

M E M O R A N D U M

November 27, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, Exec. Assistant D. A.

RE: DUNCAN PATTERSON
d/o/b - December 30, 1934
p/o/b - Brookline, Mass.

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DUNCAN (Pat) PATTERSON was interviewed in my room at the Atlantan Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 24, 1967. He had just that morning been released from the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta. He was serving a three year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen car.

PATTERSON is a homosexual and sometime female impersonator; he is intelligent, articulate and he would like to write, especially about the conditions at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi. He served time in that institution from October 1963 to July 20, 1965 for theft. PATTERSON has also served another federal sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle.

PATTERSON first came to New Orleans in the latter part of 1951. He was about sixteen then, and he was running away from home. He stayed here but a short time on that occasion. After leaving New Orleans, he joined the Marines in January of 1952. He was discharged from the Marines a year later. Though he did not say so, it was probably because of his homosexuality.

PATTERSON returned to New Orleans in the summer of 1955. He worked briefly (one month) for Raymond's Multilith Company in the 300 block of Baronne Street. After this he just drifted in the French Quarter hustling money where he could. While in the Quarter, PATTERSON first lived at 1313 Bourbon Street, but when money became a problem, he moved to either 1313 or 2828 St. Peter Street. He is not too sure of the house number, but could readily identify it by sight.

PATTERSON recalls that a man he identifies as SHAW lived a couple of apartments down from him. He saw SHAW on many occasions in his apartment while he was passing it on the building's balcony. They spoke to each other on several occasions - the conversation principally limited to the amenities. This is the only place PATTERSON saw SHAW even though PATTERSON attended many, many gay parties in the Quarter. PATTERSON recalls that at this time SHAW had a black Buick limousine which he infrequently drove. SHAW was usually picked up at his apartment by apparently well-to-do people in expensive cars. There were a few occasions when some young white males would come to SHAW'S apartment also.

PATTERSON, being young himself at the time, liked to go to gay parties where there were some young "marks" to be hustled. It was at a couple of these parties that PATTERSON saw LEE OSWALD. PATTERSON did not like OSWALD's looks. To him, OSWALD appeared to be a gangster-type hustler who would bust a homosexual's head open to get his money. PATTERSON feared OSWALD's type. At this time OSWALD appeared to be in his teens. The only people PATTERSON can remember from the gay crowd he ran with at the time are CANDY LEE, JACKIE LEE and a bowlegged homosexual by the name of TONY who was from Brandon, Mississippi. Some of the gay joints frequented by PATTERSON that summer were The Cove Bar, The Driftwood, Tony Bacino's and the Mariner Bar.

PATTERSON left New Orleans some time in the late summer or early fall of 1955, and did not return until some time in the latter part of July, 1965. In 1965 he stayed here only a night and a day. He did not see any of his erstwhile friends at that time.

PATTERSON is willing to help us wherever he can. He has agreed to let me know where he settles so we can contact him if he is needed.