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HARVEY LAWILL WADE, 818 Donaldson Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee, employed as a building inspector in the City of East Ridge, Tennessee, furnished the following information.

WADE attended Southern Building Congress Convention, Dallas, Texas, November 10-14, 1963. He arrived the afternoon of November 10, 1963, and stayed at the Baker Hotel, Dallas. At 11:00 PM, November 10, 1963, WADE visited the Carousel Night Club alone and remained until 1:00 AM. The entertainment consisted of three strippers and emcee BILL DEMERIS (PH). A stripper wearing a platinum wig invited a customer to dance with her on the stage as part of her act at about 12:00 midnight. A Carousel employee, a young white male wearing a white waiter's jacket, took two flash photographs with a Polaroid-type camera. From the angle the photograph was taken, three men seated at the bar connected to the stage on the right side of the night club were connected to the photographer and the stage and possibly in the photographs. WADE believes one of these three men was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who was dressed in a coat-length jacket, light colored white dress shirt, open collar, no tie, and dark colored pants.

The person believed OSWALD was accompanied by two unknown men. The number one man is described as a white male, early twenties, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, long black hair, very fair pale complexion, and slender build. He had no unusual characteristics and wore a dark colored suit. He resembled OSWALD in appearance.

The number two man is described as a white male, 30-32 years old, 200 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches, stocky build, long black hair, dark complexion, oval face, and Mexican or Spanish in appearance. He had numerous bumps on his face and was believed to have a one-inch scar in the eyebrow of his left eye.

The customer on the stage with the stripper was a white male, 5 feet 10 inches, 35 years old, 180 pounds, flat-top dark hair, dress not recalled, and was at the table with one girl and three or four men.

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The waitress who waited on WADE and the three men in the group, including person believed to be OSWALD, is described as a white female, 37 or 38, 5 feet 1 inch, 110 pounds, black-grey hair shoulder length, ruddy complexion, and a very small face.

BILL DEMERIS, emcee, made the statement, following photographing, they were for blackmail purposes. JACK RUBY, manager, walked over to the photographer, talked to him, and yelled that the photographs did not turn out. The emcee had a memory skit. The person believed OSWALD and his two companions took part in the skit. The person believed OSWALD and friends were in the club when WADE arrived and still at the table at WADE's departure. WADE was seated within ten feet of the person believed OSWALD and his group. WADE alone did not see anyone during the visit known to him. He believes he could identify photographs of the men accompanying the person believed OSWALD.

The person believed OSWALD and his friends were not observed talking to anyone outside their group while at the club. He estimated 75 to 80 customers were present when he arrived and 25 or less when he departed. WADE had no further information.

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