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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: No record located at Houston of air travel by OSWALD from Houston to Austin, Texas, on 9/25/63. Pan American World Airways unable to locate any record that OSWALD inquired regarding flights from Houston to Mexico City. E. P. HAMMETT, Continental Trailways ticket agent at Houston, identified ticket stub of ticket sold on 9/25/63 at Houston for travel to Laredo, Texas, as ticket he sold. HAMMETT went on duty at 10:30 PM on 9/25/63. HAMMETT viewed photographs of OSWALD and stated he believes he recalled selling a ticket to OSWALD in approximately September, 1963. HAMMETT stated person in question inquired as to price of tickets to Mexico City and had difficulty making up mind regarding travel. Other employees of Continental Trailways Bus Terminal on duty at above period unable to recall seeing OSWALD. Mrs. LOLA E. HOLIMAN, operator of employment service at Houston, reportedly had conversation with OSWALD in approximately October, 1963, but upon interview unable to positively identify him.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

The following investigation was conducted concerning OSWALD's reported travel and movements between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mexico City, Mexico, during the period September 25 - 26, 1963. Previous investigation

established OSWALD cashed a check at New Orleans, Louisiana, after 8:00 AM on September 25, 1963. He was reported to have telephoned Mrs. HORACE TWIFORD at Houston on the evening of September 25, 1963, at a time she believed was between 7 and 9:00 PM. In the interim, an employee at Selective Service Headquarters, Austin, Texas, reported she believed she was contacted by OSWALD at Austin on September 25, 1963, at approximately 1:00 PM. When OSWALD talked to Mrs. TWIFORD at Houston, he indicated he was considering flying to Mexico. Other witnesses have reported OSWALD boarded a Continental Trailways bus at Houston, Texas, at approximately 2:00 AM on September 26, 1963, on which bus he traveled to Laredo, Texas, and thereafter traveled to Mexico City. Investigation was conducted to determine if OSWALD might have flown from New Orleans to Houston and thence to Austin, Texas, on September 25, 1963.

On January 16, 1964, DON RODGERS, Continental Airlines, Inc., Houston International Airport, stated that in September, 1963, Continental had the only air schedules between Austin and Houston, although these routes were subsequently taken over by Trans-Texas Airways in November, 1963. RODGERS checked his records and schedules and reported that on September 25, 1963, Continental Airlines had no flights to Austin from Houston between 6:50 AM and 12:20 PM. A person could have left Houston on Continental Flight 215 at 12:20 PM and would have arrived at Austin at 1:10 PM on that date. RODGERS located the manifest for Flight 215 on September 25, 1963, and the passenger list was examined. Neither OSWALD's name nor any of his known aliases appeared on this manifest.

RODGERS reported that a passenger could have left Austin on Continental Flight 212 at approximately 2:30 PM on September 25, 1963, arriving at Houston at approximately 3:20 PM. There were no more scheduled flights from Austin to Houston from 2:30 PM until 10:00 AM on September 26, 1963. RODGERS pointed out the identities of passengers on flights from Austin to Houston would not be available in the records maintained at Houston, Texas.

In view of the possibility that OSWALD, after arriving at Houston from New Orleans, actually considered flying to Mexico City, JAMES D. GIBSON, Station Manager,

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Pan American World Airways (PAA), Houston International Airport, was interviewed on January 16, 1964. GIBSON made available copies of PAA flight releases for September 24, 25, 26, 1963. These are lists of the persons who requested space on PAA Flight 501 from Houston to Mexico City on those dates. OSWALD's name was not on these lists nor was any of his known aliases. GIBSON pointed out that persons who fail to appear at flight time, who cancelled previous reservations, or who appeared at the last minute without reservations are also recorded on these lists, sometimes in ink by the employees on duty. These flight release lists are actually prepared by the PAA Central Reservations Department at Miami, Florida, and are furnished interested offices by teletype. GIBSON pointed out that the PAA Central Reservations Office at Miami had previously been carefully checked in connection with this investigation without locating OSWALD's name. GIBSON stated his office had no record of any request or inquiry on the part of OSWALD in connection with possible air travel to Mexico City.

On January 17, 1964, DAVID R. TAYLOR, District Sales Manager, PAA, 1210 South Main Street, checked all available records in an effort to find a file card or other data indicating that OSWALD may have made an exploratory inquiry concerning possible travel to Mexico City without actually making a reservation. Mr. TAYLOR stated he could find no such record and his records had been searched thoroughly at an earlier date without locating any record pertaining to OSWALD. Mr. TAYLOR pointed out that PAA has the only direct air travel to Mexico City from Houston.

