

MEMORANDUM

October 27, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: BILL BOXLEY, Investigator
RE: INTERVIEW WITH HARVEY L. WADE
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On Wednesday, 25 October, 1967, HARVEY LAWILL WADE, a building inspector for the County of Hamilton, Tennessee, Chattanooga was interviewed at 11:30 A.M. in his office at the Courthouse regarding his statement contained in Warren Commission Exhibit # 2370 and in Warren Commission Exhibit # 2432. WADE confirmed that the descriptions of two men he saw with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Carousal Club, Dallas, on the night of November 10, 1963, were accurately recorded in Commission Exhibit CE ²³⁷⁰ by the FBI Agent taking statement. He disappointedly commented however that it could not have been LEE HARVEY OSWALD with whom he saw the men because "Of course OSWALD was not there".

WADE responded exuberantly however when informed that OSWALD undoubtedly had a double in Dallas as well as other places with him, and seemed relieved that he had not made the mistaken identification of OSWALD which the FBI questioner had indicated he must have made. WADE located the position at the bar where OSWALD and his companions were sitting and his own relative position to that in a photograph shown him of the interior of the Carousal Club. His distance from the three men appears to have been less than twenty feet. He describes # 1 man who resembled OSWALD very much in appearance as being 5'8", 140 pounds, with long black hair and adds to his description in CE 2370 the information that he wore the hair parted on the left side and had an immature or baby expression around his mouth and chin. He estimated his age to have been in his early 20's. The # 2 man, described as 5'10" tall, stocky build, oval faced, of Mexican or Spanish extraction with a one inch scar on his left eyebrow, also had a noticeably pow-marked face. He states that our photograph of LAWRENCE HOWARD represents a man several years too old in appearance and too stern of expression. He remembers the # 2 man being in his early 30's and of more clean-cut pleasant facial expression.

MR. WADE looked at all photographs in our display kit and was unable to identify even partially any as being the unidentified men although he did comment that our 1963 New Orleans Police Department photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was identical to the man he had previously identified as OSWALD.

MR. WADE will be happy to cooperate in any way with this office including identifying photographs submitted him by mail. His address is 406 So. Howell, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37412, telephone: 624-3228.

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