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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. ELMER E. BILBRAY, Supervisor of Revenue Accounting, Continental Trailways Bus Company.

A one-way bus ticket purchased at New Orleans with the final destination of Brownsville, Texas, would normally be handled in this manner. The selling office sends a portion of the ticket with an agent's report to Continental at Alexandria, Louisiana. The final destination bus driver would pick up from the passenger the passenger's portion of the ticket, and this ticket would be sent with a driver's report to Mr. C. WALTERS, who is in charge of the accounting of Continental tickets at 2805 Logan Street, Dallas, Texas. There are several Continental Division offices throughout the United States. The Division Office for New Orleans is at Alexandria, Louisiana, and when tickets are sold at New Orleans, the number is prefixed by the letter "S."

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In regard to ticket S377012 purchased on September 25, 1963, for a one-way trip from New Orleans, Louisiana to Brownsville, Texas, Mr. BILBRAY stated a thorough search of his records failed to locate that portion of the ticket which the passenger would normally turn over to the final destination bus driver, who in turn would make out a report which would reach Dallas, Texas, with the passenger's portion of the ticket. Mr. WALTERS' employees sort the thousands of tickets and route them to the various Continental division offices throughout the United States.

Because of the thousands of tickets involved, and by manner in which they are handled, it is not unusual to be unable to locate the passenger's portion of the ticket. Mr. BILBRAY stated there are many reasons why a ticket could be missing; perhaps the passenger never used the ticket or perhaps it was misrouted by Dallas or lost or misplaced when it reached one of several Continental division offices.

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Available tickets furnished by Mr. ELMER E. BILBRAY, Supervisor of Revenue Accounting, Continental Trailways Bus Company, Alexandria, Louisiana, were searched in an effort to locate Continental Trailways Bus Ticket 8377012, which was sold on September 25, 1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana for a one-way trip to Brownsville, Texas. This search was undertaken to locate the passenger's portion of the aforesaid ticket; however, the search was unproductive.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by ELMER E. BILBRAY, Supervisor of Revenue Accounting, Continental Trailways Bus Company General Office, 425 Bolton Avenue.

The General Office of Continental Trailways Southern Bus Company is in Alexandria, Louisiana. Continental Southern's western route goes as far as Houston, Texas.

Referring to a prior interview on November 29, 1963, Mr. BILBRAY stated that when the office receives the agent's ticket report with the seller's ticket stub, and the purchaser's ticket stub that has been picked up by the final destination bus driver, the agent's ticket report is checked against a sampling of the purchaser's stubs that have been picked up by the final destination bus driver. After this cross-checking and sampling is completed, the tickets are destroyed at Alexandria, Louisiana.

If a ticket was sold by an agent of Continental Southern, for example, the Continental Bus terminal at New Orleans, the seller's copies of the ticket and the passenger's portion of the ticket that was picked up by the final destination bus driver would ultimately come to the general office at Alexandria, Louisiana, where they are cross-checked, sampled, and destroyed.

Within the Continental Southern System, it is possible to identify the driver of a given bus if the time and date the bus left a given location is known. For example, it is necessary to know the time and date a bus left New Orleans for Houston, Texas in order to run down and identify the bus driver.

When a passenger has luggage to be checked aboard a bus, he shows his ticket to the baggage agent, who punches or marks the ticket to indicate that baggage has been checked. The baggage agent has a two-section baggage ticket and he gives one section to the passenger and the other is attached to the baggage. It is possible for the purchaser to travel in one bus and his baggage to travel in another bus. At the destination point, the passenger gives his baggage ticket to the baggage clerk, who checks the number against the number of the ticket attached to the baggage and then after verifying that the two numbers are the same, he gives the baggage to the passenger and destroys the two matching stubs.

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MAJOR J. GREEN, Terminal Manager, Continental Trailways Bus System, 1314 Tulane Avenue examined his listings of bus schedule connections between New Orleans, Louisiana and Laredo, Texas, and stated that the schedules referred to have been in effect since March 1, 1961. He offered the following information:

One bus daily leaves New Orleans, Louisiana at 4:40 p.m. and arrives at Laredo, Texas at 1:20 p.m. the following day;

One bus daily leaves New Orleans, Louisiana at 7:15 p.m. and arrives at Laredo, Texas at 7:35 p.m. the following day.

GREEN stated that one bus arrived daily at Laredo, Texas, at 9:35 p.m. but emphasized that this bus had departed the same day from Houston, Texas, at 12:30 p.m.

He examined additional records and advised that the bus route from New Orleans to Laredo passed through Houston, Texas, Beaumont, Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Alice, Texas, prior to arriving at Laredo, Texas. He stated for information that the total cost of bus passage from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Mexico City, Mexico, is \$30.25 and stated that exactly \$10.00 of that total charge represents the cost of bus transportation from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City, Mexico. He added that the round trip fare is \$54.45.

GREEN stated a passenger can carry a small parcel onto the bus and in this case no record is ever made of this baggage. He also said the passenger can check his baggage and in this case a baggage ticket stub is furnished him and another stub attached to his baggage. He stated no baggage ticket stubs are retained by his bus lines for later reference. He also stated that a customer need not be a passenger to utilize the Continental Trailways "Express" Service as the customer can ship baggage following the same procedure as set out above, but in addition, two copies of a shipping order are made for future reference by his bus company. He stated an audit copy of this shipping order is kept by the Continental Trailways System and forwarded to the District Office of the bus lines, 425 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana. He added

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that a delivery copy of the shipping order is attached to the baggage in question and the person named on the shipping order as "receiver" can call for the shipment at the destination and receive same after properly identifying himself.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. ELMER E. BILBRAY, Supervisor of Revenue Accounting, Continental Trailways Bus Company, General Office, 425 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. BILBRAY furnished the following information concerning the Continental bus which left New Orleans at 4:40 PM on September 25, 1963, and was due to arrive at Laredo, Texas, at 1:20 PM on September 26, 1963.

