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FLOYD HEPTING, Port Agent, American Radio Association, 527 Canal Street, telephonically advised the New Orleans office on December 13, 1963 that on that date, while riding in Liberty Bell Cab no. 1008, he talked to the driver regarding the OSWALD matter. He said the cab driver told him that he was in the vicinity of the Havana Bar, located near Canal and Decatur Streets, approximately nine months ago and witnessed OSWALD and several "Cubans" involved in an argument, which appeared to be leading to a fight. The "fracas" was broken up by "AL", the New Orleans Police Department Beat Officer in the area.

On December 18, 1963, it was ascertained from the Taxi Bureau, New Orleans City Hall, that the driver of Liberty Bell Cab no. 1008, is HARVEY J. CARMOUCHE.

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HARVEY J. CARMOUCHE, 2725 Bay Street, advised that he is the driver of Liberty Cab no. 1008 and about the time of the arrest of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by the New Orleans Police Department on August 9, 1963, had seen him distributing pamphlets in front of the International Trade Mart in the 100 block of Camp Street. He said that he had been given one of the pamphlets by OSWALD, but threw it away without reading it. According to Mr. CARMOUCHE one other person was with OSWALD at the time and was also distributing pamphlets. This person was described as a young man between 18 - 19 years of age, whose identity is unknown to CARMOUCHE.

Mr. CARMOUCHE denied having observed OSWALD and several "Cubans" involved in an argument which appeared to be leading to a fight, which was broken up by a New Orleans Police Department Officer. He explained that he may have talked with a passenger about the arrest of OSWALD by the New Orleans Police Department, but information concerning this came from radio and television news broadcasts. He also advised insofar as he knew, OSWALD did not frequent the Havana Bar located on Canal Street.

On 12/19/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 100-16601
by SA J. DAWSON VAN EPS /sw Date dictated 12/19/63

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