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Testimony of Clay Shaw

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1 CLAY L. SHAW,

2 the Defendant herein, having been first duly sworn,
3 was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. DYMOND:

6 Q Mr. Shaw, for the record, please state your
7 full name.

8 A Clay L. Shaw.

9 Q And you are the Defendant in these proceedings,
10 is that right, Mr. Shaw?

11 A Yes, I am the Defendant.

12 Q What is your age, Mr. Shaw?

13 A I am 55 years old.

14 Q Now, what is your educational background, Mr.
15 Shaw? What education have you had?

16 A I am a graduate of high school, I finished
17 Warren Easton High School in 1928.

18 Q Did you attend college subsequent to that?

19 A No, I did not.

20 Q After finishing high school, what did you do
21 by way of occupation?

22 A I worked for a period for the Western Union
23 Telegraph Company here in New Orleans.
24 Later I was transferred by them to New
25 York where I worked for them for some

1 years.

2 Q In what capacity was that, Mr. Shaw?

3 A I was a district manager for them, I managed
4 some 30 or 40 branch offices in Mid-
5 Manhattan.

6 Q And after that, sir?

7 A I was in the public relations and advertising
8 business for several years, and then went
9 into the Army in New York.

10 Q And in what year did you go into the Army,
11 sir?

12 A 1942.

13 Q And until what year did you remain in the Army?

14 A Until late 1945.

15 Q What was the nature of your discharge from
16 the Army, Mr. Shaw?

17 A An honorable discharge.

18 Q Now, subsequent to your Army service, what
19 did you then do?

20 A I returned to New Orleans where a group of
21 businessmen were planning to found an
22 international trade center. I talked to
23 this group and was offered the job as
24 Managing Director of the International
25 Trade Mart.

1 Q Did you accept that job?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And how long did you remain in that job, Mr.
4 Shaw?

5 A Nineteen years.

6 Q Until what year, sir?

7 A Until October 1, 1965.

8 Q And under what conditions did you leave that
9 job, that is, was it voluntarily or
10 otherwise?

11 A Oh, completely voluntarily, I resigned be-
12 cause I had other things I wanted to do.

13 MR. DYMOND:

14 May I have the photographs of Oswald and
15 Ferrie?

16 (Documents handed to Counsel by
17 the Clerk.)

18 BY MR. DYMOND:

19 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) Mr. Shaw,
20 I show you a photograph which has been
21 introduced in evidence and marked for
22 identification "State 1," purporting to
23 be a photograph of the late Lee Harvey
24 Oswald, and ask you whether you have ever
25 seen this man in person?

1 A No, I never have.

2 Q Have you ever, to your knowledge, been ac-
3 quainted with this man? Have you ever
4 talked to him?

5 A No, I never have.

6 Q Have you ever had any telephone conversations
7 with him?

8 A No.

9 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) I now show
10 you a photograph which has been marked
11 "S-19" and introduced in evidence, pur-
12 porting to be a photograph of Lee Harvey
13 Oswald, on which has been put a beard,
14 apparently in pencil, and I will ask you
15 whether you recognize that individual
16 from having ever seen him personally?

17 A No, I have never seen him.

18 Q To your knowledge, have you ever known this
19 man?

20 A No, I have not.

21 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) I now show
22 you, Mr. Shaw, a photograph which has
23 been marked for identification "State 3"
24 and introduced in evidence, purporting to
25 be a photograph of the late David W.

1 Ferrie, and I will ask you whether you
2 have ever known this man?

3 A No, I never have.

4 Q Have you ever seen this man in person?

5 A No.

6 Q Have you ever had a telephonic conversation
7 with this man?

8 A No, never.

9 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, prior to these proceedings
10 and the things preliminary thereto, have
11 you ever known a person by the name of
12 Perry Raymond Russo?

13 A No, I have never known Perry Raymond Russo.

14 Q Have you ever been to any party with this
15 man, where he was present?

16 A No, I never have.

17 Q Have you ever had any social or business con-
18 nection with him?

19 A No, never.

20 Q Have you ever been acquainted with him?

21 A No, I have not.

22 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, of course while you were in
23 the Military Service I would assume you
24 wore the regular uniform? Is that cor-
25 rect, sir?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q Since being discharged from the Military
3 Service, have you ever owned a hat?

4 A No, I have not.

5 Q Have you ever worn a hat?

6 A No, I have not.

7 Q Do you own a hat at the present time?

8 A No, I do not.

9 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever been in the Town of
10 Clinton, Louisiana?

11 A I have never been to Clinton, Louisiana.

12 Q Do you have any relatives who live there?

13 A Yes, I have a first cousin, who is married
14 to a Mr. Yarborough, and they live in
15 Clinton.

16 Q You say you personally have never been there?

17 A I have never been there.

18 Q Have you ever visited with this cousin else-
19 where?

20 A Oh, yes, I have seen them in Kentwood, which
21 is where our family come from, at
22 funerals and things of this sort, but
23 I have never been to Clinton.

24 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, are your mother and father
25 alive at this time?

1 A My mother is living, my father is dead.

2 Q When did your father die, sir?

3 A November 25, I believe, 1966.

4 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, where did your mother and
5 father reside while they were both
6 living?

7 A They lived when he was alive in Hammond,
8 Louisiana.

9 Q And where is your mother living now?

10 A She still lives in the same house in Hammond.

11 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever owned a black
12 Cadillac?

13 A No, I never have.

14 Q Have you ever owned a Cadillac?

15 A No, I have never owned a Cadillac.

16 MR. DYMOND:

17 May I have the photograph of this auto-
18 mobile?

19 (Photograph handed to Counsel
20 by the Clerk.)

21 BY MR. DYMOND:

22 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) Mr. Shaw,
23 I show you a photograph which has been
24 marked for identification "State 2," and
25 ask you whether you recognize the auto-

1 mobile depicted therein.

2 A The car is similar to one that was owned by
3 Mr. Jeff Biddison, who is a friend of
4 mine, but I cannot say with authority
5 that it is or is not.

6 Q Have you ever owned an automobile similar in
7 appearance to the automobile depicted in
8 this photograph?

9 A No, I never have.

10 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, you have testified that that
11 automobile appears to be similar to the
12 one owned by Mr. Biddison. Did you
13 ever borrow from Mr. Biddison the auto-
14 mobile which he had, which was similar
15 in appearance to the one depicted in
16 that photograph?

17 A Yes, I have.

18 Q When was that, if you recall, sir?

19 A In the fall of 1966.

20 Q During the year 1963 did you ever borrow that
21 automobile from Mr. Biddison?

22 A No, I did not.

23 Q At that time did you own an automobile?

24 A I did.

25 Q What kind was it, sir?

1 A It was a black Thunderbird convertible.

2 Q Would you say that it was similar in appear-
3 ance to the automobile the picture of
4 which I have shown you?

5 A Not at all.

6 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, referring to the period from
7 July into October of 1963, where were
8 you employed at that time, sir?

9 A I was Managing Director of the International
10 Trade Mart here in New Orleans.

11 Q Now, as Managing Director what were normally
12 your duties there at the Trade Mart?

13 A The managing of the building, the promotion
14 of trade, the handling of the various
15 activities that the Trade Mart undertook.
16 In general, I supervised the operations
17 of the building and the institution.

18 Q Now, was there anything unusual about the
19 duties which you had during the period
20 from July 8 until approximately October 8,
21 1963?

