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The WC states at R143 that "None of the Depository employees is known to have seen LHO again (after Givens allegedly saw him) until after the shooting." A footnote cites CE 1381 as the source of this information.

CE 1381 ~~EM~~ consists of 73 statements from TSBD employees present on the day of the assass. Part of it is a covering letter from Hoover which makes reference to Rankin's letter of March 16, 1964 and "your request that six specific items be incorporated in each statement"(22H632).

We would assume, knowing the use this was put to in the WR, that one of the six itmes would be whether anyone saw LHO before the shots and after he was (allegedly) seen by Givens. However, none of the statements contain such information, and most contain the line that the particular person did not see LHO "at the time of the shots."

Today, I obtained Mr. Rankin's letter of March 16 which lists the six items referred to by Hoover. This is from CD 706. The request is for signed statements from persons known to have been in the TSBD on 11/22/63. The statements should reflect "the following information." Herein are listed 6 requests. The 4th reads, "If he saw LHO at that time?" The previous listings make it obvious that "at that time" refers to the time of the shots.

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Commissioner of the Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While the Commission is aware of the efforts already previously rendered by your Bureau in connection with the investigation of the employees of the Green School Book Depository Building as of November 22, 1933, as reflected in reports submitted to the Commission, it would be most helpful to our work if you could arrange to have your Bureau check a signed statement from each person known to have been in the Green School Book Depository Building on the commission date reflecting the following information:

1. His name, address, age and sex.
2. Where he was at the time the incident was shot?
3. Was he alone or with someone else; if with someone else, the name and address of that person?
4. If by our law Marvey Gould at that time?
5. If at any time that evening he saw any persons in the building who was a stranger to him (This item should not be included in statements of those who were not employees in the Depository.)
6. The time that he left the Green School Book Depository Building in the afternoon of November 22, 1933.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin  
Mr. Williams  
Mr. Shaffer  
Mr. Quinn

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cc: Smith  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the course of the Commission's hearings, expert testimony has been elicited concerning various items of physical evidence. We would like you to determine, and set forth in our report, those set by which these items were found relating to a investigation. In each case, the item should be traced to the person who found it, so that he can identify it by inspection. If to cannot so identify the item, a chain of possession should be traced back to him and the direct person who can identify it by inspection. However, it is unnecessary to trace the chain of possession forward past the final person who can identify the item by inspection.

As an example, Sergeant Ray of the Dallas Police Department identified one of the three rifle cartridge cases as 10110 p.m. on November 22. These cartridge cases should be traced back from 10110 p.m. to the person by whom they were found, at the time that he found them. The chain of possession need not be traced forward past Mattenson Day.

The items to be identified are as follows:

- (1) the three rifle cartridge cases, 01, 02, 03
- (2) the rifle bullet, 01
- (3) the two rifle-bullet fragments, 01 and 02
- (4) the rifle cartridge, 04
- (5) the bullet from the Walker residence, 01-02
- (6) the revolver cartridge cases, 01-02

- (1) One King size cigarette pack found from the body of Oswald, 217-218
- (2) One six centimeter cigarette pack found in the residence of the late Dr. Oswald's mother, 217-218 and 217-219
- (3) One five centimeter cigarette pack found in Oswald's pocket at the time of his arrest, 217-219
- (4) One green-embossed checkbook, 218
- (5) One brown checkbook, 218
- (6) Oswald's last checkbook, 218-219
- (7) One wadding-paper bag, 219
- (8) The four dentures found in the T-25, 219
- (9) Oswald's application for Dallas P. O. No. 1715, 219
- (10) Oswald's change-of-address card for Dallas P. O. Box 4543, 219
- (11) Oswald's Form 107 1293 for Dallas P. O. Box 12916, 219
- (12) Oswald's Selective Service System Notice of Classification
- (13) Oswald's USMC Certificate of Service
- (14) One Selective Service System Notice of Classification in the name of Mitchell
- (15) One USMC Certificate of Service in the name Mitchell
- (16) The Fair Play For Cuba Committee card dated June 15, 1963
- (17) One unidentifiable certificate signed Dr. Mitchell, 214
- (18) One negative, 21
- (19) One two photographs showing Oswald with a rifle, 215

Also, the following items, which were used at the time  
of the attack on the ship, are being furnished to you:

- (1) Application for Air Deployment with Ocean Shipping Company,  
Inc., P.O.
- (2) Affidavit of Support and other letters, 25
- (3) Register-Charles-Gowall checks, 211
- (4) New Britain Library card, 216
- (5) Form, The Government Property of the U.S. and How to  
Track It, 217
- (6) U. S. Marine Corps File, 220
- (7) Passport Application of June 28, 1952, 22
- (8) State Department File, 221
- (9) Letter to AGM, 226
- (10) Letter to Secretary of Navy, 22
- (11) Letter from Charles G. Register General Register
- (12) Commission Duplicates 22, 23, and 24 (Letters in Enclosure)

Some of this information may have been seen by you in your  
various reports; however, we would like a certified check on this  
report and treat as a separate, self-contained report.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Smith  
General Counsel

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Exhibit C1

On June 12, 1964, Donnell C. Tomlinson, Maintenance Employee, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, was shown Exhibit C1, a rifle slug, by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odom, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Tomlinson stated it appears to be the same one he found on a hospital cartilage at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963, but he cannot positively identify the bullet as the one he found and showed to Mr. O. P. Wright. At the time he found the bullet, the hospital cartilage was located in the Emergency Unit on the ground floor of the hospital.

On June 12, 1964, O. P. Wright, Personnel Officer, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, advised Special Agent Bardwell D. Odom that Exhibit C1, a rifle slug, shown to him at the time of the interview, looks like the slug found at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963, which he gave to Richard Johnson, Special Agent of the Secret Service. He stated he was not present at the time the bullet was found, but on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, as he entered the Emergency Unit on the ground floor of the hospital, Mr. Tomlinson, an employee, called to him and pointed out a bullet, which was on a hospital cartilage at that location. He estimated the time as being within an hour of the time President Kennedy and Governor Connally were brought to the hospital. He advised he could not positively identify C1 as being the same bullet which was found on November 22, 1963.

On June 24, 1964, Special Agent Richard E. Johnson, United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., was shown Exhibit C1, a rifle bullet, by Special Agent Elmer Lee Todd, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Johnson advised he could not identify this bullet as the one he obtained from O. P. Wright, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and gave to James Rowley, Chief, United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., on November 23, 1963.

On June 24, 1964, James Rowley, Chief, United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., was shown Exhibit C1, a rifle bullet, by Special Agent Elmer Lee Todd. Rowley advised he could

Re: JFK BREWSTER COWARD

not identify this bullet as the one he received from Special Agent Richard E. Johnson and gave to Special Agent Todd on November 22, 1963.

On June 24, 1964, Special Agent Elmer Lee Todd, Washington, D. C., identified C1, a rifle bullet, as being the same one he received from James Rowley, Chief, United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., on November 22, 1963. This identification was made from initials marked thereon by Special Agent Todd at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory upon receipt.