

*3rd man file*

JFK assassination records appeals

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Doyle, Martin, WDSU films; fingerprint on Oswald's literature appeals  
(referred to as my "Third Man" file)

Field Office files

In connection with the numerous prior appeals to which there has been no response and after which I received a print of the alleged Doyle film only (after it was given to a later requester) I call your attention to 62-109050-1188, a New Orleans 11/24/63 teletype to HQ and Dallas.

Here one of the others associated in his New Orleans picketing activities with Oswald is described by the known one, Charles Hall Steele, Jr., on page 3.

This was on the occasion filmed by WDSU-TV and Johann Bosh, outside Clay Shaw's International Trade Mart.

My requests, I remind you, are of 1/1/68 or more than a decade ago.

Motive for this probably record-breaking stonewalling and non-compliance appears to be obvious for each of the items of public information I requested at the least reflects an FBI failure, if not also deliberate suppression, in an important area, associates of Lee Harvey Oswald.

In all the many thousands of records I have examined I have yet to see any indication of any real effort to identify any Oswald associate in his New Orleans career. Instead it made an effort to pass off a Japanese importer as this other person.

I also informed you that the Trade Mart's public relations man, Jesse Corw, told me of having reviewed the WDSU footage as soon as Oswald was publicly identified. In another record in this file I have found what I regard as confirmation. He notified the FBI at 6:30 p.m. that WDSU had sent its footage to the net in New York.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTY-  
TWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND DALLAS, TWELVE TWENTY  
SIX AM CST, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE.

BILL JONES, WVL-TV NEWSMAN, ON SEVEN TWENTYTHREE PM, CST, NOVE-  
MBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE, ADVISED WVL TV HAD TAKEN A SIXTEEN  
MILLIMETER FILM OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTY  
THREE, IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART IN NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA, PASSING OUT LEAFLETS CAPTIONED QUOTE HAND OFF CUBA  
UNQUOTE. IN INSTANT FILM THEY HAD A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN UNKNOWN WHITE  
MALE ALSO PASSING OUT LEAFLETS WHO THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO  
IDENTIFY OR LOCATE. JONES ADVISED HE WOULD MAKE A COPY OF THESE  
PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE TO THE FBI IN NEW ORLEANS ON THE NIGHT OF  
NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OBTAINED FROM  
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CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR., BORN NOVEMBER FIVE, FORTYTHREE, AT  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., - APPEARED AT NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, NOVEMBER  
TWENTYFOUR, IN COMPANY OF HIS FATHER, WHO IS A CIVIL DEPUTY SHERIFF  
IN NEW ORLEANS, MAJOR IN THIRTYNINTH DIVISION, LOUISIANA NATIONAL  
GUARD, AND A CANDIDATE FOR CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE IN  
FORTHCOMING LOUISIANA ELECTION.

STEELE, JR. STATED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, HE  
WENT TO LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SEVICE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.,  
A STATE AGENCY, WITH HIS GIRL FRIEND WHO WAS TO TAKE A TYPING EXAMIN-  
ATION. WHILE WAITING IN THE RECEPTION ROOM FOR HER TO TAKE THE  
EXAMINATION, STEELE WAS APPROACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STEELE  
BELIEVED TOLD STEELE, HIS NAME WAS OSWALD. OSWALD ASKED STEELE IF  
STEELE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING TWO DOLLARS FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN  
TO TWENTY MINUTES WORK IN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS. STEELE STATED  
HE AGREED AND MET OSWALD AT NOON IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE MART BUILDING., NEW ORLEANS, AT WHICH TIME OSWALD HANDED STEELE  
SOME LEAFLETS TO DISTRIBUTE. STEELE, JR, STATED HE DID NOT LOOK AT THE  
LEAFLETS BUT BEGAN HANDING THEM OUT TO PASSERSBY AND WHEN HE HAD  
DISTRIBUTED ALL OF THE LEAFLETS HE RETURNED TO OSWALD WHO WAS ALSO  
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PASSING OUT LEAFLETS AND OSWALD GAVE STEELE STEELE A FEW MORE TO DISTRIBUTE. STEELE STATED HE THEN LOOKED AT THE LEAFLETS AND DISCOVERED THERE WAS SOME WORDING TO THE EFFECT QUOTE HANDS OFF CUBA UNQUOTE. STEELE STATED HE BELIEVED THE LEAFLETS TO BE COMMUNIST IN NATURE, THREW THEM IN A TRASH CAN AND TOLD OSWALD HE WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM. STEELE STATED HE AND OSWALD THEN WENT INTO THE FOYER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART BUILDING WHERE HE ASKED OSWALD IF THESE WERE NOT COMMUNIST LEAFLETS AND WAS ADVISED BY OSWALD THAT IT WAS A GROUP CONNECTED WITH TULANE UNIVERSITY.

STEELE STATED HE TOLD OSWALD HE WANTED NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH THE LEAFLETS, WAS PAID TWO DOLLARS BY OSWALD, AND DEPARTED.

STEELE, JR. STATED WHEN OSWALD MET HIM IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART BUILDING, OSWALD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER PERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, NINETEEN TO TWENTY YEARS OF AGE, ABOUT SIX FEET, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR, OLIVE COMPLEXION. STEELE STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS DISTRIBUTING SOME OF THE LEAFLETS BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CONVERSATION WITH OSWALD AND IT WAS STEELS IMPRESSION THAT THIS PERSON HAD ALSO BEEN HIRED IN THE SAME MANNER AS STEELE.

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STEELE STATED HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD HE SEE HIM AGAIN.

STEELE STATED HE HAD NO PRIOR CONTACT WITH OSWALD NOR SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH HIM AND KNOWS NOTHING FURTHER CONCERNING HIM. STEELE, JR. IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS PERSON FOR WHOM HE DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS.

INDICES CONCERNING STEELE, JR., HIS FATHER, AND HIS GIRL FRIEND, CHARLINE STOUFF, NEGATIVE.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYTHREE, AT TWELVE TWENTYFIVE PM, CST, WILLIAM REED, WWL TV, NEWS EDITOR, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT CHARLES HALL STEELE, SR., AND CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR. HAD COME TO THE TV STATION AND ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN TO THE FBI OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS AND HAD FURNISHED THEM THE COMPLETE FACTS CONCERNING PASSING OF THIS LITERATURE OUT BY CHARLES STEELE, JR. REED STATED BOTH THE FATHER AND SON EXPLAINED THAT OSWALD HAD OBSERVED STEELE, JR. AT THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, OFFERED HIM TWO DOLLARS TO PASS OUT HANDBILLS AND STEELE HAD DONE THIS UNTIL THIS APPEARED TO BE COMMUNIST LITERATURE AT WHICH TIME STEELE, JR. STOPPED PASSING OUT THE LITERATURE. END AND ACK PLS.

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