On January 24, 1964, S. R. COBB, Station Manager, Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, 1114 McKinney, made a thorough review of personnel and payroll records to identify all employees of his company who were physically present at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal on the evening of September 25, 1963, and up to 2:30 AM on September 26, 1963. It was determined that the following twelve employees, consisting of six ticket agents, one information clerk, three porters, and two snackbar attendants were on duty at that time and could conceivably have observed OSWALD. Each of the listed employees was interviewed on the dates indicated and photographs of OSWALD and of his baggage were

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displayed to them. With the exception of E. P. HAMMEFT, mentioned below, none of these employees could recall having seen OSWALD in the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ticket Agents</u>	<u>Date Interviewed</u>
ROBERT STEPHENSON 10:30 PM - 6:30 AM		January 21, 1964
MORGAN LAIRD, JR. 12:15 PM - 9:15 PM		January 21, 1964
RAY DYAL 2:15 PM - 11:00 PM		January 21, 1964
J. D. MOSS 2:15 PM - 11:00 PM		January 27, 1964
THOMAS MARSHALL 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM		January 27, 1964
<u>Information Clerk</u>		
MARTHA OATES 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM		January 27, 1964
<u>Porters</u>		
THEODORE GREEN 9:30 PM - 6:30 AM		January 28, 1964
JIMMY HOLLINS 11:15 PM - 8:15 AM		January 28, 1964
EDWARD ARCHIE 2:45 PM - 10:45 PM		January 27, 1964
<u>Snackbar Attendants</u>		
LUCILLE LAUGHLIN 10:30 PM - 6:30 AM		January 28, 1964
VIRGINIA HUGHES 2:30 PM - 10:30 PM		February 4, 1964

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On January 21, 1964, GEORGE PRATT, Manager, Continental Trailways Cafeteria, advised the cafeteria closes at 7:20 PM and between that time and 7:00 AM the only employees on duty in connection with his facility are the snackbar attendants who were identified and interviewed as set out above.

Previous investigation at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Houston, Texas, revealed that for the period September 24, 1963, through September 26, 1963, only one ticket, bearing number 112230, was sold from Houston to Laredo, Texas, the price being \$10.60. It was indicated the stubs of all such tickets were permanently filed at Dallas, Texas.

On January 17, 1964, CONNIE WALTERS, Continental Trailways Bus Company, 2805 Logan, Dallas, Texas, made available a copy of auditor's stub for Continental Trailways bus ticket number 112230. A rubber stamp impression on this stub indicated the ticket was issued on September 25, 1963, at Houston, Texas, for travel from Houston, Texas, to Laredo, Texas, at a price of \$10.60. This rubber stamp impression carried "die number" 12, which Mr. WALTERS pointed out would identify the ticket agent at Houston who made this sale.

On January 21, 1964, E. P. HAMMETT, 8603 Detroit Street, Houston, Texas, employed as a ticket agent by Continental Trailways Bus Company, observed this copy of the above ticket stub and identified this as a ticket which he had sold on September 25, 1963. Photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and of a small zipper bag used by OSWALD were exhibited to HAMMETT. HAMMETT furnished the following information:

There are very few tickets sold for travel between Houston and Laredo, Texas, and HAMMETT sometimes will not sell more than one in a week. He stated for this reason any sales or inquiries about tickets to Laredo and/or Mexico are unusual and he usually remembers them. On September 25, 1963, HAMMETT went on duty at 10:30 PM and was the only ticket agent on duty from 10:30 PM until 6:30 AM on September 26, 1963.

HAMMETT stated he could recall a man strongly resembling the photograph of OSWALD coming to his counter at some time which would have been approximately in late September, 1963, and making inquiry concerning travel to Laredo and to Mexico City. HAMMETT believes this man came to his counter at approximately midnight. The man HAMMETT recalls was wearing a pull-over sweater which he believes was brown and white, white dungarees, and dirty white canvas shoes. This man inquired as to prices of tickets directly to Mexico City and also to Laredo. HAMMETT stated this man seemed to be very undecided and could not make up his mind and after considerable discussion he left the counter and was not observed for a short period. There was no discussion of visas or Mexican tourist cards, these matters normally being handled when passengers arrive at Laredo, Texas. This man did not give HAMMETT his name, and normally there is no occasion for ticket agents to learn passengers' names.

