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DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, Audubon Building, New Orleans, presently confined Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he met LEE OSWALD shortly before July 4, 1963. He estimated the time of this meeting as late in the month of June, 1963. He stated that OSWALD appeared at his office with several individuals who impressed him as being homosexuals. ANDREWS stated that he could not remember the identity of the people who came to his office with OSWALD. He stated that he did not open a file on OSWALD and further that OSWALD did not pay him for any legal service. ANDREWS stated that OSWALD was concerned because he could not obtain employment and inquired of him if it would be possible to reopen his bad conduct discharge with the United States Marines. ANDREWS also stated he was interested in the immigration status of his wife and was concerned with the legal question of his citizenship status and whether he had lost his American citizenship in Russia. ANDREWS stated that he talked to OSWALD two or three times and asked OSWALD to bring his military discharge papers and his wife's passport and any other documents he might have to his office, but OSWALD never produced the papers. ANDREWS stated that it would cost \$25 or \$30 to obtain the necessary military records of OSWALD and as OSWALD did not produce the money to cover this initial expense, no action was taken by him.

ANDREWS advised that he has searched his mind in an effort to identify the persons who came to the office with OSWALD and he cannot recall them. He stated that he recalled one person whom he described as a Mexican who claimed he was born in Texas. From the appearance and demeanor of this person, ANDREWS stated he thought him to be a homosexual. ANDREWS stated that he never knew this individual's name but that he would sit outside of ANDREWS' office and wait for OSWALD.

He recalled another individual whose name he believes to be CLAY BERTRAND accompanied OSWALD to ANDREWS' office. He remembers this person as a youthful appearing person age 22 - 23, 5'7", 160 pounds, blonde hair and crew cut. ANDREWS stated that although he has associated the name CLAY BERTRAND in his mind with the individual described who appeared at ANDREWS' office with OSWALD, he cannot be sure this individual was in

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fact named CLAY BERTRAND.

ANDREWS advised that he was in Hotel Dieu under sedation and asleep sometime Saturday night when the telephone rang and a person who said his name was CLAY BERTRAND asked him if he would be interested in handling the defense of LEE OSWALD in Dallas, Texas, for the murder of President KENNEDY. ANDREWS stated that he told the person that he would have to consider this matter and made no notes regarding the call. He stated that BERTRAND did not leave a telephone number but told him he would call him back.

ANDREWS stated that on Sunday he spoke with SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, a New Orleans attorney and asked him if he would be interested in assisting in the defense and while talking to ZELDEN a news report came in that OSWALD had been shot.

ANDREWS stated that it was his belief that CLAY BERTRAND was one of the individuals that had been in his office with OSWALD and the name seems to be familiar but he has no idea who CLAY BERTRAND is or how he came to contact him. ANDREWS stated that he has no file in his office on either OSWALD or CLAY BERTRAND and he has had his secretary make a thorough search of his records with negative results.

ANDREWS stated that for the past several years he has represented a number of homosexuals that have been involved in minor local violations and he feels that he is well known to most of the homosexuals in the French Quarter. He stated that he had no information that OSWALD was a homosexual. ANDREWS stated that he would continue efforts to recall any additional facts which would enable him to identify CLAY BERTRAND as a possible associate of LEE OSWALD.

ANDREWS stated that it is well known that he has been in Hotel Dieu since Thursday, November 21, 1963. He stated that he has had to continue a number of Municipal Court cases and that anyone with connections among the homosexuals in New Orleans could have known his location. He stated that BERTRAND could not have contacted his wife or his office and obtained this information.