22 A Yes, there was. We were planning to build a
23 new International Trade Mart, which has
24 now been built. To do this it was neces-
25 sary we issue bonds which a New York

1 syndicate was to buy. A condition of
2 their buying these bonds, however, was
3 that during the period of approximately
4 July 8 to October 8 in 1963, we had to
5 obtain from potential tenants offers to
6 lease totalling an annual income of
7 \$1,425,000.00 a year, and this we had
8 to do within a period of 90 days.

9 Q Now, had you not succeeded in doing that,
10 what would have been the result?

11 A Had we not succeeded in doing that, there
12 would be no Trade Mart now at Canal
13 Street and the River.

14 Q Now, what was the nature of the work load as
15 a result of your being obliged to do
16 this within that given period, Mr. Shaw?

17 A It was extremely heavy; I have never worked
18 harder in my life than I did those three
19 months, and I have had some hard jobs.

20 Q During that time, Mr. Shaw, that is, the period
21 which you have mentioned, did you take any
22 trips out of New Orleans?

23 A To the best -- yes, I went to Hammond on one
24 occasion I recall.

25 Q What was that occasion?

1 A My father was not well, and in late September
2 I went one day to Hammond to visit with
3 him.

4 Q Now, on that one day did you have any contact
5 with your office here in New Orleans?

6 A Yes, my secretary telephoned me in Hammond
7 at my parents' house on that day concern-
8 ing a business matter.

9 Q Now, on that day did you have occasion to go
10 to any other town than Hammond, with the
11 exception of the towns which would be on
12 the way to Hammond?

13 A No, I did not.

14 Q Now, how did you get to Hammond upon that
15 occasion, Mr. Shaw?

16 A I do not recall exactly. Sometime I went by
17 train, there was an early morning train;
18 sometime I drove; I could not tell you now
19 six years later which way I went to
20 Hammond on that particular day.

21 Q Now, other than that trip, did you take any
22 trip out of New Orleans between July 8
23 and August 8, 1963?

24 A To the best of my recollection, no.

25 Q During that period, Mr. Shaw -- and with the

1 exception of this one day that you went
2 to Hammond -- were you absent from your
3 job at the Trade Mart on any work day?

4 A No, I was not.

5 Q And how many days a week were you working,
6 Mr. Shaw?

7 A The average work week was Monday through
8 Friday. However, during this extremely
9 busy period there were a number of
10 Saturdays when I worked as well.

11 Q Did Mr. Lloyd Cobb have anything to do with
12 this work?

13 A Mr. Lloyd Cobb was then the President of
14 International Trade Mart, it was ultimate-
15 ly his responsibility, and he supervised
16 and directed all of our activities during
17 this period.

18 Q Now, what was the nature of your contact with
19 Mr. Cobb during this period?

20 A Mr. Cobb and I were in very close touch at
21 least once a day either by telephone or
22 by actual personal conference.

23 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, do you recall the witness
24 Charles I. Spiesel who testified for the
25 State?

1 A Yes, I recall Mr. Spiesel.

2 Q To your knowledge, prior to his testifying
3 had you ever seen that man before in
4 your life?

5 A No, never.

6 Q Have you ever been in attendance at a party
7 where he was, in your life, to your know-
8 ledge?

9 A No.

10 Q Now, I assume, Mr. Shaw, that you heard Mr.
11 Perry Raymond Russo's testimony, did you
12 not, sir?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q Have you ever been at a party or a meeting
15 where Perry Raymond Russo was?

16 A I have not.

17 Q Have you ever been at a party or a meeting
18 where David Ferrie was? I have shown
19 you his photograph.

20 A Yes. I have not.

21 Q Have you ever been at a party or a meeting
22 where David Ferrie was in attendance?

23 I showed you his photograph.

24 A I have not.

25 (Reporter's Note: The above question was

1 twice propounded and twice answered,
2 apparently because of some small
3 courtroom disturbance not noted by
4 the Reporter.)

5 BY MR. DYMOND:

6 Q Have you ever attended any such party or a
7 meeting as was described by Perry Russo
8 from the witness stand?

9 A I have not.

10 Q Mr. Shaw, are you familiar with the general
11 location of Louisiana Avenue Parkway
12 in this City?

13 A Yes, I know where it is.

14 Q Now, more specifically referring to the resi-
15 dence 3330 Louisiana (Avenue) Parkway,
16 have you ever attended a party or a meet-
17 ing at that address?

18 A No, I never have.

19 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, do you recall the occasion of
20 President Kennedy's visiting New Orleans
21 before his assassination?

22 A Yes, I recall the occasion.

23 Q Did you have any official connection with that
24 visit?

25 A Yes, I was invited by Congressman Boggs to be a

1 member of the Reception Committee for
2 the President.

3 Q Did you serve on that Committee, sir?

4 A I did.

5 Q Would you describe for the Jury your duties
6 or your activities in connection with
7 that occasion.

8 A Well, this was 1962, if I am not mistaken,
9 and to the best of my recollection there
10 were a group of about 60 people who were
11 invited to serve on the Reception Com-
12 mittee. It was decided that a bus would
13 take this group to the airport to meet,
14 to welcome and receive President Kennedy.
15 Of this group some, I would guess, 14
16 people were to be in the limousines which
17 would follow the Presidential car from
18 the airport to the Nashville Avenue Wharf,
19 the remainder of the Reception Committee
20 would follow in the bus which was in the
21 motorcade.

22 Q And where did you ride?

23 A I rode in the bus.

24 Q Did you go to the airport in that bus?

25 A As I recall it, yes.

1 Q Did you go later to the Nashville Avenue
2 Wharf in that bus?

3 A We did.

4 Q Mr. Shaw, do you remember how you were
5 dressed on that occasion?

6 A I can't tell you the color of the suit and
7 the color of the tie, but I certainly was
8 dressed in a conservative business suit
9 with a tie on that occasion.

10 Q Did you have on tight pants, Mr. Shaw?

11 A No, I did not.

12 Q Have you ever worn tight pants?

13 A No, I have not.

14 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, prior to the President having
15 come here on that occasion, had you ever
16 met President Kennedy?

17 A Yes, I had met President Kennedy.

18 Q What was the occasion of your meeting President
19 Kennedy?

20 A To the best of my recollection, this would be
21 in the spring of 1962. Chep Morrison,
22 who had been for a great many years Mayor
23 of New Orleans, was appointed by President
24 Kennedy to be our Ambassador, that is,
25 the Ambassador of the United States to the

1 Organization of American States in
2 Washington. Mr. Morrison very kindly
3 invited me to be present in Washington
4 when he was sworn in by President Kennedy.
5 I accepted the invitation, of course, and
6 was present at the time when Mr. Morrison
7 was sworn in as Ambassador by President
8 Kennedy, and on that occasion met the
9 President.

10 Q Mr. Shaw, did you ever have any ill feelings
11 toward President Kennedy?

12 A Certainly not.

13 Q Were you a supporter of President Kennedy?

14 A I was.

15 Q Now, when you say "supporter," how did you
16 support him?

17 A Well, I voted for him.

18 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, I have shown you a photograph
19 of the late David W. Ferrie. Have you
20 ever in your life met with this man at a
21 filling station on Veterans Highway?

