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GUS BEELER, Assistant Manager, Bourbon House Restaurant and Bar, 700 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, stated he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and to his knowledge, has never met either individual.

GUS BEELER advised after viewing photographs of both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY, that he could not identify either photograph as being a patron of the Bourbon House Bar.

GUS BEELER stated that there has been considerable conversation in the Bourbon House regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD particularly by the wife of KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY. Both THORNLEY and his wife, according to BEELER, were regular patrons of the restaurant and bar and well known to most of the customers. THORNLEY and his wife separated about the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY and since that time, Mrs. THORNLEY has been "running down her husband" and telling everyone what will listen to her that he, THORNLEY, was a friend of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

In addition, BEELER advised that KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY has made public statements which have appeared in the local newspaper that he has either written a book or is writing a book in which he uses LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a model for a character in the book. BEELER stated that he did not know if this was true, but it has been the subject of conversation in the Bourbon House.

BEELER advised that other than the remarks about KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY which have been passed in the Bourbon House, he could think of no other individual frequenting the Bourbon House who might have known LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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CJ244:40. I think Regis Kennedy had to know better/worse. The "wife" is Jeanne Hack. In interviewing Beller, Hatch, Kennedy picked the wrong guy. He should have gotten one of the bartenders, I think Al Thompson, a sort of literary adviser to RT. That better reason is there for his not doing it? The Bourbon House was then a rather popular place. Kennedy also omits the flight KT had there and reference to the other and earlier KT reports.

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