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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD
E. HARRISON:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On November 23, 1963, Detective SIMS, Homicide and
Robbery Division, Dallas Police Department, advised he had received
information from one J. C. MURDOCK, Grand Prairie, Texas, police
officer, that one LARRY THORNLEY, white male, age 24, address
1824 Dauphine, New Orleans, Louisiana, was a close friend of
OSWALD and served with him in the U. S. Marines at the El Toro,
California, Marine Base. MURDOCK alleged that THORNLEY is presently
a waiter in New Orleans and has recently been in Old Mexico and
California with OSWALD.

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Thornley, Kerry W.

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Melvin A. Eisenberg

DATE: May 27, 1964

FROM: Mr. Albert E. Jenner, Jr.

RE: Exhibits in Kerry Wendell Thornley's Deposition.

Exhibit No. 1:

This is a newspaper article published in "The States-Tian" of New Orleans on November 27, 1963, reporting an interview by reporter Don Hudson with Kerry Wendell Thornley in which Thornley characterizes his biographical novel: "The Lile Warriors", in which Lee Harvey Oswald is depicted through the fictional character "Johnny Shellburn." In his deposition, Thornley certified to the accuracy of the article and particularly the quotations. This exhibit is to be printed.

Exhibit No. 2:

This is a 250 page biographical novel by Kerry Wendell Thornley entitled "The Lile Warriors" in which Lee Harvey Oswald is depicted as "Johnny Shellburn." The novel was completed in February 1962. The novel was inspired by Thornley's association with Lee Harvey Oswald as a fellow Marine. This exhibit is not to be printed.

Exhibit No. 3:

This is 37 pages of fictional novel authored by Kerry Wendell Thornley and written subsequent to November 22, 1963, based on Thornley's experiences as a Marine, including his contacts with Lee Harvey Oswald as a fellow Marine. Unlike Thornley Exhibit No. 2, the novelette is not a chronological of events. This exhibit is not to be printed.



Albert E. Jenner, Jr.

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MAY 15 1964

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Mr. Henry Wendell Thornley
4301 South Thirty-First Street
Apartment 349
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornley:

As you know, this Commission was established by President Johnson on November 29, 1963, to investigate and report upon the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of our late President, John F. Kennedy, and the subsequent killing of the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. Enclosed for your information are copies of Executive Order No. 11130 creating this Commission, Joint Resolution 137 and the Rules of Procedure of this Commission for the taking of testimony.

JLR

This will confirm the arrangement made with you by telephone today by Mr. Albert E. Jenner, Jr., member of the Legal and Advisory staff of the President's Commission, for the taking of your deposition on Monday, May 18, 1964, at 9:00 A.M., at the offices of the Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C.

Please bring with you any records, papers, photographs, manuscripts you may have pertinent to your testimony and about which Mr. Jenner spoke with you.

Mr. Jenner contemplates that the time to be consumed in the taking of your deposition will not exceed three hours.

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

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens
Mr. Ely
Mr. Jenner

Enclosures (3)

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Thornley, Kerry W.*

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APR 28 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with its investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's Marine career, the Commission is interested in taking the testimony of one Kerry W. Thornley.

The report of Agents Chlager and Kennedy of November 27, 1963, indicates that at that time Mr. Thornley resided at 1824 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. It appears, however, that he is no longer there.

It would be helpful to the work of the Commission if you would locate Mr. Thornley and inform us of his present address - and telephone number, if he has one - so that we can contact him and take his testimony.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

J.L.R.
cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens
Mr. Liebeler
Mr. Ely

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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May 8, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 28, 1964, wherein you requested that we locate Kerry W. Thornley and furnish you with his address and telephone number.

Mr. Kerry Wendell Thornley presently resides at Apartment 349, 4201 South Thirty-first Street, Arlington, Virginia, according to information obtained on May 6, 1964. His telephone number at that address is 931-1800.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/3/631

ANTHONY SHEMROSKE, Artist, 4828 Toulouse Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that on December 1, 1963, he had talked with JEAN HACK, wife of MERRY THORNLEY. SHEMROSKE advised that JEAN HACK told him that OSWALD and THORNLEY were very good friends, and that THORNLEY had stated to her, "If OSWALD hadn't killed President KENNEDY, he would have done it himself." She said that THORNLEY had a shotgun at home, and that she did not think he would hesitate to use it. SHEMROSKE advised that he did not know THORNLEY very well, but he did not think THORNLEY was a very friendly type of person. SHEMROSKE stated that THORNLEY sometimes caused trouble at the Bourbon House, a place THORNLEY frequented quite often.

On 12/3/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 89-69
by CLS SA CLAUDE L. SCHLAGER Date dictated 12/3/63

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