22 A No, I have not.

23 Q Have you ever met with this man any place?

24 A No, I have not.

25 Q Have you ever conversed with this man?

1 A No, I have not.

2 Q Mr. Shaw, were you present in court -- I am
3 sure you were, but do you recall the
4 testimony of Vernon Bundy?

5 A Yes, I recall that testimony.

6 Q Prior to the preliminary hearing in this case,
7 had you ever in your life seen Vernon
8 Bundy before?

9 A I had not.

10 Q Have you ever met with anyone on the lake
11 front sea wall in such a manner as was
12 described by Vernon Bundy?

13 A No, I have not.

14 Q Have you ever met with anyone, to your know-
15 ledge, on the lake front sea wall at all?

16 A Not to my recollection.

17 Q More specifically, have you ever met with Lee
18 Harvey Oswald on the lake front sea wall?

19 A No, I have not.

20 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, I have shown you a photograph
21 of Lee Harvey Oswald. Have you ever given
22 that man money in your life?

23 A No, certainly not.

24 Q Have you ever had any reason to want to give
25 him any money?

1 A No, I have not.

2 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever been a pro-Castro
3 man?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you ever engaged in any activities, to
6 your knowledge, which could be construed
7 as pro-Castro?

8 A No, I have not.

9 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, I take it you are familiar with
10 Moisant Airport here in New Orleans, are
11 you not, sir?

12 A Yes, I am familiar with it.

13 Q Are you familiar with a room known as the
14 VIP Room in Moisant Airport?

15 A No, I didn't know that room existed until this
16 trial.

17 MR. DYMOND:

18 May I have the book, please.

19 (Book handed to Counsel by the Clerk.)

20 BY MR. DYMOND:

21 Q (Exhibiting book to witness) Mr. Shaw, I show
22 you a book which has been marked for
23 identification "State-55," directing your
24 attention to the signature "Clay Bertrand"
25 which is written on the bottom page of

1 that book under the date December 14,
2 1966, and I ask you whether you at any
3 time wrote that name in that book.

4 A No.

5 Q Is that your signature, sir?

6 A No, it is not.

7 Q Is that your handwriting, that is, the portion
8 of it which does not constitute a signa-
9 ture?

10 A No, it is not.

11 Q To your knowledge have you ever signed your
12 name in any way in a book such as this
13 in the VIP Room of the Moisant Airport,
14 of Eastern Airlines?

15 A No, I never have.

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1 Q Mr. Shaw, do you know specifically where you
2 were on December 14, 1966?

3 A No, I do not.

4 Q At that time were you or were you not aware
5 of the fact that the name Clay Bertrand
6 had become important in connection with
7 the assassination of President Kennedy?

8 A No, I did not know it.

9 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, do you habitually travel by
10 commercial airline?

11 A No, I do not.

12 Q How do you ordinarily travel, sir?

13 A By train ordinarily.

14 Q When is the last time, to your knowledge and
15 recollection, that you used a commercial
16 airline for travel?

17 A I would say, and this is -- must be a guess
18 necessarily -- about ten years ago.

19 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, you took a trip to Europe in
20 the year 1966, did you not, sir?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q What means of transportation did you use in
23 connection with this trip?

24 A I sailed from New Orleans to Barcelona, from
25 the Port of New Orleans.

1 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever been known as Clay
2 Bertrand?

3 A No, I have not.

4 Q Have you ever been known as Clem Bertrand?

5 A No, I have not.

6 Q Have you ever used any alias or false name
7 at all during your life?

8 A No -- with this exception -- I, oh, in the
9 early Fifties, I wrote a play that was
10 produced here, and I used the name, the
11 pen name, Allen White.

12 Q Where did you get that name, Allen White?

13 A These are the maiden names of my two grand-
14 mothers.

15 Q I see, I see. Mr. Shaw, have you ever known
16 a person named Clay Bertrand?

17 A No, I have not.

18 Q Have you ever known a person by the name of
19 Clem Bertrand?

20 A No.

21 Q Have you ever received any mail addressed to a
22 Clem or Clay Bertrand?

23 A No.

24 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever been inside the Re-
25 publican Headquarters at any time, here

1 in New Orleans?

2 A Not to my recollection.

3 Q Have you ever been a Republican?

4 A No, I have not.

5 Q What is your voting affiliation, sir?

6 A I am Democratic.

7 Q Have you ever been other than a Democrat?

8 A No, I have not, no.

9 Q Mr. Shaw, did you take a trip to the West

10 Coast in November of 1963?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Would you tell us what precipitated that trip

13 to the West Coast.

14 A I was invited in early September to speak to

15 the Columbia Basin World Development

16 Conference in Portland, Oregon on

17 November 26. The Conference agreed they

18 would pay my expenses for the trip, and I

19 accepted the speaking engagement.

20 Q Approximately how early in September would you

21 say that this invitation came to you?

22 A May I refresh my memory?

23 Q Yes.

24 A (Referring to file) It came in the form of a

25 telephone call, and I would think the

1 telephone call was on September 8 or 9.

2 Q What leads you to believe that, Mr. Shaw?

3 A I base that on a letter received, dated
4 September 11, from the man who called me
5 in Portland confirming the conversation
6 and expressing his pleasure that I would
7 be able to be there.

8 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, would you tell us the route of
9 your trip that you took to Portland.

10 A Yes. I left -- I went from here to Los Angeles
11 where I stayed several days.

12 Q With whom did you stay there, sir?

13 A I stayed at a hotel. From Los Angeles I went
14 to San Francisco where I stayed several
15 days. I then proceeded to Portland. It
16 was decided to cancel the Conference be-
17 cause of the assassination of the Presi-
18 dent. However, I did speak to the
19 Rotary Club there on Tuesday, November 26.
20 I went from there to Chicago, where I
21 visited friends, and returned, to the best
22 of my knowledge, to New Orleans on
23 December 2.

24 Q Mr. Shaw, was this trip a cover up for any
25 assassination plot?

1 A No, certainly not.

2 Q Did you ever engage in any assassination plot
3 or assassination plan?

4 A No.

5 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever even jokingly or
6 casually talked about killing a president
7 of the United States?

8 A No, I most certainly have not.

9 Q Have you ever owned a maroon sport coat?

10 A No, to the best of my recollection I have
11 never owned a maroon sport coat.

12 Q Have you ever owned a black and white striped
13 coat?

14 A To the best of my recollection, no, I have
15 never owned a black and white striped
16 coat.

17 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, would you tell us what arrange-
18 ments, if any, you made pertaining to
19 your mail when you took your trip to
20 Europe in 1966.

21 A Again this must be to my best recollection.
22 Some of my mail came ordinarily to Mr.
23 Biddison's office, he handled some matters,
24 business matters, for me. I arranged with
25 him and with the tenant who occupied my

1 house -- to be exact, he arranged with
2 the tenant, if they would bring him every
3 few days any mail that had accumulated
4 at 1313 Dauphine Street, and he would
5 forward this, together with the mail that
6 came directly to his office. I also ad-
7 vised several people with whom I corres-
8 ponded with some frequency, that if they
9 wished to write me while I was in Europe,
10 they could write directly to Jeff
11 Biddison's house and he would forward
12 this mail as well.

13 Q Mr. Shaw, have you ever worked for the Central
14 Intelligence Agency?

15 A No, I have not.

16 Q Have you ever worked for any other Government
17 agency, other than your being in the
18 United States Army during the War?

