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DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, Room 628, Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he returned to work December 2, 1963, after being seriously ill at Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that he had been hospitalized with pneumonia November 20 through 29, 1963, and during the time he was in the hospital he was under heavy sedation.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that on the night of November 23, 1963, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. he was awakened by the telephone in his room at Hotel Dieu. He advised he answered this telephone from a sound sleep and an individual who advised his name was CLAY BERTRAND asked him if he would be interested in defending LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the charge of murder of President KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he told the individual who called him that he would give consideration to defending OSWALD and that BERTRAND told him on the telephone that he would call him back. ANDREWS advised that BERTRAND has never called him back. ANDREWS advised that he was not furnished a telephone number where he could reach BERTRAND or any other identifying information other than the name CLAY BERTRAND. ANDREWS stated that the name CLAY BERTRAND seemed familiar to him and so did the voice.

ANDREWS stated that since he has returned to his office and has been attempting to recall this telephone conversation, "It seems like a dream to him". ANDREWS stated that the principal reasons why he feels that the telephone call was not a dream was because of the action he took in contacting Mr. SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, President of the New Orleans Criminal Bar Association and a close personal friend on Sunday, November 24, 1963 by telephone, reaching him at the New Orleans Athletic Club and discussing with him the propriety of defending OSWALD and asking ZELDEN if he would be interested in assisting in the defense. ANDREWS recalls this call and further recalls that it was

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In his testimony, Andrews was specific. This incident did not seem "like a dream" to him. He also said the FBI nagged him endlessly to get him to change his story.

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Attorney ZELDEN who told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot and that this news had just come over the television station.

ANDREWS advised that in addition to talking with ZELDEN, he had discussed receiving this call from CLAY BERTRAND with his investigator, Sergeant R. M. DAVIS, United States Army Retired, and his secretary, EVA SPRINGER, as well as his wife. ANDREWS stated he could not pin point the time he discussed this call with DAVIS or his wife and secretary.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he has no recollection of calling the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Secret Service on November 25, 1963, but he does recall being interviewed by both representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Secret Service. He advised that he was under heavy sedation at the time of these interviews and was a very sick man.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he recalled LEE HARVEY OSWALD coming to his office on three to five occasions on or about the last week of June, 1963, and speaking with him regarding the possibility of ANDREWS assisting him in correcting a Bad Discharge from the United States Marine Corps. OSWALD was also interested in determining his status as a citizen of the United States and determining whether he had disavowed his citizenship in Russia. He was also interested in the immigration status of his wife in the United States. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD arrived at his office late in the evening after 5 p.m. and before 6 p.m. and as a result his secretary had left and there was no record made of his visit in the appointment book and he, ANDREWS, made no file on OSWALD's visit.

ANDREWS advised that OSWALD on the first occasion that he entered his office arrived at the same time as four other individuals whom he recalls as "gay kids", that is, French Quarter sex deviates. ANDREWS advised that he did not

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advised that OSWALD could "really dig hep cat talk", that is understand jive talk or the slang expressions used among the sex deviates of the French Quarter. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD indicated that he did not have the money to pay the expenses for the obtaining of his military record and made a remark that passing out these handbills "was a job". ANDREWS stated that at no time did OSWALD indicate for whom he was working or indicate that he was being paid to pass out "Friends of Cuba/Literature".

ANDREWS advised that this meeting on Canal Street was the last time he saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but from some source he learned that OSWALD had been arrested for getting into a fight. He advised that he did not represent OSWALD in court.

ANDREWS advised that he has carefully searched the various files and records of his office in an effort to identify CLAY BERTRAND and he has been unable to do so. He stated that he has every reason to believe that he has met CLAY BERTRAND before and the name seems to be familiar to him but to date he has been unable to identify CLAY BERTRAND as being identical with any individual he knows. ANDREWS advised that he would make every effort to identify CLAY BERTRAND by searching his memory and files of his office.

