you know Clay Bertrand?

A—No.

Q—Do you know Clem Bertrand?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever received mail addressed to Clay or Clem Bertrand?

A—No.

TURNING to the witness' political affiliation, Dymond asked Shaw if he ever had been inside the Republican headquarters in New Orleans. Shaw said he had not. He testified he is a Democrat and never been other than such.

Q—Did you take a trip to

the West Coast in November, 1963?

A—Yes, I did.

Q—What precipitated it?

SHAW SAID that in September he was invited to speak to a West Coast development conference in Portland, Ore. After looking at some notes, he said he had received a telephone call Sept. 8 or 9 asking him to appear and that he had a letter dated Sept. 11 from the man in Portland who invited him.

He said he went from New Orleans to Los Angeles, where he spent a few days, then went to San Francisco, where he spent a few days, and then proceeded to Portland.

Shaw said the conference was cancelled because of the President's assassination and that he spoke to the Rotary Club, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

SHAW said he returned to New Orleans after a stopover in Chicago.

Q—Was this trip a cover-up for any assassination plot?

A—No. Certainly not.

Q—Did you ever participate in an assassination plot?

A—No.

Q—Did you ever discuss killing the president . . . even jokingly?

A—No.

SHAW THEN explained the arrangements he made for his mail while he was in Europe. He said that some of it ordinarily was sent to Jefferson Biddison's office. He said that he arranged with Biddison and a tenant in his (Shaw's) house to bring the mail every few days that accumulated at 1313 Dauphine.

"I also advised several people with whom I corresponded with some frequency to write directly to Jefferson Biddison's home."

Q—Have you ever worked for the Central Intelligence Agency?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever worked for any government agency other than the Army?

A—The Army was the only one.

Q—Did you conspire with David Ferrie and Lee Harvey

Oswald to murder President Kennedy?

A—No, I did not.

Q—Did you ever at any time want him (the President) to die?

A—No, I did not.

THE DEFENSE tendered the witness for cross-examination. Shaw's questioning by the defense lasted approximately 30 minutes.

When recess ended, the judge took the bench quickly and there was a call for order. He directed those outside to enter the courtroom quietly.

Alcock cross-examined Shaw.

Q—I think you testified, Mr. Shaw, you completed your speaking engagement arrangements early in September, 1963.

A—It was Sept. 8 or 9, I don't recall exactly.

Q—In other words in mid-September, 1963, you knew you were going to the West Coast in November?

A—Yes.

THE WITNESS said he decided to take a two-week vacation at that time and was scheduled to speak at the San Francisco World Trade building and "needless to say, on the morning of Nov. 22, no speech was given."

Q—How were these arrangements made, Mr. Shaw?

A—By telephone.

Q—Who did you make the arrangements with?

A—A Mr. Monroe Sullivan. May I refresh my memory? It was Mr. Monroe Sullivan, managing director of the San Francisco World Trade Center.

SHAW FURTHER testified he received a telegram on Nov. 13, confirming a room had been reserved for him in San Francisco and that he arrived in San Francisco on the 21st.

Q—Do you recall when he first contacted you?

Shaw paused for awhile, knitted his brow.

A—I think . . . to the best of my recollection, sometime before Nov. 13.

Q—Do you remember the date?

A—It was either the 10th or

11th of November.

Q—Is it your testimony that he solicited you?

A—Yes, that is correct. He telephoned me.

AT THIS point, Alcock asked the witness if he knew Mario Bermudez. And he asked if Bermudez had actually arranged the speaking engagement with Sullivan for him, Shaw.

A—He may have talked to Sullivan and possibly told him I was going to be on the West Coast.

Alcock then asked if Bermudez had made the solicitation in Shaw's behalf.

A—I don't know.

Q—Would you recognize Mr. Bermudez' signature?

A—Yes, I think I would.

AT THIS point, Alcock picked up a letter, walked over to the defense counsel area, handed it to Dymond for his scrutiny. William Wegmann examined it with Dymond. After they read it, they handed it back to Alcock, who asked the minute clerk,

George Sullivan, to identify the exhibit. Marking the document S-73, he then walked over to Shaw, handed him the letter and said, "I now show you a document, Mr. Shaw, and ask you if you recognize it."

A—I don't recall having seen it before, but I'm sure it is authentic.