19 A My Army service is the only Government service
20 I have ever done.

21 Q Mr. Shaw, did you conspire with Dave Ferrie
22 and Lee Harvey Oswald to murder John F.
23 Kennedy, the President of the United
24 States?

25 A No, I did not!

1 Q Did you ever at any time want President
2 Kennedy to die?

3 A Certainly not.

4 MR. DYMOND:

5 We tender the witness.

6 THE COURT:

7 Just a minute, Mr. Alcock.

8 Take the Jury upstairs. We are going

9 to take a ten-minute recess.

10 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

11 AFTER THE RECESS:

12 THE COURT:

13 The Jury has returned.

14 Are the State and the Defense ready to

15 proceed?

16 MR. DYMOND:

17 We are ready.

18 MR. ALCOCK:

19 Yes, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT:

21 Hold up for just a few seconds.

22 Sheriff, if there are some persons outside

23 that want to come in, tell them not to

24 create any racket at all, please.

25 All right, Mr. Alcock.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

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1
2 BY MR. ALCOCK:

3 Q Mr. Shaw, is it your testimony that your
4 arrangements for your speaking engage-
5 ment on the West Coast of the United
6 States were completed as early as the
7 8th or 9th of September of 1963?

8 A It is my testimony that I accepted an engage-
9 ment on the telephone on either
10 September 8 or the 9th, yes.

11 Q You feel that would be the latest date that
12 you could have accepted?

13 A I would say so. Since the only document I
14 have is a confirmation on September 11th,
15 this is my --

16 Q So you presume it was prior?

17 A It was a few days prior.

18 Q Therefore, in mid-September, 1963 you knew you
19 were going to the West Coast of the
20 United States in November of 1963? Is
21 that correct?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q Is there any particular reason why you left on
24 November 15?

25 A I had decided that I would take a two-week

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1 vacation in connection with this speaking
2 engagement in Oregon.

3 Q Did you have any other speaking engagements
4 on the West Coast?

5 A I spoke on -- I was scheduled to speak -- and
6 this was arranged much later -- I was
7 scheduled to speak on November 22nd to
8 the San Francisco World Trade Center,
9 a small meeting arranged by the Director
10 of the Center. Needless to say, at noon
11 of November 22nd no actual speech was
12 given. I did have lunch with a few of
13 the people who had turned up on this
14 occasion.

15 Q Now, how did the arrangements for that speech
16 come about?

17 A All by a telephone call.

18 Q By a telephone call from whom, if you recall?

19 A A Mr. Monroe Sullivan. May I refresh my
20 memory, please?

21 Q Certainly.

22 A (Referring to file) A Mr. Monroe Sullivan, who
23 is the Managing Director of the San
24 Francisco World Trade Center. I have a
25 telegram from him on the 13th confirming

1 that he is reserving a room for me,
2 arriving on the 21st in San Francisco.
3 My recollection is that a day or two be-
4 fore this we had talked on the telephone,
5 I had agreed to speak to the San Francisco
6 World Trade Center and had asked Mr.
7 Sullivan if he would be kind enough to
8 make a hotel reservation for me.

9 Q Do you recall when he first contacted you and
10 asked you to speak there?

11 A Some several days before the 13th, I would say
12 around November 10, to the best recollec-
13 tion I have.

14 Q Do you recall whether or not he precipitated
15 the arrangements for your speaking, or
16 did you request it?

17 A I did not request him, I did not tell him I
18 wanted to make a speech, no.

19 Q You did not tell him that?

20 A No.

21 Q Then I take it your testimony is that he
22 solicited you to speak? Is that correct?

23 A He telephoned me, yes.

24 Q Do you know, or did you know at that time, a
25 man by the name of Mario Bermudez?

1 A Yes, I do.

2 Q Do you know whether he had any contact or
3 connection with this particular arrange-
4 ment?

5 A He may well have.

6 Q In what regard?

7 A He may have talked to Mr. Sullivan, saying
8 that I was going to be on the West Coast.
9 This is possible; I don't know this of
10 my own knowledge or recollection.

11 Q Do you know whether or not he solicited this
12 speaking engagement on your behalf?

13 A I do not know of my own knowledge.

14 Q Had you had much contact with Mr. Bermudez at
15 this time?

16 A Indeed yes.

17 Q Would you recognize his signature if you saw
18 it?

19 A Yes, I would.

20 MR. ALCOCK:

21 What is my next number?

22 THE CLERK:

23 73.

24 BY MR. ALCOCK:

25 Q (Exhibiting document to witness) I am going to

1 show you a document which I have marked
2 for purposes of identification as "S-73,"
3 and I ask you if you recognize this docu-
4 ment.

5 A I do not recall seeing the document, but I
6 am sure it is authentic.

7 Q Do you recognize the signature?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Whose signature is that?

10 A This is Mr. Bermudez' way of signing letters.

11 (Whereupon, the document referred
12 to by Counsel was duly marked for
13 identification as "Exhibit State 73.")

14 BY MR. ALCOCK:

15 Q Have you read the document in its entirety?

16 A Yes, I have read it.

17 Q Does this document not reflect that Mr.

18 Bermudez solicited this speaking engage-
19 ment on your behalf?

20 MR. DYMOND:

21 Object, Your Honor. I think the document
22 speaks for itself, and we have no
23 objection to the Jury examining it.

24 MR. ALCOCK:

25 Your Honor, may I offer this in evidence?

1 MR. DYMOND:

2 No objection.

3 THE COURT:

4 No objection?

5 MR. DYMOND:

6 No.

7 THE COURT:

8 With no objection, you may. It is re-
9 ceived in evidence. You may read
10 it to the Jury if you wish.

11 MR. ALCOCK:

12 This is a document on the letterhead of
13 the City of New Orleans, Office of
14 International Relations, International
15 Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana,
16 Telephone 529-3349. It is dated
17 November 11, 1963, bearing the title
18 "Victor H. Schiro, Mayor" and also
19 "Mario Bermudez, Director."

20 This letter is directed to Mr. J. M.
21 Sullivan, Executive Director, World
22 Trade Center, Ferry Building,
23 San Francisco, California.

24 "Dear Mr. Sullivan:

25 "I tried to get in touch with you

1 by telephone today. Pending completion
2 of the call I am writing you on the
3 same subject I would like to discuss
4 with you.

5 THE COURT:

6 Mr. Alcock, with the competition you
7 have (referring to noise in the
8 courtroom) may I suggest that you
9 use the mike?

10 MR. ALCOCK:

11 Do you want me to sit down and read it?

12 THE COURT:

13 You can if you wish. I wish you would
14 start it over.

15 MR. ALCOCK:

16 Very well. I will start with the body
17 of the letter rather than re-
18 reading the heading. This letter
19 is addressed to Mr. J. M. Sullivan,
20 Executive Director, World Trade
21 Center, Ferry Building, San
22 Francisco, California.

23 "Dear Mr. Sullivan:

24 "I tried to get in touch with you
25 by telephone today, but pending completion

1 of the call I am writing you on the
2 same subject I would like to discuss
3 with you by telephone.

4 "Mr. Clay Shaw, Managing Director
5 of the International Trade Mart here in
6 New Orleans, is going to be in San
7 Francisco from November 21 to November 23,
8 and if you consider some local business
9 groups there would be interested, he
10 would be willing to address them on the
11 subject of our International Trade Mart
12 and his experience in founding the
13 present one and promoting new trade for
14 the new building which is just starting
15 construction, and the effect of the Mart
16 on international trade for the Port of
17 New Orleans.

