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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Re: Interview of Dan Rather, CBS News Employee.

DUFF said he has seen many pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspapers and is positive he never saw this person. He claims he has a very good memory for faces, although not for names. He said many visitors, some of them "queer people," came to the General WALKER residence while he was working there, and he is quite sure none of the persons he saw there could have been OSWALD. He stated he has absolutely no information concerning OSWALD.

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy has advised that in a tape recording made available to the Commission by Dallas Radio Station KRLD an employee of CBS News, Dan Rather, is quoted as having told another newsmen that he saw Lee Oswald in the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, prior to November 22, 1963. The Commission requested that Mr. Rather be interviewed to determine if he did see Oswald in the Carousel Club and the circumstances under which such statement alleged by KRLD was made by him.

Concerning JACK RUBY, DUFF stated he has seen many photos of this man in the newspapers and again, he is positive he has never seen RUBY at any place and he has no information about him. He said he was never in RUBY's night club and knows nothing about him.

As provided to the Commission, Rather's alleged statement is quoted on a KRLD audio tape of November 24, 1963.

DUFF said that in about July, 1963, he was investigated and interviewed by Detectives of the Dallas Police Department in connection with the attempted shooting of General WALKER. He said he took a lie detector examination and was "completely cleared" as a result. At the time he was interviewed, he said he gave the Dallas Officers complete information as to all his friends, addresses, activities, etc.

On June 11, 1964, Dan I. Rather, 1725 34th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., employed by CBS News as a Correspondent in Washington, D. C., was apprized by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the above Oswald allegation.

DUFF stated he had no information concerning the attempted shooting of General WALKER, or the assassination of President KENNEDY.

He advised that he has never been at the Carousel Club; consequently, he could not have seen Oswald there. He reasoned that the allegation may have been attributed to him as a result of the following facts:

He was employed by CBS in Dallas and was working there on phases of that network's coverage of the assassination. After Oswald was shot and Ruby introduced into the assassination picture, he and a photographer went to the Carousel Club to obtain any news items. They found the club locked and never did gain entrance. He estimated this was Sunday, November 24, 1963, about 1 or 1:30 p.m.

While there, they observed another man trying to gain entrance who stated he was employed at the club and wanted to get his clothes which were inside. He also failed to get in the club.

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Recognizing a possible news interest, Rather identified himself and stated his purpose. He learned that his man's name was Bill DeMar (phonetic) and that DeMar said he was a master of ceremonies at the club with Ruby, his boss. In a filmed interview conducted outside the club, DeMar remarked to Rather to the effect that he thought he might have seen Oswald at the club sometime. At this point, according to Rather, DeMar's position on this observation of Oswald was one of uncertainty.

He asked DeMar to accompany them to KRLD's studio in Dallas where they could interview him "live" for television. Rather said that during this subsequent interview DeMar seemed more definite on this point of having seen Oswald at the club, leaving the impression that he was convinced he had seen Oswald at the club. DeMar did indicate to a direct question that he was not certain on the point but was strengthened in his belief because he felt he was somewhat of a memory expert.

Rather said that it was his personal opinion, and only opinion, that DeMar may have been lying in this respect. He explained that between the two interviews DeMar had changed from uncertainty to almost certainty as to having seen Oswald at the club. Rather felt DeMar saw a good opportunity for publicity and took advantage of it.

Rather said he believed that DeMar was immediately interviewed after his studio interview by various law enforcement officials.

Rather then reported the results of his interview with DeMar on a few occasions during that day on the CBS network. He pointed out that network coverage had practically completely pre-empted local coverage by KRLD. He suggested that late that same day or night when KRLD was affording local, as distinguished from national network, coverage of the assassination news, his reporting of DeMar's comments on observing Oswald at the Carousel Club may have been editorialized or misconstrued such that he was said to have seen Lee Oswald in the Carousel Club while, in fact, he was reporting that DeMar had indicated that he had seen Oswald in the club.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

On August 20, 1964, Andrew Armstrong, Jr., Apartment C, 3821 Dixon Street, a warehouse employee at Goodman Produce Company, 1000 South Central Expressway, Dallas, advised upon viewing photographs of both Bernard Weissman and J. D. Tippit that he had never seen either individual before at any time, including the date of November 14, 1963, at the Carousel Club. Armstrong stated that Jack Ruby had mentioned to him at the time of the radio broadcast about Officer Tippit being shot that he, Ruby, knew Tippit; however, Ruby subsequently mentioned to Armstrong that it was another Tippit that was shot, and not the one he knew.

On August 20, 1964, Karen Bennett Carlin, Apartment 2, 1054 West Allen Street, Fort Worth, Texas, advised upon viewing photographs of J. D. Tippit and Bernard Weissman that she had never seen either of these two men talking together or with Jack Ruby prior to the assassination of President Kennedy in November, 1963.

Carlin noted that after Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald on November 24, 1963, there was a man who worked at the Carousel Club in Dallas, where she worked as a strip-tease performer, who vaguely resembled the photograph of Bernard Weissman, and who worked taking cover charges and generally helping around the club. She stated she did not know this man's name, could not describe him, and did not know from where he came. She stated he was there at the club only a few nights, and she never did learn his name. She noted that she could not positively state that this person was Bernard Weissman, but he had a general appearance of Weissman. She further noted that it was very dark in the club and it was possible that she could be mistaken.