HAMMETT stated after leaving his counter for some time, the above man finally returned and stated he decided to buy a ticket to Laredo, which HAMMETT sold him. This man was alone at the time and HAMMETT did not observe how he arrived at the bus terminal. HAMMETT noted that he believes it was about 1:30 AM or possibly 2:00 AM before this man finally purchased a ticket for use on a Continental Trailways bus which left Houston at 2:35 AM on September 26, 1963, for Laredo.

HAMMETT stated that the date stamp which he uses at the ticket counter is not changed at exactly midnight but is normally changed at 2 or 3 AM. He stated the date September 25, 1963, appearing on the ticket in question would not establish that it was necessarily purchased prior to midnight but could have been purchased as late as 2:30 AM.

After further study of the photograph of OSWALD, HAMMETT stated this photograph was definitely familiar to him and he believes he can associate OSWALD with the person who discussed with him travel from Houston to Laredo and Mexico City several months ago.

HAMMETT stated that between midnight and 2:00 AM there is only one ticket agent at the counter, two porters work in the driveways, and normally one person is on duty in the snackbar operated in the lobby. The restaurant opening onto the lobby closes every night at 7:20 PM.

On January 29, 1964, Mrs. MAREMA OSWALD, widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was interviewed at Dallas, Texas, and advised that to the best of her knowledge LEE HARVEY OSWALD had not owned a brown and white pull-over sweater or white dungarees or white canvas shoes.

On January 25, 1964, JOHNNY W. JACKSON, 1111 West 26th Street, Houston, Texas, advised that he had recently applied for a job at the Spring Branch Employment Service on Long Point Road, which was operated by a woman approximately 55 years of age who conducted this business alone. JACKSON related that while talking with this woman she mentioned that she believed LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in her agency to seek employment on or about October 24, 1963. This woman allegedly told JACKSON the man she believed to be OSWALD had told her his wife was in Dallas and was expecting a baby and that he was staying with friends while visiting in Houston. This woman also stated the man referred to remained in Houston for about four days before returning to Dallas. JACKSON stated this woman indicated she had not reported this matter to the FBI because she "did not want to become involved."

On January 28, 1964, Mrs. LOLA E. HOLIMAN, owner, Spring Branch Employment Service, 7511 Long Point Road, advised that she is the sole employee of her company and that she deals mainly in office and technical personnel. She stated occasionally a transient "wanderer" will come to her office from the Texas Employment Commission located directly across the street.

Mrs. HOLIMAN related she could recall that one afternoon in late October a young man came in who stated he was looking for a job and would take any kind of work. She recalled this man was wearing a white shirt and stated he had been selling books but was not making any money. This man had a slight accent, stated his wife was expecting a baby and that he needed a job badly. Mrs. HOLIMAN asked this man if he was a local man and he replied he had been working in New Orleans. Mrs. HOLIMAN commented that she had formerly lived in New Orleans and this caused a short conversation. This man commented that "things were rough" in New Orleans and he was trying to get back to Texas. He stated his mother resided at Fort Worth. Mrs. HOLIMAN asked this man if he was from Fort Worth and he said he

had lived there a long time and went to school there. Mrs. HOLIMAN did not obtain this man's name and did not take an application from him, but suggested that he go across the street to the Texas Employment Commission.

Mrs. HOLIMAN stated when she later saw photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspapers she immediately thought that this man may have been OSWALD. At that time she recalled that the man mentioned above had visited her about one month before the assassination of President KENNEDY. She recalled that this man was about 25 years of age, approximately 5'7" in height, wore no hat and had a very soft voice with a definite accent. He was wearing some type of jacket rather than a suit.

Photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were exhibited to Mrs. HOLIMAN, and she stated she now feels very uncertain as to whether the man she spoke to was OSWALD, although the photograph did look familiar. Mrs. HOLIMAN stated she had mentioned this matter to several of her customers but she denied having said to anyone that she knew this to be OSWALD or that the man in question had made any statements about staying with friends in Houston or how long he had been in Houston. Mrs. HOLIMAN stated she may have associated this man with OSWALD because of the published accounts that OSWALD was from Fort Worth and had been in New Orleans, although she believed she associated OSWALD with this man because of the similarity in appearance.

On January 27, 1964, BOYD A. LARSEN, Manager, Northwest Office, Texas Employment Commission, 1806 Woodvine, made a thorough check of all records maintained by his office and stated there was no record of LEE HARVEY OSWALD having applied for work through his agency at any time. Mr. LARSEN telephonically checked with the downtown offices of the Texas Employment Commission and was advised that records of those offices had previously been thoroughly checked and no information pertaining to OSWALD had been located.

It is noted the Northwest Office of the Texas Employment Commission is located directly across Long Point Road from the Spring Branch Employment Service.