18 "I look forward to hearing from you
19 in this regard, or, if you wish, you could
20 contact Mr. Shaw directly, International
21 Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana,
22 Telephone Number 523-6137.

23 "Meanwhile, with kindest regards,
24 I am,

25 "Sincerely yours,

"Mario Bermudez."

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2 BY MR. ALCOCK:

3 Q Now, Mr. Shaw, do you recall whether or not
4 you had spoken to Mr. Sullivan before
5 this solicitation for this speaking
6 engagement by Mr. Bermudez?

7 A I think not.

8 Q Then may I take it that rather than Mr.
9 Sullivan directly soliciting you, Mr.
10 Bermudez on your behalf solicited him
11 for a speaking engagement on November 22,
12 1963?

13 A This is six years ago and it is very difficult
14 to recall exactly how the matter came
15 about. My best recollection is a tele-
16 phone call from Mr. Sullivan asking if I
17 would speak there.

18 Q Did you know that -- sorry, go ahead.

19 A That is my recollection.

20 Q You have identified the signature on this
21 letter?

22 A That is correct, it is Mr. Bermudez' signature.
23 It is unique.

24 Q Do you have any question as to the authenticity
25 of the letter?

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

1 A No question at all. He may very well have
2 been working along these lines.

3 Q Do you recall speaking to Mr. Bermudez and
4 requesting him to line up a speaking en-
5 gagement for November 22, 1963?

6 A I do not recall any such conversation.

7 Q To your knowledge, do you recall discussing
8 this letter with Mr. Sullivan?

9 A No, I do not recall discussing it.

10 Q Now, you went from New Orleans to Los Angeles?

11 Is that correct?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q Were you travelling with anyone?

14 A No, I was travelling alone.

15 Q And who, if anyone, did you see in Los Angele?

16 A Several friends. I stayed at the Biltmore.

17 I saw several friends, personal friends.

18 I also met with a group in Los Angeles
19 who were interested in building a new
20 World Trade Center for Los Angeles, and
21 Mr. Fred Vanderhurst is the name --

22 V-a-n-d-e-r-h-u-r-s-t, I believe. Let
23 me be sure. (Referring to file)

24 V-a-n-d-e-r-h-u-r-s-t. The first name
25 is Fred.

1 Q Could you tell us the names of other indi-
2 viduals you met with in Los Angeles?

3 A There were several associates of Mr.
4 Vanderhurst. It is six years, I don't
5 recall the names.

6 Q You don't recall anyone else you met?

7 A Oh, personal friends?

8 Q Personal friends.

9 A Yes, a Mr. Judson O'Donnell, a Mr. Val Dufour,
10 a cousin of mine Faye Hogan, a Mr. Phil
11 Jones. This is what I recall.

12 Q Approximately how long did you remain in
13 Los Angeles?

14 A From, I would say, November 18 until the
15 evening of November 20.

16 Q Then I take it you went to San Francisco from
17 Los Angeles, is that correct?

18 A That is correct, I took the overnight train,
19 the Lark, on the evening of the 20th,
20 arriving in San Francisco --

21 Q Did any of these people accompany you to
22 San Francisco?

23 A They did not, I went alone.

24 Q And where did you stay in San Francisco?

25 A At the St. Francis Hotel.

1 Q And did you contact any personal friends
2 while you were in San Francisco?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q And what were their names?

5 A A Mr. Dondson, D-o-n-d-s-o-n, a Mr. Jim
6 Dondson, and a Mr. -- these people live
7 or this person lived -- a Mr. Charles
8 Walton, who lived in Mill Valley, which
9 is a suburb of San Francisco; a Mr. John
10 Iacometti, I-a-c-o-m-e-t-t-i.

11 Q Any others?

12 A Those are all I recall at the moment.

13 Q Did you actually make a speech at all?

14 A In San Francisco?

15 Q Yes.

16 A No.

17 Q Do you know whether or not you made any long
18 distance calls back to New Orleans from
19 San Francisco?

20 A I may have. The afternoon of the President's
21 assassination I think I called my office.

22 Q Did you call anyone else, to your knowledge?

23 A No.

24 Q You made only one long distance call?

25 A To the best of my recollection I called only

1 my office.

2 Q And did you remain in San Francisco --

3 A I must correct that: Either that day or the
4 next day I believe I telephoned the man
5 in charge of arrangements in Portland,
6 and my recollection is he said, "We
7 don't know, but come on up anyhow."

8 Q I see.

9 A Aside from that I don't recall making any
10 telephone, long distance telephone calls.

11 Q And when did you actually leave San Francisco?

12 A To the best of my knowledge I left on the
13 evening of the 24th, arriving -- again
14 overnight -- arriving in Portland on the
15 morning of the 25th.

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1 Q You gave a speech on the 26th? Is that correct?

2 A Yes. I had been scheduled to give a speech
3 on the 26th to a combination meeting of
4 the Rotary Club and the Columbia Valley
5 World Trade Development Council. Since,
6 however, that was cancelled, I gave the
7 speech only to the Rotary Club on Monday.

8 Q And after leaving Portland where did you go?

9 A I went over by train to Chicago, arriving
10 there on Thanksgiving Day which would be
11 the 28th.

12 Q And did anyone accompany you from Portland to
13 Chicago?

14 A No, no one. I stayed with friends in Chicago.

15 Q What were their names?

16 A Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke.

17 Q And you arrived back in New Orleans on what
18 date?

19 A To the best of my recollection, Tuesday,
20 December 2.

21 Q To your knowledge, Mr. Shaw, do you know anyone
22 who knew David Ferrie rather well?

23 A To my knowledge, no.

24 Q Do you know a man by the name of Layton
25 Martens?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you know that he was a roommate of David
3 Ferrie on November 22, 1963?

4 A I have been told that, yes.

5 Q Do you know a man by the name of Dante
6 Marachini?

7 A No, do not.

8 Q Do you know a man by the name of James
9 Lewallen?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you know that he knew David Ferrie quite
12 well?

13 A No, I did not.

14 Q To your knowledge, have you ever been to the
15 New Orleans Lake Front Airport?

16 A Yes, I have been there.

17 Q Would you say you went there frequently?

18 A Very, very infrequently.

19 Q Do you recall having gone out there at all in
20 the year 1963?

21 A To the best of my recollection, no.

22 Q Do you recall, to the best of your recollection,
23 when you went out there?

24 A No, I do not, but I would say over the past
25 ten years maybe on two or three occasions

- 1 I have been there.
- 2 Q Do you know a man by the name of Kerry
3 Thornton?
- 4 A No, I do not.
- 5 Q Do you know a man by the name of Jack Sawyer?
- 6 A Yes, I know Jack Sawyer.
- 7 Q Where do you know Mr. Sawyer from?
- 8 A He is a friend of mine. He is with a TV
9 station here, the Director.
- 10 Q How long have you known Mr. Sawyer?
- 11 A Five years possibly, maybe six.
- 12 Q Mr. Shaw, do you know anyone that lives in
13 North Carolina?
- 14 A Yes, several people.
- 15 Q Can you give us their names?
- 16 A Yes. Mrs. May Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
17 Procter(?), Mr. Williams Norman Devalle (?),
18 Mrs. John Laos (?). I can give you a
19 further list if you want.
- 20 Q In other words, you know additional people from
21 that area?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q You go to North Carolina quite frequently?
- 24 A I have in the past, yes, sir, not recently.
- 25 Q Mr. Shaw, did you ever own the building 906

1 Esplanade?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q When did you own that building?

4 A Again my memory must serve me, but I bought
5 it in 1949 or '50 and owned it for
6 about three years.

7 Q Did you ever own 908 Esplanade?

8 A Yes, I have.

9 Q And when did you own 908 Esplanade?

10 A Again I must work from memory. I would say
11 I bought 908 in about 1958 possibly, and
12 sold it in about '62 or '63, but this is
13 to the best of my memory.