Q—Do you recognize the signature and, if you do, whose is it?

A—Yes, it's Mr. Bermudez'. He's got a peculiar way of signing his name.

Shaw then removed his glasses and prepared for further questioning.

Q—Did Mr. Bermudez solicit this engagement on your behalf?

DYMOND objected, saying, "The document speaks for itself. We certainly have no objection for the jury seeing the document."

Judge Haggerty said, "Mr. Alcock, suppose you read the letter for the jury."

Alcock read the letter, then Judge Haggerty asked Alcock would he please return to the prosecution desk and speak into the microphone.

Alcock described the letter-

head as from the city of New Orleans and said the letter was addressed to Mr. J. M. Sullivan, executive director, San Francisco World Trade Center, Ferry Building.

THE LETTER said, in part, that Bermudez had attempted to get in touch with Sullivan by telephone. It stated Shaw would be in San Francisco Nov. 21 and 22 and, if Sullivan considered it worth while, Shaw would be available for talks to local groups interested in promoting trade. It also mentioned that the new International Trade Mart building in New Orleans was under construction and if Sullivan was interested in Shaw's services, he could contact Shaw at 523-6137.

The letter was signed, Mario Bermudez.

Alcock asked Shaw if he recalled speaking to Sullivan prior to the time the letter was sent by Bermudez. Shaw said it was difficult for him to recall. Shaw pointed out the incident was more than six years ago. "However, my best recollection is that I received a telephone call asking me to speak."

Q—Do you question the authenticity of this letter, Mr. Shaw?

A—No, sir, I do not.

Q—Do you recall asking Mr. Bermudez to line up speaking engagements for you.

SHAW PAUSED, then answered, "No, sir, I have no such recollection."

Q—Do you recall discussing this letter with Mr. Bermudez?

A—No, sir, I don't.

Alcock returned to his seat and resumed the cross-examination.

He asked Shaw if he traveled alone or with a group from New Orleans to Los Angeles.

A—I traveled alone.

Q—Where did you stay in Los Angeles, do you recall?

A—Yes, I stayed at the Biltmore.

Q—Did you meet with anyone?

A—Yes, I saw several personal friends.

HE TESTIFIED he spoke with several businessmen re-

garding the construction of the new World Trade building for Los Angeles.

Q—Do you remember any of these persons by name?

A—Yes, I spoke with a Mr. Vanderhurst.

Shaw continued: "I believe his first name is Fred."

Q—Can you tell us the names of some other individuals with whom you met?

A—Yes, several associates of Mr. Vanderhurst. I don't recall them by names.

Q—You said you met several personal friends?

A—Certainly. I met with Mr. Judson O'Donnell, Val Durour, and, uh, a cousin of mine, Fave Hoben, and a Mr. Phil Jones.

Q—How long were you in Los Angeles?

A—From Nov. 18 until Nov. 20. I took an overnight train on the evening of the 20th to go to San Francisco.

Q—Did anyone accompany you on this trip?

A—No, sir.

Q—Where did you stay?

A—At the San Francisco Hotel.

Q—Did you meet any friends in San Francisco?

A—Yes, Mr. Jim Dondson, Charles Walton, who lives in Mill Valley, which is a suburb of San Francisco.

Q—Did you actually make a speech in San Francisco?

A—No, sir.

Q—Did you make any long distance calls to New Orleans?

A—I think I called my office.

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Q—Did you call anyone else?

A—No sir.

SHAW THEN corrected his last answer. "Either that day or the next day, I don't recall exactly, I called a man in Portland, regarding arrangements for a speaking engagement there."

Q—When did you leave San Francisco?

A—On the evening of the 24th.

Q—When did you arrive in Portland?

A—On the 25th.

Q—And when did you make your speech?

A—On the 26th.

SHAW SAID he had been scheduled to speak before the Rotary Club and another group, but the latter address was canceled and he spoke only to the Rotary group.

Q—Where did you go after you left Portland?

A—I went to Chicago. I think that was Nov. 28.

Q—Did anyone accompany you?

A—No, sir.

Q—Where did you stay in Chicago?

A—I stayed with some friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke.

Q—When did you arrive back in New Orleans?

A—Dec. 2, to the best of my recollection.

