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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 convery Division, Dallas Police Department, advised he had received in termation from one J. C. MURDOCK, Grand Prairie, Texas, police officer, that one LARRY THORNIEY, 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 THORNIEY is presently a waiter in New Orleans and has recently been in Old Mexico and California with OSWALD.

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DATE: May 27, 1964

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TO: Mr. Melvin A. Misomberg

FROM Mr. Albert E. Jenney, Jr.

MG: Exhibits in Kerry Wendell Thorntey's Deposition.

## Edibit No. 1:

This is a newspaper article published in "The States-Item" of New Orleans on Hovember 27, 1963, reporting an interview by reporter Don Bulbon with Kerry Vendell Thornley in which Thornley characterizes his biographical novel: "The Like Warriors", in which Los Harvey Orasid is depicted through the fictional character "Johnny Shellburn." In his deposition, Thornley contified to the accuracy of the article and particularly the quotations. This exhibit is to be printed.

## Printbit No.2:

Thin is a 250 page biographical novel by Kerry Wondall Thornley entitled "The Edle Warriors" in which Lee Hervey Cowald is depicted as "Johnny Shellburn." The novel was completed in February 1982. The novel was inspired by Thornley's essociation with Lee Hervey Cawald as a fellow Fibring. This exhibit is not to be printed.

#### Exhibit No. 3:

This is 37 pages of fictional novel authored by Merry Wendell Thornley and written subsequent to Hovember 22, 1903, based on Thornley's experiences as a Marine, including his contacts with Lee Harvey Cavald as a fellow Harine. Unlike Thornley Exhibit No. 2, the novelette is not a chronical of events. This exhibit is not to be printed.

Albert E. Jenner, Jr.

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Mr. Marry Weedell Thornley 4201 South Thirty-First Street apartment 349 Arlington, Virginia

Door 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 essensimation of our late President, John F. Kennedy, and the subsequent killing of the alleged assessin, Lee Harvey Cavali. Enclosed for your information are copies of Executive Order No. 11130 creating this Commission, John Expolution 137 and the Rules of Procedure of this Commission for the taking of testisony.

This will confirm the arrangement made with you by telephone today by Mr. Albert E. Jenner, Jr., member of the Lagul 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 Avende, H.E., Vashington, 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 ecoperation in the work of the Commission.

cc: Mr. Runkin

Mr. Willens

Mr. Ely

Mr. Jenner

Enclosures (3)

Sinesrely,

SIGNED

J. Les Bankin General Counsel

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Thornley, Keny W.

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

Dour Mr. Houvers

In econection with its investigation of Lee Esrvey Carald's Marine career, the Commission is interested in taking the testimony of one Kerry W. Therenley.

The report of Agents Chlager and Kennedy of Bovember 27, 1903, indicates that at that time Mr. Thornley resided at 1803. Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisians. 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 natter.

Simerely,

cc: Mr. Rankin

Mr. Willens

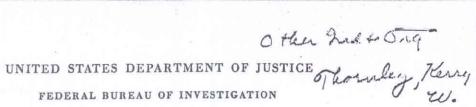
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 2053S

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,

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ANTHONY SHEMROSKE, Artist, 4828 Toulouse Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that on December 1, 1963, he had talked with JEAN HACK, wife of MERRY TO LEY.

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 he and that she did not think he would hesitate to use it. DEMROSKE 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	c†	New Orlea	ns, Louisians	_ Filo #	NO 89-69	
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