14 Q Is it possible that you owned that address in
15 the summer of 1963?

16 A No, I did not own either of the buildings, I
17 feel reasonably sure, in the summer of
18 '63. Wait just a moment. I may have.
19 No, I did not. I would have to check my
20 real estate records, but I think not.

21 Q Do you recall when the Jury and yourself and
22 the witness Mr. Spiesel went down to the
23 French Quarter, whether or not he went
24 to either of these addresses?

25 A Yes, sir, Mr. Spiesel went to 906 Esplanade.

- 1 Q Mr. Spiesel went to 906 Esplanade?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And you had owned that property at one time?
- 4 Is that correct?
- 5 A That is right, but I sold it 16 years ago.
- 6 Q Now, where is your property in relation to
- 7 906 and 908 Esplanade?
- 8 A In relation to 906, my property fronts on
- 9 Dauphine Street and is adjacent to the
- 10 rear of 906 Esplanade.
- 11 Q Does your courtyard abut on the 906 property?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Does it also abut on the 908 property?
- 14 A No, it does not.
- 15 Q Have you ever lived at either 906 or 908
- 16 Esplanade?
- 17 A I lived at 906 Esplanade; I have not lived
- 18 at 908 Esplanade.
- 19 Q And when was that that you lived at 906?
- 20 A Sometime between 1950 and '52, in that area.
- 21 Q In the summer of 1963 did you know any of the
- 22 tenants either in 908 or 906 Esplanade?
- 23 A 908 of course I knew, I know Mr. and Mrs.
- 24 Mouton who owned the building, I may have
- 25 known several of the tenants there. My

1 recollection is that I did not know any
2 tenants in 906.

3 Q Having owned both pieces of property, are they,
4 to your recollection, very similiar from
5 the outside?

6 A Yes, as a matter of fact. They were built for
7 sisters naturally originally, and they
8 have a certain similiarity from the ex-
9 terior.

10 Q Is the interior entranceway to both apartments
11 similar, to the best of your knowledge?

12 A Yes, they both have a small vestibule and a
13 large entrance hall, as I recall it.

14 Q Do you know whether or not as a matter of fact
15 both apartments in order to gain entrance
16 require the party to ring the bell and
17 then the one in the apartment to ring a
18 buzzer to open the door?

19 A I can't testify to the present condition. When
20 I owned the building this was the case.

21 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) I am going
22 to show you an exhibit which I have marked
23 for purposes of identification as "State
24 74," and I ask you if you recognize the
25 scene depicted in this picture?

1 A This would appear to be the -- as I recall it
2 from my visit with Mr. Spiesel, this is
3 the hallway at 906.

4 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) I am going
5 to show you an exhibit which I have marked
6 for purposes of identification as "State-
7 75," and I ask you if you recognize the
8 scene depicted in this picture.

9 A Yes, this appears to represent the entrance
10 hall at 908 Esplanade.

11 THE COURT:

12 What is that?

13 THE WITNESS:

14 908 Esplanade.

15 BY MR. ALCOCK:

16 Q (Exhibiting photograph to witness) Now I am
17 going to show you an exhibit which I
18 have marked for purposes of identification
19 as "S-76," and ask you if you recognize
20 the scene depicted in that picture?

21 A I am not sure, because my visit with Mr.
22 Spiesel was the only one I have made to
23 this hallway in a long time, but this is
24 probably another view of the hallway at
25 906.

1 (Whereupon, the documents referred
2 to by Counsel were duly marked for
3 identification as "Exhibit State 74,
4 75," and "Exhibit State 76.")

5 BY MR. ALCOCK:

6 Q Now, can you tell us more specifically, if you
7 can, when you last owned the property at
8 908 or had any business dealings with
9 the property at 908?

10 A I sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Moae, M-o-a-e, in
11 1963 or '64.

12 Q And if your recollection is correct, you owned
13 that property in the summer of 1963?

14 A I may well have. I cannot testify to that
15 without looking up the records.

16 Q But you can testify with certitude that your
17 property more or less forms the complex
18 with 906 and 908 Esplanade?

19 A No, it forms -- it is part -- well, to be pre-
20 cise, my property was originally the
21 carriage house for 906, therefore it abuts
22 906. It does not touch at any point 908.

23 Q I see. Do you recall, Mr. Shaw, when Mr.
24 Spiesel on the witness stand was making
25 a drawing of the interior of the apartment

1 where he alleged that the conversation
2 took place?

3 A Yes, I recall that.

4 Q You recall that. Do you recall whether or
5 not you had occasion to look at that
6 drawing?

7 A Yes, I saw it.

8 Q Do you recall making any notations on that
9 drawing, or any corrections or deletions
10 to that drawing?

11 A I don't recall it.

12 Q Do you recall calling Mr. Dymond over to you
13 while he had that drawing, and discussing
14 the drawing with him?

15 A I may well have.

16 Q What was the purpose of that?

17 A I think it was to look at this and see if I
18 recognized this as resembling any apart-
19 ment that I had known.

20 Q Did it?

21 A No, it did not.

22 Q Who is Eleanor Barras (?) ?

23 A Eleanor Barras? I have never met Mrs. Barras.
24 I am told that -- can I say what I have
25 been told?

- 1 Q No, you can't say what you have been told.
- 2 A I don't know Mrs. Barras, no.
- 3 Q Do you know whether or not, of your own know-
4 ledge, she lived in either one of these
5 locations?
- 6 A Not of my own knowledge.
- 7 Q Do you of your own knowledge know where Mr.
8 Dymond might have gotten the name
9 Eleanor Barras?
- 10 A Yes, I gave it to him.
- 11 Q You gave it to him?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q You have never met the person?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q And you gave him the name?
- 16 A That is correct.
- 17 Q That is when Mr. Spiesel was testifying?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q Is this before or after you looked at the
20 drawing?
- 21 A I don't recall really.
- 22 Q For what reason did you give him the name?
- 23 A I can scarcely answer that without telling
24 you what I have been told about Mrs.
25 Barras.

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THE COURT:

I think you are dangerously treading on the lawyer-client privilege, what he tells his attorney. There is no objection made by Mr. Dymond.

MR. DYMOND:

Your Honor, we have nothing to hide.

On that we don't claim any lawyer-client privilege. I wouldn't want him testifying to hearsay though.

MR. ALCOCK:

I think that is what he was referring to, the possibility of hearsay.

THE WITNESS:

That is correct.

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Q Did you recognize, Mr. Shaw, whether or not there had been any structural changes in 906 when you were in there with Mr. Spiesel and the jury?

A I really was not in a position to observe that carefully. It was crowded. My own memories of the building go back to 1952, 16 years. I know I sold it. I couldn't really testify with any accuracy as to

1 whether the new owner had made any
2 structural changes.