Q—Did you know anyone, Mr. Shaw, who knew David W. Ferrie? Did you know a Mr. Layton Martens?

A—Yes, sir, I did.

Q—Did you know he was Ferrie's roommate?

A—No, sir, I did not.

Q—Did you know a Dante Marachini?

A—No.

Q—Do you know a James Lewallen?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you know that he knew David Ferrie?

A—I did not.

HE WAS THEN asked if he ever visited the lakefront.

A—Very, very infrequently.

Q—Do you recall visiting the lakefront in 1963?

A—To the best of my recollection, no, sir. During the past 10 years I doubt that I've been there more than two or three times.

Q—Do you know a Perry Forney?

A—No.

Q—Do you know a Jack Sauter?

A—Yes, he's a friend of mine.

SHAW TESTIFIED Sauter runs a TV business.

Q—How long have you known Mr. Sauter?

A—Five or six years possibly.

Q—Do you know anyone in North Carolina?

A—Yes, several people. (He named several persons)

Q—You go to North Carolina pretty frequently, do you not?

A—Yes, I did in the past, but not recently.

Q—Mr. Shaw, did you ever own a building at 906 Esplanade?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—When did you own it?

A—Well, I bought it in 1949 and I owned it about three years.

Q—Did you own a building at 908 Esplanade?

A—Yes, I bought 908 Esplanade about 1958 and as I recall it I sold it in either 1962 or '63.

Q—Do you recall what address, which Mr. Speisel brought you, the jury, the judge and others to during this trial?

A—Yes, it was 906 Esplanade.

Q—And you owned it before?

A—Yes, and I sold it.

Q—Did you ever live at 906?

A—Yes, from 1950 to 1952 but not at 908.

Q—Since 1963 do you know any of the tenants in these buildings?

A—I know the owners of 908. I may have known some tenants. I don't recall.

Q—Are both structures similar?

A—Yes, they were both built for sisters and have certain similarities.

Q—Did you use a bell and buzzer system in order to gain

entrance?

A—Yes, in both places. But I can't testify what's used presently.

ALCOCK SHOWED him pictures of the inside of 906 and 908 Esplanade and asked him if he recognized it. Shaw said it appeared to be the entrance hallways of each building.

Q—When did you last own the property at 908 Es-

planade?

A—I sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, I think in 1963 or 1964.

Q—Did you own the house in the summer of 1963?

A—Not that I recall. But I can't be positive.

Q—On Mr. Speisel's special drawing he made in the court room, did you make any notations or deletions and show them to Mr. Dymond?

A—I don't think so.

Q—Did you tell Mr. Dymond about an Eleanor Barris?

A—I never met her. I am told . . . but I can't say what I'm told.

Q—Where did Dymond get the name Eleanor Barris?

A—I gave it to him.

Q—After Mr. Speisel's testimony?

A—I don't recall.

Q—And you don't know Mrs. Barris but you gave Dymond her name?

ALCOCK DID not wait for Shaw to answer:

Q—In your tour of 906 Esplanade, did you notice any structural changes?

A—I don't think so. But I would not be in any position to notice anything. My ownership there dates back to the 1950s.

Q—In 908, did you notice any changes?

A—To the best of my knowledge, no. I know the people who own it and they never told me they made any changes but I can't testify to it.

Q—Do you know how far it is from Kentwood or Clinton?

A—I don't know. I've never made the trip. I only saw it on the map. Sixty to a hundred miles, I guess.

Q—Do you know anyone who owns any property in Clinton?

A—Mr. Cobb, the president of the Trade Mart, owns a

farm in Clinton.

Q—Have you ever gone there?

A—In the past 10 years, I would say about three times. Mr. Cobb breeds cattle and once a year he has a big party and I would be invited.

Q—Do you have to go through the town of Clinton in order to get to the farm?

A—No, I don't think so. One road goes on to Baton Rouge and one to the right goes to the farm.

Q—Do you remember the last time you were there?

A—I think it was the year that President Kennedy came here.

Q—On the occasion when you visited the farm, did you see your cousin Yarbrough?

A—I did not.

Q—Does Lloyd Cobb know Yarbrough?

A—I don't know, but neither has ever mentioned the other to me.

Q—Do you remember a press conference after your arrest where you called Lee Harvey Oswald "Harvey Lee Oswald?"

A—I recall the press conference.