Continental bus Number 5120 left New Orleans at 4:40 PM on September 25, 1963, and was driven by W. D. CAMMACK, who resides in a house trailer c/o General Delivery, Buras, Louisiana. Mr. CAMMACK drove this bus to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Prior to arriving at Lake Charles, Louisiana, bus number 5120 stopped at Kinder, Louisiana, so that persons travelling to points beyond Lake Charles could transfer to Trailways Bus Number 5133.

The bus which picked up the passengers at Kinder, Louisiana, was bus number 5133, which originated at Jackson, Mississippi. This bus was driven from Jackson, Mississippi, to Alexandria, Louisiana, where bus drivers were changed, and bus driver CHARLES B. ALBRIGHT, 1804 Magnolia Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, drove bus number 5133 from Alexandria, Louisiana, through Kinder, Louisiana, and on to Beaumont, Texas. At Beaumont, Texas, drivers were switched, but the same bus, number 5133, was used. The name of the new bus driver at Beaumont, Texas, is D. B. WELLS, 1402 Caplin, Houston.

From Houston, Texas, and other points west, it is not known at Alexandria, Louisiana, what bus numbers or drivers were used to make the trip to Laredo, Texas.

Mr. BILBRAY is going to locate the drivers' trip reports which show the number of passengers boarding and getting off the bus along the route.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. CHARLES ALBRIGHT, 1804 Magnolia Drive. Mr. ALBRIGHT drives a bus for Continental Southern Trailways, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. ALBRIGHT's memory was refreshed with xerox copies of Continental Southern Trailways Trip Report and Time Slips dated September 25, 1963, by bus driver CAMMACK; trip report dated September 25, 1963, by bus driver ALBRIGHT; and trip report dated September 26, 1963, by bus driver D. B. WELLS.

Mr. ALBRIGHT left Alexandria, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 25, 1963, at 8:20 PM and arrived at Kinder, Louisiana, at approximately 10:00 PM. At Kinder, Louisiana, he rendezvoused with Mr. CAMMACK who had left New Orleans, Louisiana, at 4:40 PM enroute to Lake Charles, Louisiana. CAMMACK had fourteen passengers that got on CAMMACK'S bus at New Orleans and who departed at Kinder, Louisiana. These fourteen passengers boarded ALBRIGHT'S bus. Twelve of these fourteen passengers were going to Hollingsworth, Louisiana. (the bus drivers call this town Holl, but actual name of the town as it is most commonly known is Ragley, Louisiana, near DeQuincy, Louisiana). ALBRIGHT said the twelve passengers were undoubtedly draftees who were on their way to Fort Polk, Louisiana. The other two passengers were destined for a point beyond Houston, Texas.

ALBRIGHT only saw his passengers when they boarded his bus; he completes his run when he arrives at Beaumont, Texas, where he arrived at 12:05 AM on September 26, 1963. He was driving bus number 5133. ALBRIGHT got off of the bus and the bus continued on to Houston, Texas, driven by D. B. WELLS who arrived in Houston at 2:15 AM with four passengers destined for a point beyond Texas. These four passengers consisted of the two passengers ALBRIGHT had picked up at Kinder, Louisiana, from CAMMACK'S bus and two passengers ALBRIGHT had picked up in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. ALBRIGHT stated that because of the length of time and due to the fact that he only saw the passengers

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from the point beyond Kinder, at one time, he was unable to furnish any information whatsoever concerning the passengers. He stated there are no rest stops between Kinder and Beaumont, Texas, nor is there a rest stop at Beaumont, Texas, at that hour of the morning.

From time to time on infrequent basis, ALBRIGHT has taken passengers that were destined ultimately for Laredo, Texas; however, Mr. ALBRIGHT could not remember any of these passengers or the month or day they may have been passengers on his bus.

ALBRIGHT said he did not recall any of the four passengers showing a ticket with the destination of Laredo, Texas, or Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr. WOODROW D. CAMMACK, General Delivery, Buras, Louisiana, advised he is employed as Bus Operator for the Continental Trailways Bus Line, New Orleans, on the regular run from Venice, Louisiana, to New Orleans. However, every Wednesday he handled the 4:40 PM run from New Orleans to Lake Charles, Louisiana, as an extra trip.

CAMMACK advised that he did drive the 4:40 PM Trailways Bus from New Orleans on September 25, 1963, however he is not able at this time to recall anyone resembling LEE HARVEY OSWALD having been a passenger on this bus. He pointed out that he has handled the Lake Charles run since the middle of this year and he does not recall ever having a passenger present a ticket to him which showed destination Laredo, Texas, or Mexico City, Mexico.

Any passenger having a destination past Lake Charles, Louisiana, would have to change to another Trailways bus at Kinder, Louisiana, where the Lake Charles bus makes contact with the Trailways Bus out of Alexandria, Louisiana. He advised that this contact is usually made at 9:55 PM at Kinder and all the passengers going west board the other bus, which bus is usually driven by the regular driver out of Alexandria, CHARLIE ALBRIGHT, who resides in Alexandria, Louisiana.

CAMMACK advised that if any luggage is checked onto the bus, he and the other driver would have to change the luggage from one bus to the other and he does not recall handling any luggage checked through to Laredo, Texas, at any time.

He viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was not able to identify OSWALD as having been on Trailways Bus leaving New Orleans at 4:40 PM September 25, 1963.

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