3 Q Do you know whether or not there had been any
4 structural changes made in 908?

5 A To the best of my knowledge, not. I know the
6 people who own it and they have never
7 really mentioned to me doing any major
8 structural changes, but I cannot with
9 certainty testify to my own knowledge
10 that there have not been.

11 Q How far is Kentwood from Clinton, Louisiana?

12 A I do not really know, I would have to guess.
13 I never made the trip, I have only seen
14 it on the maps. I would guess 60 to 100
15 miles.

16 Q Do you know of your own knowledge whether or
17 not Mr. Cobb, Mr. Lloyd Cobb, owns any
18 property in the Clinton area?

19 A I know that Mr. Cobb owns a very large farm
20 in St. Francisville, which I believe is
21 quite near Clinton.

22 Q Quite what?

23 A Quite near Clinton, I believe.

24 Q Have you ever been to that farm?

25 A Yes, I have.

1 Q When did you go to the farm?

2 A Oh, during the past ten years I may have been
3 there three times. I might explain that
4 a little further, that Mr. Cobb is a
5 breeder of Black Angus cattle, and once
6 a year he had rather a big party to
7 celebrate a stock sale, and I was
8 generally invited to this party and
9 sometimes went and sometimes did not.
10 I would say maybe three times.

11 Q Do you recall whether or not it was necessary
12 for you to go through the Town of Clinton
13 to get to the Cobb's home?

14 A My recollection is not, one goes to Baton
15 Rouge, directly up to St. Francisville
16 and turn right, and Mr. Cobb's farm lies
17 just -- east I suppose of St. Francisville.
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1 Q When is the last time that you were at this
2 location?

3 A Let's see. It was the year that Mr. Kennedy
4 ran for the Presidency -- do you remember
5 that? -- 1960 I believe it was, 1960.

6 Q That would have been the last time that you
7 were there?

8 A That would be, that would be, to the best of
9 my recollection.

10 Q On the occasions that you were at Mr. Cobb's
11 farm, did you see your cousin Yarborough?

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q To your knowledge, do you know whether your
14 cousin knows Mr. Cobb or not?

15 A To my certain knowledge I do not know, but I
16 would certainly presume since neither
17 ever mentioned to me knowing the other,
18 they do not.

19 Q Do you recall giving a press conference on
20 March 2, 1967, which would have been the
21 day after your arrest, wherein you re-
22 ferred to Lee Harvey Oswald as "Harvey
23 Lee Oswald"?

24 A I recall the press conference, yes.

25 Q Do you recall having called Lee Harvey Oswald

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"Harvey Lee Oswald"?

A Yes, I think I did make that mistake.

Q Was there any particular reason why you put
the name Harvey first?

A No, purely a mistake.

Q Mr. Shaw, do you know any of the persons who
testified from Clinton, Louisiana?

A No, I have never met any of them.

Q I take it then you don't know of any bitter-
ness between yourself and them?

A No, I do not.

Q Now, when you went to Europe in 1966, I believe
the summer of 1966, is it your testimony
that you did not execute a change of
address?

A To the best of my recollection, I did not. I
did execute one on my return.

Q You did execute one on your return?

A (The witness nodded affirmatively.)

Q Will you explain that?

A Yes. I told a number of correspondents if they
wanted to write me in Europe they could
write me to Jeff Biddison at 1414 and he
would forward the mail. When I returned
and moved back to my own house, it seemed

1 simpler to make the change of address
2 from 1414 back rather than write every-
3 body.

4 Q You mean you made a change of address from
5 1414 Chartres back to 1313, when your
6 testimony is you never issued a change
7 of address from 1313 to 1414?

8 A Best of my recollection is that I had not.

9 Q But you did and do recall making a change of
10 address back from 1414 to 1313, is that
11 correct?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q And yet you do not recall executing the original
14 change of address?

15 A I do not.

16 Q Now, where were you standing on the Nashville
17 Street Wharf when the President spoke?

18 A Toward the rear of the crowd.

19 Q Toward the rear of the crowd?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you hear Perry Russo testify that he saw
22 you standing toward the rear of the crowd?

23 A I did.

24 Q And with whom were you standing?

25 A To my recollection no one.

1 Q By yourself?

2 A Well, there were people around me. I was not
3 with anyone, in that sense.

4 Q Weren't you on the Reception Committee?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Did you separate from the Reception Committee?

7 A The Reception Committee, only about five were
8 invited to go onto the platform, the rest
9 of us were left to fend for ourselves.

10 Q I see. Then you did not position yourself next
11 to any of the Reception Committee during
12 the speaking of the President?

13 A Not to -- I don't recall -- not to the best of
14 my recollection.

15 Q Do you recall whether or not any man was stand-
16 ing next to you approximately your size?

17 A I don't recall.

18 Q But you do recall standing toward the rear of
19 the crowd? Is that correct?

20 A Three-quarters of the way back perhaps.

21 Q Do you recall whether or not you had occasion
22 at that time to look around at any of the
23 spectators in the crowd?

24 A I may well have, I was interested in seeing
25 their reactions to the President's speech.

- 1 Q Rather than watching the President speak?
- 2 A I watched the President, too.
- 3 Q I take it then that by that statement that
- 4 you did observe other people while the
- 5 President was speaking?
- 6 A Yes, that is correct.
- 7 Q Can you recall what you wore on that day?
- 8 A I wore a business suit and a tie; I cannot tell
- 9 you the color of either six years later.
- 10 Q Have you ever told anyone that you used the
- 11 name Clay Bertrand?
- 12 A I have never told anyone that I have used the
- 13 name Clay Bertrand.
- 14 Q Have you ever heard of the name of Clay
- 15 Bertrand prior to this case?
- 16 A I have never heard of the name Clay Bertrand
- 17 prior to this case.
- 18 Q Had you ever met Dean Andrews prior to this
- 19 case?
- 20 A I had never met Dean Andrews prior to this
- 21 case.
- 22 Q Do you recall at any time negotiating with
- 23 Mr. Gordon Novel for space in the new
- 24 International Trade Mart?
- 25 A Not so much as I negotiated with...

1 Novel.

2 Q Do you recall who his attorney was?

3 A I don't recall.

4 Q Do you recall whether he had an attorney?

5 A Yes, he did.

6 Q You don't recall his name?

7 A It may have been Dean Andrews.

8 Q It may have been Dean Andrews?

9 A May have been.

10 Q Well, are you sure or not sure?

11 A No, I am not sure.

12 Q What did the man look like?

13 A I never met the attorney.

14 Q Why do you say it may have been Dean Andrews?

15 A Because I recall his mentioning the name I

16 believe.

17 Q How long did these negotiations go on?

18 A Well, they went on for a good deal of time

19 over quite a long period. Gordon Novel

20 was interested in acquiring the concession

21 for the -- what is now the Top of the Mart,

22 and I kept telling him that he was prema-

23 ture, that we were not yet ready to enter

24 into any kind of lease or agreement for

25 that, and that he came in to see me quite

1 often. As a matter of fact, he had
2 come in to see me before that, because
3 on a number of occasions he had wanted
4 to stage an International Trade Fair
5 which the Trade Mart was sponsoring.

6 Q And throughout these negotiations he was
7 represented by an attorney?

8 A Not, no, the negotiations for the Trade Fair
9 were simply a matter of his coming in
10 and saying, Look, why don't we do this,
11 and generally it turned out that the
12 Trade Mart would underwrite it and Mr.
13 Novel would make the money. That was
14 the usual discussion.

