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At 9 a.m. Special Agents DePrato and Klein went to the office of Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall and picked up Oswald's pay checks, employment application, and employment data. At least two of these pay checks were cleared through the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas. Special Agent DePrato telephoned Bob Nowlin, Assistant Vice President of the Mercantile National Bank, and made appointment to meet Mr. Nowlin at one o'clock at the Mercantile Bank. Then the Special Agents proceeded to the U. S. Secret Service office with the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Oswald employment data. The Special Agents returned to the Corrigan Tower shortly after 11 a.m. Special Agent DePrato made photostatic copies of these records which I delivered to U. S. Secret Service Agent W. H. Patterson. Special Agent Klein called H. C. Conway, the Fort Worth Division Manager of Leslie Welding Company, and arranged to pick up the employment records of Oswald. Mr. Conway told Special Agent Klein that the original payroll checks were in the custody of Chester H. Leslie, Telephone TE 2-7726, in Chicago.

Special Agent Klein relayed this information to me at the U. S. Secret Service Office here. I immediately called this information to the Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service in Chicago; then realizing that Special Agents James H. Parker and Marshall J. Smith were in Chicago, I caused Special Agent DePrato to relay the information to them requesting that they check with the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence, and with the Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, both in Chicago, and to immediately telephone Chester H. Leslie and arrange to inspect the payroll records relating to Oswald as expeditiously as possible.

In the meantime, Special Agent DePrato went to the Mercantile National Bank and kept his appointment with Mr. Nowlin. They were unable to find any bank accounts in the name of Oswald, and Mr. Nowlin said that the bank's stamps on the payroll checks indicated that they were cashed and not deposited. Later in the afternoon, Special Agent Parker telephoned me that most of the checks issued to Lee Harvey Oswald by the Leslie Welding Company had been cashed at Montgomery Ward's, but that two of them had been cleared through the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, and one was co-endorsed by R. L. Oswald, 7313 Davenport, Fort Worth, and cleared through West Side State Bank, Fort Worth. I immediately gave this information to Mr. Stewart.

On November 25, I received a memorandum from Special Agents Parker and Smith, photostat attached. On November 26 I sent Mr. Forrest V. Borzellis, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, a copy of the memorandum of Special Agents Parker and Smith and photostats of all the documents mentioned therein, as well as Oswald's employment records which Special Agents DePrato and Klein had picked up from Leslie Welding Company, Fort Worth.

About 2:30 p.m., November 23, at the request of U. S. Secret Service, I caused Special Agents DePrato and Klein to check with Director's files and

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