

EXAMINER

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Key Oswald Witness



DALLAS—Seeking the truth about Lee Harvey Oswald, you find that the FBI first began a file on him in October 1959 when Moscow news dispatches mentioned his defection to the Soviet Union. Calculating he would one day want to come back, or would be somehow reintroduced into the United States, the FBI arranged with our immigration officials to be notified in that event.

THIS WORKED. Regional FBI chief J. Gordon Shanklin, famous in the bureau, ordered Special Agents John W. Fain and B. Tom Carter to interview Oswald as a suspected subversive on June 22, 1962, in Forth Worth. (Shanklin fanned the reports to the FBI in New Orleans, New York, etc.)

After the assassination of President Kennedy, Shanklin conducted the investigation against this background, and on Nov. 10 New Orleans agents Regis L. Kennedy and Carl L. Schlaeger were instructed to talk with lawyer Dean Adams Andrews at 627 Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans.

This resulted in the first mention of a Clay Bertrand, whom New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison insists is prominent New Orleansian Clay L. Shaw.

Andrews declared that after only once meeting Bertrand several years earlier this man had become a "telephone voice" to him by having him bail out and get paroled certain of the apparent homosexuals "scooped up by the police, especially on Friday nights."

Andrews told the FBI he assumed Bertrand sent him Oswald. This was about

July 10 of the assassination year, the first of four visits, and Oswald came regarding immigration matters. But he was accompanied by the same "apparent homosexuals" Bertrand had Andrews get out of the 1st Precinct holding pavilion 10 days later.

Agents Kennedy and Schlaeger reported to Shanklin here that Andrews said that the day after the assassination (a Saturday) he was in the Hotel Dieu hospital with pneumonia when "the phone rang and a voice I recognized as Clay Bertrand asked me to go to Dallas to help defend Oswald. Sick, I said I would get somebody else."

After the assassination when several of the alleged homosexuals released through Andrews did not pay him, Andrews started looking for Bertrand. He told the FBI he located Bertrand in the Cosmos Bar. They recognized each other immediately and Bertrand avoided him by "running into the street." "I never could find Bertrand again," he stated. And the FBI has never located a Clay Bertrand any place.

But when Garrison summoned Andrews to physically identify Clay Bertrand as being Clay Shaw, Andrews swore he could not make this identification. And Shaw has sworn repeatedly that it's ridiculous even to suggest he ever knew Oswald.

IF GARRISON can convict Andrews on the indictment for perjury on this point, no top investigator here would underestimate what this could open up.

They say, watch carefully—very carefully—what happens to Dean Adam Andrews. It's a word from the wise.

Ringed portions omitted from LA Times version. (See attached)