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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: Interview with PAUL TAYLOR, 4110 1/2 Freret Street

TAYLOR informed us that he had been interviewed twice before regarding his meeting LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Thompson's Restaurant on St. Charles Avenue, once by our office and once by two men who said they were from the Federal government, sometime after the Garrison investigation became public.

He said that at the time he met OSWALD at Thompson's Restaurant he, TAYLOR, was driving a Yellow Cab and it was on one of his stops at Thompson's for coffee that he first met OSWALD. He said OSWALD always had on a white shirt and black tie and for that reason he assumed that he was a cab driver. He said these three or four meetings with OSWALD were spread over about a period of a month and were sometime during the Summer of 1963. He said one day he happened to be drinking coffee and saw this individual sitting at the table next to him and just nodded and said hello and OSWALD said hi and he then said, "How's it going" or something to that effect and OSWALD said, "All right." He said the three or four times that he did see OSWALD at Thompson's this was about the extent of the conversation between them, just a casual hello and a friendly question or two relating to the weather or so forth. He said that the two men that came to see him first called him at the Yellow Cab company and then came to see him at Thompson's Restaurant. He said one man showed him a Federal identification card and the other man showed him a blue card with red letters on it signifying that he was with the CIA. He said the CIA man had also said that he was an ex-Marine. The two Federal men generally asked him questions relating to OSWALD and about the times that he saw him at Thompson's, wanting to know if he was with anybody or had mentioned anybody's name. TAYLOR told them no, and that his meetings with OSWALD were pure coincidence. TAYLOR told them that he did not know the person's name was LEE HARVEY OSWALD as he never had the occasion to ask his name. TAYLOR said that he immediately recognized the picture of OSWALD in the newspaper after the assassination as the person he had seen at Thompson's about three or four times. TAYLOR said that OSWALD was always alone and never mentioned anybody's name and only exchanged pleasantries. He said the three or four times that he did see OSWALD he would say it was around 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon. He said he has no idea how the two Federal men found out that he had ever seen OSWALD but he believes that a person named BOB GUSMAN who is a forest ranger and who always hangs out around Thompson's may have been the person who told the government that he did see OSWALD.

TAYLOR said he found out from the newspaper that OSWALD lived up in the 4900 block of Magazine and that his landlord was JESSE GARNER. He knows GARNER from driving a cab.

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While looking through our pictures TAYLOR said that he doesn't recognize pictures of BANISTER or SHAW or THORNLEY even though he says THORNLEY looks quite a bit like LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He says that he believes he has seen BECKHAM, NOVEL and BRINGUIER in Thompson's from time to time, never together, always alone.