ANDREWS advised that he had reviewed a series of still photographs taken from film photographed by WDSU cameraman of LEE HARVEY OSWALD passing out literature in front of the International Trade Mart and in one corner of the photograph shown him by the Secret Service was a picture of CLEMENCIA ALMEIDA, 929 Gravier Street, New Orleans, employed by M. L. QUEEN, 338 International Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 523-6995, who is a client of his. ANDREWS advised that none of the other people in these photographs were identical with CLAY BERTRAND and he does not know any of the people in the photographs except OSWALD whom he immediately recognized.

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Mr. ANDREWS repeated at the conclusion of the interview that this entire incident could have been dreamed by him in view of the physical condition he was in at the time. He stated however, that he believes he did receive a call from an individual that he recalls as CLAY BERTRAND and he feels he will be able to identify CLAY BERTRAND either from material that is in his files or recognize him.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that he has a mental picture of CLAY BERTRAND as being approximately 6'1" to 6'2", brown hair, excellent appearance, well dressed and although a homosexual is not obvious and probably has a good job in the city. ANDREWS stated that this is a mental picture and he cannot in any way recall where the description came from or how he recalls BERTRAND.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that the telephone call he received was in his opinion a local call. He advised he could not determine how the caller was able to locate him at the Hotel Dieu Hospital. He stated that his residence telephone is unlisted and his office was closed on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, 1963. ANDREWS stated he does not have an answering service. ANDREWS advised that prior to entering the hospital it was necessary that he postpone several cases and notify his clients that he was in the hospital and this is the only way that the individual using the name CLAY BERTRAND could have learned that he was in room 202 of Hotel Dieu Hospital.

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DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, 628 Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that since he returned to his office after a serious illness on December 2, 1963, he has made a serious and conscientious effort to recall and establish as facts, the information he reported on November 25, 1963. ANDREWS stated that he realizes the serious physical condition he was in while he was confined in the hospital and has verified from his physician that he was under extremely heavy sedation for the first four days he was in the hospital, that is from November 20 to November 24, 1963. ANDREWS advised he has talked with his secretary, EVA SPRINGER and his investigator, Sergeant R. M. DAVIS, United States Army, retired, and he has determined that there are a number of variances in his independent recollection of incidents that happened and incidents recalled by his employees.

ANDREWS stated that while confined in Room 202, Hotel Dieu Hospital, it was his recollection he received a telephone call between 6:00 and 9:00 PM, November 23, 1963. His secretary, EVA SPRINGER has stated to him that ANDREWS called her Saturday, November 23, 1963 shortly after 4:00 PM and told her that he was going to represent LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas. His secretary asked him who had contacted him and he said BERTRAND, using no first name or other identification. Miss SPRINGER terminated the conversation at this time by saying she would not go to Dallas with him. CLAY
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ANDREWS stated he has no recollection of this telephone conversation, cannot understand why he called his secretary and is unable to account for the name BERTRAND in this conversation. He particularly pointed out that he did not mention the first name to his secretary.

ANDREWS advised that when he realized he was in error as to his recollection of the time of the call, he tried to reconstruct the events of November 23, 1963 but could not recall anyone visiting him or being in his room during the afternoon of November 23, 1963. He advised that if the call was received before 4:00 PM, November 23, 1963, it

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By the time of this report, the campaign against Andrews' story had increased to where he told the Commission he would have said anything to just get rid of the FBI. He denied, however, that he had withdrawn his statements. This report argues openly and is not accurate. It is a sample of the partisan attitude toward the investigation of the assassination as it is an example of how not to investigate.

would have had to have been received after the lunch meal as he seems to recall that his tray was near him when he received the call.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that Sergeant R. M. DAVIS has told him that DAVIS visited him, DEAN ANDREWS, on the afternoon of November 23, 1963 from approximately noon to 3:30 PM or 4:00 PM. During this period DAVIS told ANDREWS that he, ANDREWS, did not receive a call and mentioned nothing to him, DAVIS, about representing OSWALD. Sergeant DAVIS advised ANDREWS that ANDREWS was asleep and awake at various intervals during this visit and he was particularly concerned about the progress of his, ANDREWS', political campaign for a judgeship in Jefferson Parish, during his visit.

