

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: TOM BETHELL

RE: OSWALD'S ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO FIND WORK

On August 16, 1963 OSWALD claimed to have sought work at the States-Item and the Times-Picayune. I asked Hoke May to verify this and he called back with the following information:

The personnel department of the States-Item told him that the FBI had already called on them with the same question as a part of the Warren Commission Investigation. The person Hoke May spoke to told him that she vaguely recalls someone who might have been OSWALD applying for a job at about that time. However, this person became exasperated by all the questions he had to answer on the application form, and threw it into the trash can without bothering to complete it.

Therefore, the States-Item has no record of OSWALD applying for a job there, and in any event are not certain that OSWALD ever did visit their offices.