

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
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| ORIGIN | Field | OFFICE | New Orleans, La. | FILE NO. | CO-2-34,030 |
| TYPE OF CASE | Protective Research | STATUS | Closed | TITLE OR CAPTION | Lee Harvey Oswald |
| INVESTIGATION MADE AT | New Orleans, Louisiana | PERIOD COVERED | December 11-16, 1963 | Assassination of President John F. Kennedy | |
| INVESTIGATION MADE BY | SA Anthony E. Gerrets | | | | |

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation failed to disclose the identity of the individual referred to in the body of this report.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports submitted in connection with the above-captioned case.

At 1:05 P. M. on 12-11-63 a telephone call was received from FBI Special Agent John Reynolds, New Orleans. He stated that during their investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald they received a call from one John Edwards, who had just returned to the main library at New Orleans a book entitled "SHOOTER'S BIBLE" - Stoeger Arms Corp., Publishers, 507 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. SA Reynolds said that the reason Edwards had called the FBI was because between Pages 264 and 265 in this book there is an order form, and on the back of the form there is some writing reading about as follows:

"Exemption from the provisions of Federal Firearms Act is claimed by reason of the fact that the purchaser is: 'a professional president assassinator and a pistol is essential to my business.'

Name: John E. Doe
 Sex: Neuter
 Residence: 0000 Nothing Drive
 Business Address: Anyplace OO, Bumstate U.S.A."

SA Reynolds stated that the FBI here had sent the book to their laboratory for analysis and have received a report indicating that the handwriting mentioned above is not that of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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| DISTRIBUTION | COPIES | REPORT MADE BY | DATE |
| | | <i>Anthony E. Gerrets</i> SPECIAL AGENT Anthony E. Gerrets | 1-7-64 |
| Chief | Orig. & 2 cc's cc | APPROVED | DATE |
| New Orleans | | <i>John W. Rice</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE John W. Rice | 801 1-7-64 |

SA Reynolds gave the full name of the caller in this case as:

John Raymond Edwards
1570 Harcourt Drive
New Orleans, La.

He said that Edwards had been interviewed and had informed the FBI that he has checked out this same book about five times during the past five years and that the writing was in the book all that while. He said that Edwards denied knowing Oswald.

SA Reynolds stated that the FBI was ready to return the book referred to above to the New Orleans Public Library and that he was calling to let us know this, so that if we so desired, we might have an agent around when the book was returned to the library so that we might obtain the loan of the book from the library.

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On 12-12-63 reporting/accompanied FBI Special Agent J. Dawson Van Eps to the main library at New Orleans and after he had returned the book to the library Mrs. A. McCurdy, Librarian, very kindly agreed to lend the book to our Service for an indefinite period. Photostatic copies of the above-mentioned order blank have been prepared and one such copy is being forwarded to Chief with copies of this report.

On 12-16-63 John Raymond Edwards, Jr., (W; M; 18 - DOB 8-1-45 at New Orleans, La.; 5-10; 143; brown hair - flat-top haircut; medium complexion; wears eye glasses; attends ISU, New Orleans, where he is a Freshman in Engineering) called at the office for interview. He furnished substantially the same information as had been previously received from FBI Special Agent John Reynolds. Edwards denied knowing Lee Harvey Oswald and likewise denied having any idea who had filled in the previously-mentioned order blank appearing in this book between Pages 264 and 265. He said he had obtained the loan of this book from the New Orleans Public Library about four or five times during the past five years and that this writing was in the book when he first checked the book out of the library. Edwards stated that his father, John Raymond Edwards, Sr., is a self-employed architect and operates his business from his home.

Handwriting specimens obtained from John R. Edwards, Jr. on 12-16-63 are being forwarded to Chief with copies of this report.

A copy of letter dated December 11, 1963, received from Mr. H. G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, concerning this matter, is also being forwarded to Chief.

DISPOSITION

Case closed.

ATTACHMENTS - Chief

Copy of letter dated New Orleans, La., December 11, 1963, received from H. G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, New Orleans.

Photostatic copy of order blank signed "John Everitte Doe, Esq."

Original handwriting specimens obtained from John R. Edwards, Jr. on 12-16-63