ANDREWS advised that he talked to his secretary, who told him the only name he mentioned on November 23, 1963 was BERTRAND. ANDREWS advised that his investigator, Sergeant DAVIS, recalls that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, ANDREWS asked him about CLAY BERTRAND and told him that CLAY BERTRAND had contacted him to represent OSWALD. ANDREWS asked DAVIS if he recalled BERTRAND, which he did not, but ANDREWS indicated that he knew this individual well. ANDREWS advised that he does not recall this conversation with Sergeant DAVIS and could not recall where he had picked up the name CLAY BERTRAND.

ANDREWS advised that the first independent recollection he has in the hospital was in the evening of November 23, 1963, when he recalls watching a TV program reflecting the life of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in New Orleans, Louisiana. He recalls this program and recalls OSWALD as an individual that had contacted him previously for legal advice.

ANDREWS advised that each Sunday, it is his habit to take his son to the New Orleans Athletics Club where he joins with SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, and his boy in a game of handball. ANDREWS advised that on the morning of November 24,

1963, he recalls calling ZELDEN and asking him to help defend OSWALD. He advised he knew where to call ZELDEN but states that the details of the conversation with ZELDEN, which formerly seemed so clear, are now very hazy and have only been refreshed by his conversation with ZELDEN.

ANDREWS advised that he has been told by Sergeant DAVIS that on November 24, 1963, he called a TV station and told the TV station he wanted to issue a statement and on November 25, 1963, a TV reporter came to the hospital, but he was too ill to see him. ANDREWS advised that he has no recollection of calling the TV station and states that if he did such a thing he was "obviously out of his mind" as he is well aware that he did not have a firm commitment to represent OSWALD. Furthermore, he is a candidate for position of judge in Jefferson Parish and such an announcement on the eve of election, which will be held December 7, 1963, would be equivalent to abandoning the election.

ANDREWS stated that on November 25, 1963, when he furnished information to both the FBI and the Secret Service, that he had been contacted by CLAY BERTRAND, he was positive he knew this individual and positive that he had his name in his records in his office. He advised that after a careful and extensive search of his files he has been unable to locate the name CLAY BERTRAND or anything similar to it in any of his files. ANDREWS stated with regard to the alleged telephone call that he thought he received, it is now obvious to him that the basic details which he would have immediately determined, are not present in the conversation. That is, what authority did BERTRAND have to commit OSWALD as a client, who referred BERTRAND to him, who would handle the finances for the defense, when would he personally see BERTRAND, how could he get in touch with BERTRAND and further that he could locate no notes of this call in his hospital room.

ANDREWS advised that he never calls his secretary, EVA SPRINGER, at home and the fact that he called her is a very unusual incident.

ANDREWS advised that his physician has confirmed to him that he was a very sick man and under extremely heavy sedation and in fact, told him that he was not physically able to use the telephone.

ANDREWS advised that he recalls on November 25, 1963, discussing OSWALD and his possible ability to have actually fired the shots from a bolt action rifle and he recalls claiming to Sergeant DAVIS that OSWALD did not have the ability or "guts" to have actually fired these shots in 3½ seconds as related by a newsman.

ANDREWS advised that based on the discrepancy between his memory and facts as related to him by his employees and further, the fact that he cannot identify CLAY BERTRAND, he can reach only one conclusion, that is, that the call received by him while in Hotel Dieu Hospital under sedation, was a figment of his imagination.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

On December 5, 1963, Miss BETTY ENGELBRECHT, New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SA RICHARD BUCARO that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

On December 5, 1963, Mrs. MARCELLE MADDEN, Clerk, Bureau of Identification and Sergeant FREDERICK SOULE, Commander, Vice Squad, New Orleans Police Department, searched their records and advised SA RICHARD BUCARO that they were unable to locate any record identifiable with CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

The current telephone and city directories at New Orleans shows no listing for CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

On December 5, 1963, NO T-1 advised that he never heard of anyone by the description and name of CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

While all possibilities had to be exhausted, the FBI should have expected the name "Bertrand" to be an alias. The ritualized check of obvious sources adds to the statistics of the investigation, but nothing else, especially when the other names being checked, like Clay Gould, were omitted. This document is page 28 of File 126. It is also filed under "Other Individuals and Organizations Involved of (sic) Interviewed".