

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The President's Commission advised during a recent appearance on the Barry Gray program, which is broadcast nightly over Station WJCA, New York City, Mark Lane alleged that several months before he had advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a witness to the Tippit shooting. This alleged witness, who is a woman, was reported to have been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but she was never called as a witness by the President's Commission. She is alleged to have stated she saw two people involved in the Tippit shooting, one on each side of the street, conversing with each other. After the shooting of Tippit, these two men were alleged to have run in opposite directions. In the broadcast, which was taped, Lane refers to the woman as "another witness to the Tippit killing" and "this other eye-witness to the murder of Patrolman Tippit."

The President's Commission, by undated letter received at Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters, Washington, D. C., July 29, 1964, requested it be advised whether Mr. Lane or anyone associated with him furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation about a witness meeting the above description, and whether or not such a woman was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The President's Commission also requested to be advised whether the name of this witness was furnished to it if such a witness exists.

A review of all references to Mark Lane contained in the files of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was made and no information was located indicating

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... or an associate, furnished information regarding ...
... to the shooting of Tippit as described previously.
It is noted in this connection, that as late as April 30, 1964,
... in his speeches, stated there was only one eyewitness to
the Tippit shooting, namely, Helen Louise Markham.

A review of the investigation relating to the
shooting of J. D. Tippit was made, and there is only one known
eyewitness to the shooting. This one eyewitness is Helen
Louise Markham, who has testified before the President's Com-
mission.

It was noted during a review of the results of in-
vestigation relating to the Tippit shooting, the report of
Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling, Dallas, Texas, dated
March 10, 1964, on pages 262-264, sets forth the interview of
... Callaway. Mr. Callaway, who, on November 22, 1963, was
employed at Harris Brothers Auto Sales, 501 East Jefferson,
Dallas, Texas, stated at about 1:00 P.M. that date he heard
... five shots, which apparently came from the back of the
... on 10th Street. He stated he ran out on the
Patton Street side of the sales lot toward 10th Street,
... in the direction of 10th Street, when he observed a
... running in a sort of trot on the east side of Patton
toward Jefferson Avenue. This man had a pistol in his right
hand in a "raised pistol" position. He said the man was across
the street from him and he hollered at the man, "Hey, man, what
the hell is going on!" He said the man slowed his pace,
shrugged his shoulders and made an unintelligible reply and
continued toward Jefferson.

Mr. Callaway said he called to salesman E. D. Searey
and told him, "Keep your eye on that man and follow him."
Callaway then went to the place on 10th Street east of Patton
where Patrolman Tippit was lying in the street, apparently dead.

The report of Special Agent Gemberling dated
February 11, 1964, on page 93 sets forth an interview with Mrs.
Mary Brock, who, on November 22, 1963, was employed at the
Dallas Texaco Service Station located in the 600 block of East

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in Dallas. Mrs. Brock advised that on November 22, 1963, a man came past her walking in the street. About five minutes later two individuals from Reynolds Used Car Lot came to the station and informed she had seen a young white man come by the station. She advised them she had and the person was last observed at Reynolds lot directly behind Bailew's Texaco Service Station. She identified a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald as being that of the individual she had seen. Mrs. Brock advised she has appeared before the President's Commission, nor is she sure whether she was interviewed by any member of the President's Commission.

On August 3, 1964, Mrs. Mary Brock, who now resides at 304 South Street, telephone SWift 9-5545, Lubbock, Texas, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she has not been contacted by Mark Lane, attorney, or anyone representing Lane, concerning the Lee Harvey Oswald matter. She has not furnished a signed statement to anyone concerning the Oswald matter, and, to her knowledge, no one has requested an interview with her.

She advised the first week of July 1964, she received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as George Nash, a student at Columbia University, who claimed to have come from Dallas, Texas, and was doing research on the assassination of President Kennedy. Nash asked her if she had seen who observed Lee Harvey Oswald walk, or run, through a street station, in Dallas, on November 22, 1963, and she advised she had seen Oswald. He asked her some questions concerning Oswald's actions and terminated the interview. He also asked her if she had seen Oswald shoot Officer Tippit of the Dallas Police Department, and she certainly did not tell him she had witnessed the slaying of Officer Tippit.

She advised the only interviews she has had concerning Oswald were with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the telephone conversation had with George Nash the first week of July 1964.

