

MEMORANDUM

July 7, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: JIM ALCOCK, Executive Assistant District Attorney

RE: Clifford Joseph Wormser, Rt. 6, Box 584, Old Gentilly Hwy.
242-4418 (Business & Residence)
Owner of Cliff's Junkyard

On July 7, 1967, at approximately 3:00 P.M. I interviewed Mr. CLIFFORD JOSEPH WORMSER in the office of Louis Ivon. During our interview MR. WORMSER'S attorney, SALVATORE PANZECA, was present. MR. WORMSER is the owner of Cliff's Junkyard located at Rt. 6, Box 584, Old Gentilly Highway.

In the summer of 1963, MR. WORMSER owned a junkyard bearing the same name at 3800 St. Ferdinand Street in the City of New Orleans. As remembered by MR. WORMSER, sometime in the month of September 1963 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, his wife and baby, and two other males came to the junkyard and sold MR. WORMSER a 1955 Pontiac stationwagon for junk. MR. WORMSER cannot recall the specific date this transaction took place.

OSWALD, his two companions and his wife and baby came to the junkyard in an old model car at about 4:00 P.M. Upon arrival, one of Oswald's companions, a dark complexioned male, (probably of Latin extraction), addressed MR. WORMSER by the name of "CLIFF" and said that they had an automobile that they wanted to sell for junk. The stationwagon to be sold was pushed to the junkyard by the car OSWALD was riding in. OSWALD was not the driver of the car. The Latin indicated the car to be sold belonged to OSWALD. OSWALD and his other male companion did very little or no talking at all.

At one point MRS. WORMSER started for the car in which the Oswalds and the baby were seated in an apparent attempt to strike up a conversation with MRS. OSWALD. At this time the Latin told her when the woman would not understand her because she was Russian and did not speak any English.

The car was sold for \$15.00 after OSWALD and the Latin took two tires from it. All told, OSWALD and his companions and wife and baby were in MR. WORMSER'S presence for about a half hour.

MR. WORMSER has never conveyed this information to any Federal Agency.

NAME #1 DESCRIPTION

About 5'6" tall
Dark Complexion (Latin type)
Black curly hair
Approximately 165 lbs.
Stocky frame
Approximately 23 to 25 years of age

Wearing dirty clothes, somewhat similar in appearance to a mechanic who had been working on automobiles.

This man spoke English without an accent.
No noticeable scars.

MALE #2 DESCRIPTION

Long Blond hair and long sideburns

About 5'10" tall

Very slender Build

Approximately 22 to 24 years of age

No noticeable scars

OSWALD'S DESCRIPTION

Slender

Blondish, Sandy hair

Full head of hair

Wearing khaki pants and a sport shirt of unknown color

Appeared to be approximately 27 or 28 years of age

No noticeable scars

Neat appearing and no growth of beard.

MR. WORMSER stated that the woman in the car with the baby appeared to have black hair but could not furnish any further description. The baby appeared to be a very tender age.

MR. PANZECA at the outset of the interview informed me that MR. WORMSER would probably be used as a defense witness in the SHAW trial. The obvious strategy here being that if the man identified as OSWALD by MR. WORMSER was, in fact, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and he did not have a beard at this time, it could be used to impeach the testimony of RUSSO who described OSWALD as having a slight whisker growth at the meeting in DAVID FERRIE'S apartment.

MR. WORMSER does not believe that he could identify either the man or the other male with the long blond hair if he saw them again today.