Q—Was there any particular reason why you would call Oswald "Harvey Lee"?

A—No, it was purely a mistake.

Q—Do you know any of the people who testified from Clinton?

A—No.

Q—Do you know of any bitterness between you that might cause them to testify against you?

A—No.

Q—Is it your testimony that you executed a change of address from 1414 Chartres to 1313 Dauphine?

A—No. Let me explain. I executed a change of address when I returned from my trip.

Q—You executed a change when you returned but did not execute one when you left?

A—That is my best recollection.

Q—Were you standing at the Nashville ave. wharf when President Kennedy spoke here?

A—Yes.

Q—Where were you standing?

A—Toward the rear of the crowd.

Q—Do you recall having

heard Perry Raymond Russo say that he saw you toward the rear of the crowd?

A—Yes.

Q—Were you with anyone?

A—No.

Q—You separated yourself from the rest of the welcoming committee?

A—Only about five of the committee were invited on the platform. The rest were left to fend for ourselves.

Q—Do you recall what you were wearing that day?

A—I had on a business suit. I can't recall the color or the color of the tie.

Q—Have you ever told any-

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one you used the name Clay Bertrand?

A—No.

Q—Do you recall negotiating with Gordon Novel for space in the new International Trade Mart?

A—No—Yes, I do recall negotiating with Mr. Novel.

Q—Do you remember the name of his attorney or whether he had an attorney?

A—He had an attorney. I don't recall his name. He may have been Dean Andrews.

Q—Was he present during your negotiations?

A—The negotiations went on for a long time. I don't remember Mr. Andrews specifically being present or whether he was the attorney. Mr. Novel wanted the rights to the Top of the Mart.

"I KEPT TELLING Mr. Novel he was premature in trying to get this. He had also been wanting to run a trade fair."

Q—Was he represented in this by an attorney?

A—No, not at this time. It usually consisted of Mr. Novel dropping by my office and it usually consisted of some plan that would require the Trade Mart to put up some money.

Q—Did Dean Andrews always accompany him?

A—No, I don't recall that he did.

Q—As managing director of

the Trade Mart, did you often meet foreign dignitaries and other visitors?

A—Yes.

Q—Yet, you testified that you were not familiar with the VIP room at the airport?

A—I am familiar with a VIP room run by the airport. I did not know Eastern Airlines ran a VIP room until this trial.

Q—Do you recall saying during the visit to 906 Esplanade while standing in front of the building that you wanted to stand on the neutral ground rather than in front of the building?

A—Yes.

Q—Why did you want to stand on the neutral ground?

A—Because I wanted to stand on the neutral ground.

Q—You wanted to be away from the front of the building?

SHAW DID not reply.

Q—In the summer of 1963, did you have a roommate?

A—No.

Q—Did you have a maid?

A—Yes.

Q—What was her name?

A—Virginia Johnson.

Q—Was she with you the entire summer?

A—I don't recall. She left after Hurricane Betsy. Do you recall when Betsy was?

Q—1965.

A—That was when she left. She was with me until after Betsy.

Q—Have you seen her lately?

A—No, I have not.

Q—Other than the occasion when you borrowed Biddison's car to go to Hammand, you recall driving a car similar to his?

A—No, I did not.

Q—Did the International Trade Mart have any cars itself?

A—No, it did not.

Q—Do you know Mr. James Hardiman, the postman in this case?

A—Only from seeing him in court.

Q—Do you know of any disputes he has with you that might cause him to testify against you?

A—No, I do not.

Q—Do you know Jessie Parker?

A—Only from seeing her in

the courtroom.

Q—Do you know of any dispute that might cause her to testify against you?

A—None to my knowledge.

Q—Did you have the limp you have today in 1963?

A—I've had a back condition from an injury received in the Army since 1946. Sometimes it causes me to limp. Sometimes it does not.

Q—Prior to this case did you know Vernon Bundy?

A—No.

Q—Do you know any dispute between yourself and Bundy that might cause him to testify against you?

A—No, I never met the man.

Q—Did you know Perry Raymond Russo prior to this case?

A—No.

Q—Do you know of the Trade Mart in Dallas, Tex.?

A—Yes, I know about it.

Q—Did you know that President Kennedy was due to speak there on Nov. 22, 1963?