REFERENCE

The report of Special Agent Gemberling dated November 22, 1963, on pages 74-76, sets forth interviews with W. W. Scoggins. Scoggins, on November 22, 1963, was employed as a cab driver for the Dallas Cab Company, Dallas, Texas.

Scoggins advised that at approximately 1:25 p.m. on November 22, 1963, he was sitting in his cab preparing to eat lunch. His cab at that time was parked on the east side of Patton Street facing north at 10th Street at a point where a sign had been, but which had been removed.

He observed a policeman in a squad car going east on Patton Street at a slow rate of speed. This officer stopped on Patton Street just east of Patton, got out of his car, and apparently said something to a man walking west on the south side of Patton Street. When the officer spoke to him, the man stopped.

The next thing that attracted Scoggins' attention was the firing and he heard three or four shots, saw smoke near the squad car, and saw the officer fall beside the car on the south side. The man, whom the officer had stopped, started running, proceeding west on 10th Street to Patton Street and then south on Patton Street onto Jefferson Avenue. As this man passed Scoggins' cab, he muttered either "Poor dumb cop" or "Poor damn cop", and he was observed to have a pistol in his left hand.

On November 23, 1963, Scoggins identified Les Harvey as being the same individual whom he had seen shoot a Dallas police officer of the Dallas Police Department in the vicinity of East 10th Street on the early afternoon of November 22, 1963.

The report of Special Agent Gemberling dated April 15, 1964, on pages 232 and 233, records an interview with Barbara Davis, who on November 22, 1963, was residing in an apartment at 400 East 10th Street, Dallas, Texas, the apartment building being located at the southeast corner of East 10th Street and Patton Street.

WITNESS

She advised that shortly after 12 noon, November 22, 1963, she had put her two children to bed for a nap and she had gone down with them. Her sister-in-law, Virginia Davis, was sitting on a couch in Barbara's apartment at this time.

Approximately 15 to 30 minutes later she heard two loud bangs, which she thought were gunshots. She and her sister-in-law ran to the front door of the house and looked out. She observed a young white man walking across her front yard in a southwesterly direction, who had a pistol in his hand and who appeared to be trying to unload it. The chamber of the pistol was open and he was shaking it as he walked. She and her sister-in-law looked at each other and he then disappeared around the corner of the house on Patton Street.

At this point she heard a woman, who was standing on the northwest corner of the intersection of East 10th Street and Patton Street, scream "He shot him, he shot him, he killed him," and saw her point toward a police car parked on East 10th Street, a short distance east of her residence. After seeing the police car approximately a house and a half from her residence, she went into her residence and called the police. She then went to the police car where she observed a uniformed police officer lying on the ground bleeding.

Later that same evening she identified a man in a lineup at the Dallas Police Department as being the same man whom she observed walking across the front of her yard carrying a pistol and trying to empty it. She later learned the individual, whom she identified, was Lee Harvey Oswald.

The report of Special Agent Gemberling dated April 11, 1964, on pages 234 and 235, records an interview with Virginia Davis, who on November 22, 1963, was also residing in an apartment at 1110 East 10th Street, Dallas, Texas.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Virginia Davis stated sometime between 1 and 2 p.m. on October 22, 1963, she was lying on a couch in the apartment of her sister-in-law, Barbara Jeannette Davis, when she heard a loud noise like a blowout of a tire. After hearing a second loud noise, similar to the first one, she and her sister-in-law ran to the front door of the house and looked out. She observed a white man crossing the lawn in front of her residence, and was carrying a pistol and shaking it as if he were attempting to empty out some shells. He was walking in a southwesterly direction and disappeared around the corner of the house on Patton Street.

At this point she heard a woman, later identified as Mrs. Huppis, who was standing on the northwest corner of the intersection of East 10th Street and Patton Street, scream "He's dead, he's dead, he shot him, call the police." She and her sister-in-law then went back inside the house and Barbara called the police. Shortly thereafter she and Barbara went to the vicinity of a police car, which was about 50 feet east of her house, and she observed an officer lying on the ground near the police car, who had blood on his face and chest.

Later that same evening she identified a man in a line-up at the Dallas Police Department as being the same man she observed walking across the lawn in front of her residence emptying a pistol. The man she identified was Lee Harvey Oswald.

It should be noted neither Barbara Jeannette Davis nor Virginia Davis actually saw the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Huppis, but they did observe Lee Harvey Oswald leaving the scene.