

Employment Service (LS) personnel interviewed

6-4-20

Recognized name in WDSG files

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The following persons were contacted by SA's JAMES ROYCE PECK, WILLIAM L. NEWBROUGH and JOHN WILLIAM MILLER on December 4, 1963, and after being shown photographs taken from the WDSU TV newsreel of individuals in the vicinity of the International Trade Mart Building on August 16, 1963, at the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was passing out the Fair Play for Cuba leaflets. All of the individuals advised that they did not recognize any of the persons in the photographs other than OSWALD. They stated they recognized OSWALD due to the nationwide television and newspaper coverage of the assassination:

Mrs. HOPE KRISTOFFERSEN, Placement Unit Supervisor,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

Mr. JOHN R. RACHAL, Placement Interviewer,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

Mrs. MARGARET HOWER, Receptionist, Louisiana  
State Employment Service

WILLIAM A. FAHEY, Counselor, Louisiana State  
Employment Service

D. E. WILSON, Supervisor of Technical Services,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

GERMINAL MESSINA, District Supervisor, Louisiana  
State Employment Service

JOHN B. DUARTE, Employment Security Technician,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

ROBERT DONOVAN, Employee Service Representative,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

CHAMP VINETE, Division Supervisor, Louisiana  
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Mrs. MARY S. MELVILLE, Test Administrator,  
Louisiana State Employment Service

JOHN KELLEHER, Unit Four Supervisor, Louisiana  
State Employment Service

CLEMENCIA ALMEIDA, Spanish Secretary, M. L. Queen  
Company, Spraying Systems Company.

CDS, pp 4-9-20 Oswald literature distribution; witnesses.

No reason is given for the interviews of these people. Something had to have led the FBI to question them. Note that all but one are with the State employment service, where Oswald was known other than "due to the nationwide television and newspaper coverage". I do not recall where this office then was. In 1967 it was not the Gateway Bldg., formerly the International Trade Mart.

The last person on the list is the subject of other reports. I seem to recall that Andrews knew her, but am not at all certain.

This strikes me as the kind of report prepared to persuade Washington that the search was diligent and thorough whereas the opposite was true. Again, reference to earlier distribution is lacking and the obvious possibility is that those in that tale are known to the employment service, that investigation would have revealed details about them not consistent with official desires. Note in this connection that neither Cruz nor Hernandez, Bringuier's companions, were witnesses, and that his partner-brother-in-law, although he had seen Oswald several times, also was not a witness.