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JOSEPH ROLAND HUMMEL, Rm. 710, YMCA, 605 North Ervey, Dallas, advised that he was presently employed at the Regatta Tavern, 1629 Pacific Street. He stated that he thought he had seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Kayflower Coffee Shop in September, 1963. He advised that he also believed he had seen JACK RUBY on the sun deck at the YMCA during the summer of 1963. He said a fellow named BARNY (LNU) who is a desk clerk at the YMCA told him that RUBY was a member of the Y. HUMMEL advised that prior to coming to Dallas in April of 1961, he had lived in New Orleans and that he believed he first saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD during Mardi Gras of 1960 in the La Marina Cafe on Decatur Street, New Orleans. He advised that he further believed he had seen OSWALD shopping in a grocery store on the corner of Magazine and Kelpomene. He further advised that he believed he had seen OSWALD sometime in 1961 walking on Jackson and Magazine with a white male, sandy hair, about 5' 8" or 9", who appeared to be of German extraction. He advised in this regard he is of German descent and claimed he had no trouble distinguishing this nationality. HUMMEL claimed that he had been a source of information or an informant for the New Orleans police and the Customs Agency in New Orleans. He stated that he was working for RICHARD DOMLING and later DOMLING went out of office for JAMES GARRISON, presently District Attorney. He said in particular he worked with Captain BARBERIOS.

HUMMEL furnished information known to the Agent which indicated he was acquainted with the New Orleans area, and further admitted he had been arrested by the New Orleans police for a crime against nature and indecent exposure.

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by Special Agent s ROBERT E. BASHAM ROBERT J. ANDERSON Date dictated 12-2-63

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JOSEPH ROLAND HUMMEL appeared at the Dallas office and advised that he had learned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been at the YMCA in Dallas in July of 1963 and that a man in the U. S. Navy Recruiting Office in Dallas had observed OSWALD at the desk at the YMCA sometime in July. He stated that rumors he had picked up at various places frequented by homosexuals indicated that possibly OSWALD and RUBY were, in fact, homosexuals. However, he had no proof of same. He advised that a bouncer called BOB at GENE's Music Bar, who was a former police officer on the Dallas Police Department, told him that he thought RUBY had killed OSWALD because they might have been "playing around" together and that RUBY might have been embarrassed if his name were mentioned.

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Dear Moo,

Attached are pages 469 and 470 of CD 7, dealing with one Joseph Ronald Hummel. The marks in the margin are those I added to my copy before making this copy for you.

I write to ask what you know about him (I do engaged in utilities, always in the hope some may not be futile) for several reasons.

This rather nicely coincides with the Bolton Ford bit and the Spencer case, of people who couldn't have been Oswald at that period presenting themselves in N.O. as Oswald.

I find it interesting that the place this guy claims he saw Oswald when it was not possible is La Casa, where, we know, the Cubans of interest did hang out, as well as others of interest.

The first report does not say what conditions caused it: did they look Hummel up, did he look them up, phone them, etc., but the second says he "appeared at" the Dallas FBI office (whether or not by invitation is open).

He claims Jim inherited him from Dowling. If so, somebody ought to remember him. And, after your case was in the papers, he should have been in touch. How about it?

I now have other indications from Dallas that an "Oswald" there was a "Trade". And how nicely the Dallas date, September 1963, when it seems unlikely it could have been the McCoy Oswald, but when there was the Odio LHO. Now on 12/2/63 this incident was unknown, for it was more than two weeks later that Connell told the FBI about Sylvie. The report is dated 12/18. This guy makes it up with remarkable advance knowledge on dates if he is making it up.

Look him up and then tell me he lived near the right area on Magazine. I have to ask you because the Feebess were careful not to give his N.O. address.

But don't you like the way Ruby "avoided" this great "embarrassment" that was possible if he didn't kill LHO?

Best,

Harold Weisberg