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Mr. JOSEPH J. JOHNSON, employed by James W. Trout Printing, 417 Natchez, advised he currently resides at 4855 Feliciana Drive, New Orleans.

He said that LEE HARVEY OSWALD came into the shop in the late part of July, 1963, and requested 3,000 copies of a handbill at a special price. Mr. JOHNSON said they did not discuss price after OSWALD showed him a hand-written sample of the handbill he desired. Mr. JOHNSON continued that the sample furnished was written in pencil on cheap paper, which appeared to be brown wrapping paper. He said he recalls that a portion read, "Hands Off Cuba." He said OSWALD wanted delivery of the order on the following day. Mr. JOHNSON said he informed OSWALD at that point that he did not desire to do the job, whereupon OSWALD asked JOHNSON to recommend a shop. Mr. JOHNSON said he refused to make such a recommendation, and that OSWALD became annoyed and left. Mr. JOHNSON said he did not know where OSWALD went or even in what direction he traveled after leaving the shop.

He continued that OSWALD had not identified himself, but that he (JOHNSON) recalled OSWALD as the man with whom he spoke following the appearance of the photographs of OSWALD in the newspapers after the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mr. JOHNSON concluded by stating that he recalled OSWALD to have been dressed in a dirty brown khaki jacket and trousers. He said from all appearance, OSWALD was traveling on foot.

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CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR. appeared at the New Orleans Office November 24, 1963, in the company of his father. He stated he is 20 years of age, having been born November 5, 1943, and is a student at Delgado Trades School, and works part-time at Muller's Shell Service Station, Paris Avenue and Robert E. Lee Boulevard, New Orleans.

STEELE stated that on Friday, August 16, 1963, he took his girl friend, CHARLENE STOUFF, 2056 Brutus Street, New Orleans, to the Louisiana State Employment Service, for the purpose of her taking a typing test in connection with her application for employment by the Orleans Parish School Board. He stated he can fix this date specifically because his father was on active duty at Fort Polk, Louisiana, returning August 10, 1963, and he, CHARLES JR., left New Orleans August 21, 1963, for a visit to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He stated he knows that the date he went to the Louisiana State Employment Service was the Friday between August 10, and August 21, 1963.

STEELE related that while his girl friend was taking the typing test, he sat in the reception room waiting for her. He noted an individual talking to various people in the waiting room and overheard him asking an unidentified individual sitting next to STEELE if this person would be interested in making about \$2 by distributing some literature. The unidentified man told this person the job would require a few minutes at noon and the person sitting next to STEELE replied he had to be someplace at noon.

STEELE stated that this man who he believed gave him name as OSWALD, then approached him, STEELE, and asked if he would be interested in making \$2 for about 15 to 20 minutes work distributing leaflets. STEELE stated he agreed and arranged to meet this person at noon in front of the International Trade Mart building located at Camp and Gravier Streets. STEELE stated that he, STEELE, arrived first and OSWALD walked up with the leaflets in his hand and carrying a briefcase. STEELE stated OSWALD was accompanied by another person whom he described as a white male, 19 - 20 years of age, about 6 feet, slender build, dark hair, olive complexion. He could recall no further

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