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CASE	STATUS	Closed - New Orleans	TITLE OR CAPTION	
Investigative Research			Lee Harvey Oswald	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	August 26, 1964	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy	
New Orleans, La.				
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SYNOPSIS

By long distance telephone on 8/26/64, Mr. James Leibeler, Attorney for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, requested certain information which was obtained and furnished to him via long distance telephone call on 8/26/64.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to the previous reports submitted in this case.

At approximately 1:55 P.M., CST, 8/26/64, a long distance telephone call was received from Mr. James Leibeler. He requested that the operator of Martin's restaurant, 701 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, La., be contacted to determine the opening and closing times for the restaurant during the period of September, 1963.

Shortly after receiving the telephone call, the writer called at Martin's restaurant and interviewed Mr. Roland Martin, owner-operator. He stated he has been operating this restaurant for about the past five (5) years.

He said that during September, 1963, his restaurant was open for business from 6:00 A.M. through 7:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Leibeler, the above information was furnished to him by long distance telephone at 2:15 P.M., CST, 8/26/64.

DISPOSITION

The case remains closed.

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Oswald in New Orleans - Martin's restaurant, 701 Tchoupitoulas St
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Obviously there was no possible sanction for withholding this record.

It helps if one understands that everything is turned around in New Orleans. What is down elsewhere is up there. Thus the area below Canal St is "uptown" rather than what it would be elsewhere, downtown.

I think there are two unrelated parts of this street, correctly spelled and that this address is downtown from Canal. (Can't even say north or south about N.O.- almost all these streets run in many direction, some almost in circles.)

It is one block toward the river from Magazine but it does not entirely parallel Magazine, gradually easing more toward the river. On the other side of Canal it becomes Peter St., not St. Peter. Peter for a short distance parallels Decatur, short because the bend of the river soon, about four blocks, has Decatur the river-front street, this in the French Quarter. Decatur, below or uptown from Canal, becomes Magazine.

I do not know exactly where 701 is, what cross street, but it is within the area of Oswald's most concentrated appearances, close to the Jones Printing Co, Reily Coffee Co., old Trade Mart, etc.

It is a tough section, in or close to the dock area. The docks and warehouses there cover acres. I've been there in daytime and seen nobody for long periods of time.

Whatever Liebeler's interest as late as the end of August 1964, when the Report had been set in type, the hours of the restaurant make sense for that tough area-daylight hours, working hours.

It may also be interesting that instead of getting the FBI to do this simple thing he phoned the N.O. SS office directly, not even going through Kelley.

Apparently Liebeler also asked no other questions because Vial states that it was only 20 minutes from the time Liebeler phoned him until he "called at Martin's" and phoned the results of the interview back to Liebeler.

I recall no prior mention of Martin's restaurant.