A—No, I did not know of it.

Q—Do you recall how you filed your change of address card with the post office?

A—I don't recall if I dropped it in the box or gave it to the postman or brought it to the post office.

Q—Do you recall how you returned home from the Nashville st. wharf after the president's speech?

A—After the speech, those riding on the bus were taken to City Hall and the president spoke from the second floor window. Afterwards I think I walked back to the Trade Mart.

Q—Why didn't you stay with the committee when the president was speaking at the wharf?

A—I think we all split up with the understanding we would return to the bus.

Q—Were you at the Trade Mart when Lee Harvey Oswald was distributing Cuba pamphlets?

A—Yes, I think it was in the afternoon. Someone came into my office and told me "some nut" was distributing something and I said I would look into it. I got a long distance call at the time and was tied up for awhile. He was gone when I got downstairs but I talked to some cameramen and newsmen.

Q—Do you remember how

long it took for you to make the 13 signatures during the handwriting sampling?

A—About 20 minutes.

Q—That long?

A—Ten to 20 minutes.

Q—Before you gave the samples had you seen a copy of the questioned signature?

A—Yes. When it was introduced by evidence here by you.

Q—Did you sign anything else other than the name Clay Bertrand?

A—No.

Q—Were you seated or standing?

A—I was seated.

Q—Do you know Tommy Cox of Dallas, Tex.?

A—Yes, I met him in New Orleans around Mardi Gras some 10 years ago. He was an occasional visitor here and we corresponded.

Q—Have you ever visited Dallas?

A—Yes. The last time in 1966.

Q—Did you go to the mart?

A—No, I didn't.

Q—Do you know any other residents of Dallas?

A—No.

Q—Do you know Mr. Speisel?

A—No, I never saw him before this trial.

SHAW ASKED for some water.

Q—Have you ever had an occasion of going to the New Orleans Lakefront Airport?

A—I think I've gone before. I never saw anyone who looked like Ferrie.

Q—Do you recall who went with you to the airport?

A—No.

Q—Have you ever gone to Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop?

A—Yes.

Q—Do you frequent it often?

A—No.

Q—Do you recall if you went in 1963?

A—I don't recall. It's possible.

Q—Do you know any of the employees there?

A—I knew John Ball, the piano player, but I don't think he's there any more.

Q—Do you recall when he left?

A—No. But I think in the past two or three years.

Q—Why did you give no other handwriting signature other than Clay Bertrand?

A—I wrote what I was instructed to write—the date,

Clay Bertrand and New Orleans.

Q—Have you seen any copy of the change-of-address form or do you have any copy?

A—No, I do not.

Q—Did you tell Mr. Dymond you are familiar with the Louisiana pkwy.?

A—Yes, I'm familiar with it from driving around the city.

Q—Are you familiar with 4900 Magazine?

A—No, I am not.

Q—Do you recall driving in that vicinity?

A—No.

Q—Do you recall the name or names of any of the persons on the bus who were on the reception committee for the president?

A—That's difficult to do. It was over six years ago. I think some members of the city council. I think Mr. Fitzmorris and even Mr. Garrison. There were 30 or 40 people on the bus.

Q—Was Mr. Piddson on the bus?

A—No.

Q—Do you remember seeing anyone you thought was Secret Service or FBI while the president spoke?

A—No. Except the people who were with the president during the motorcade.

Q—How long did you stand in back of the crowd?

A—For the duration of the president's speech. Twenty to twenty-five minutes.

Q—When was the last time you were at 908 Esplanade?

A—I think two or three weeks ago. I know the owners. I was invited for drinks.

Q—Do you recall if you

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went to a party at 908 Esplanade in the summer of 1963?

A—I don't recall.

Q—Have you ever received any mail addressed to Clem Bertrand?

A—Clem Bertrand? No.

Q—Have you ever seen any mail addressed to you such as Mr. Hardiman described—brown with a window.

A—No.

Q—Were there any features on the drawing made by Mr. Speisel that were familiar to you?

A—No.

Q—You were checking to see if it concurred with your memory of the apartment?

A—Yes.

Q—You made no marks on the drawing?

A—No.

ALCOCK THEN said: "No further questions."

Dymond rose and said, "The defense rests."

It was 11:24.

A few minutes later Judge Haggerty recessed the court for lunch.