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NICK PALMISANO, Desk Clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, Royal and St. Louis Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, and residing at 521 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised, after being exhibited a series of six photographs taken by television station WDSU on August 16, 1963, depicting various persons shown on the sidewalk outside the International Trade Mart Building, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD passed out handbills, that he was not in any of these photographs and does not recall any incident outside the International Trade Mart Building where individuals were passing out handbills.

He stated that he has been in the International Trade Mart Building only once and that was with JAMES LAWRENCE of Cross-Country Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Bloomfield Building Industries, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that at this time he does not recall any incident of individuals passing out handbills in front of this building.

He further advised that he could not identify anyone else in these photographs, although he did state that the individual wearing dark glasses and a business suit, apparently reading one of these handbills, appeared to be JAMES LAWRENCE.

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by SA's JOHN B. LEE and RICHARD E. LOGAN /mrk Date dictated 12/10/63

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The reason for questioning Palmisano at this late date is not clear. It need not have been to identify Lawrence, already well identified. He was not there and there is no reason to connect any of the people in the pictures with him or his hotel.

Shaw was well known at the hotels, but it is my recollection he was most often at the Roosevelt.

With all the things that were to be done in this investigation, this seems like a time-wasting futility unless the FBI had reason to suspect someone registered at the Royal Orleans Hotel, one of the better ones, in the French Quarter, may have somehow been involved.