15 Q How many times was the name Dean Andrews
16 mentioned to you?

17 A I don't recall. I think at one period he
18 brought a formal proposal to me. Now we
19 are talking about the Top of the Mart --

20 Q Yes.

21 A -- in the new building, and he may at that
22 time have said it was drawn by his
23 attorney Dean Andrews, or Mr. Andrews'
24 name may have appeared on the documents.

25 Q You don't recall whether as a matter of fact

1 Dean Andrews ever physically accompanied
2 him in your presence?

3 A To the best of my recollection, no, he did
4 not.

5 Q In connection with your employment as Managing
6 Director of the International Trade Mart,
7 did you have occasion to meet dignitaries
8 coming into town very often?

9 A Yes, that was part of my job.

10 Q Did you have occasion to go to the Moisant
11 International Airport in connection with
12 that job?

13 A Quite often.

14 Q And it is your testimony you never heard of
15 a VIP Room in the airport?

16 A No, my testimony was I never heard of Eastern
17 Airport's. The other VIP Room was then
18 maintained by the airport itself.

19 Q You just didn't hear of Eastern's?

20 A I didn't know Eastern had a private lounge at
21 all.

22 Q Did you at any time go into the VIP Room, that
23 is, the airport's VIP Room?

24 A Yes, on several occasions.

25 Q Do they have a guest register there?

1 A I have no recollection of one.

2 Q Do you ever recall signing one?

3 A I don't recall. This was many -- some years
4 ago.

5 Q Do you recall when we were out in front of
6 906 and 908 Esplanade Street with the
7 Jury and Mr. Spiesel, and when you
8 arrived with your attorneys and were
9 standing in front of the building that
10 is 906 and 908, do you recall having made
11 the statement, "Let's go stand on the
12 neutral ground, let's don't stand in
13 front of these buildings"?

14 A That is right.

15 Q You made that statement?

16 A Yes.

17 Q For what reason?

18 A Because I wanted to go stand on the neutral
19 ground.

20 Q That is the only reason?

21 A Yes.

22 Q It wasn't because you did not want to call
23 anybody's attention to those buildings?

24 A No.

25 Q Was there anything particularly irritating

1 about standing in front of those build-
2 ings?

3 A No.

4 Q But you just wanted to get away from them?

5 A That is right.

6 Q Now, in the summer of 1963 did you have a
7 roommate?

8 A In the summer of 1963, I think not.

9 Q Did you have a maid?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What was her name?

12 A Virginia Johnson.

13 Q Do you recall whether or not she was with you
14 the entire summer of 1963?

15 A I don't recall when she left. Wait a minute.
16 She left me after Betsy. Will you tell
17 me when Betsy was? Does anyone remember?

18 Q I can't recall, '65 I think.

19 A Well, she was with me until Betsy. Yes, she
20 was with me throughout the summer of '63.

21 Q I take it then she was with you in the fall
22 of '63? Is that correct?

23 A To the best of my recollection, yes.

24 Q What were her working hours?

1 the house, fixed dinner for me and left
2 after serving dinner.

3 Q After serving dinner?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q When did you generally eat, what time?

6 A Did you say when or what?

7 Q What time.

8 A Oh, generally 6:30, if I had guests a little
9 later.

10 Q Have you seen her lately?

11 A No, I have not.

12 Q Other than this one occasion that you described
13 on direct examination, that is, the occa-
14 sion where you borrowed Mr. Biddison's
15 Cadillac automobile to go to Hammond, do
16 you recall ever driving an automobile of
17 a similar nature on any other occasions?

18 A No, I do not.

19 Q Do you recall borrowing anyone else's automobile
20 other than that one occasion you borrowed
21 Mr. Biddison's car?

22 A Not to the best of my recollection.

23 Q Did the Trade Mart, that is, the corporation,
24 if that is what it is, have any automobiles
25 itself?

1 A No, they did not own an automobile.

2 Q Do you know Mr. James Hardiman? That is the
3 postman that testified in this case.

4 A Only from seeing him in the courtroom.

5 Q I take it then that you know of no dispute
6 between yourself and Mr. Hardiman?

7 A Not at all.

8 Q Do you know Mrs. Jessie Parker?

9 A I have only seen her in the courtroom.

10 Q Do you know of any dispute or any hard feel-
11 ings between yourself and Mrs. Parker?

12 A Nothing, nothing, nothing.

13 Q Mr. Shaw, did you have the limp that you have
14 today, in 1963?

15 A Did I have what?

16 Q The limp that you have today, in 1963.

17 A I have had a back condition, extruded disc
18 from injuries received in the Army, since
19 my discharge in 1946. It is a condition
20 that sometimes makes me limp, sometimes
21 it does not. To answer your question, I
22 probably had it in 1963.

23 Q And prior to this case I think it is your
24 testimony that you have not known Vernon
25 Bundy? Is that correct?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q You know of no difficulty between yourself
3 and Vernon Bundy?

4 A None. I never met the man.

5 Q Had you ever seen Perry Russo prior to this
6 case?

7 A Prior to the case?

8 Q (Counsel nodded affirmatively.)

9 A No.

10 Q Do you know whether or not, as a matter of
11 your own knowledge, there is a Trade Mart
12 in the City of Dallas, Texas?

13 A Yes, I know that.

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1 Q Can you tell me approximately when this came
2 to your knowledge?

3 A I would think in 1959 or '60.

4 Q Did you know as a matter of fact that
5 President Kennedy was due to speak on
6 November 22, 1963 at the International
7 Trade Mart in Dallas, Texas?

8 A It is not the International Trade Mart.

9 Q Well, the Trade Mart?

10 A No, I did not know it.

11 Q You did not know it?

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q Do you recall where you filed the cancella-
14 tion change of address with the United
15 States Post Office?

16 A I don't recall whether I dropped it in the box,
17 gave it to the postman, or brought it to
18 the Post Office.

19 Q Do you recall whether or not this cancellation
20 of change of address was to become
21 effective on September 21, 1966?

22 A That is my recollection.

23 Q Do you recall how you returned to your home
24 from the Nashville Street Wharf on the
25 occasion of President Kennedy's speaking

1 there?

2 A After the completion of the President's speech,
3 those members of the Reception Committee
4 who were not in the limousines or the
5 motorcade, those of us riding in the bus
6 were taken with the motorcade to City
7 Hall and President Kennedy spoke from the
8 second floor balcony, I suppose one would
9 call it, in the City Hall to a considera-
10 ble crowd which was gathered in Duncan
11 Plaza, and after that I proceeded -- the
12 President left immediately after that
13 speech, and I proceeded, on foot I suppose,
14 back to the Trade Mart.

15 Q I take it then that you at some time during
16 the course of this speech or directly
17 thereafter, when he was speaking on the
18 wharf, reunited yourself with the members
19 of the Committee, is that correct?

20 A At the conclusion of his speech we all returned
21 to the bus.

22 Q You give no particular reason why you didn't
23 watch the proceedings with these members
24 of the Committee?

25 A Well, I think they all split up, we disinte-

1 grated, you know, with the understanding
2 that we were to go back, go with the bus
3 to City Hall to hear the President speak.

4 Q Were you present in the International Trade
5 Mart on the date that Lee Harvey Oswald
6 distributed Fair Play to Cuba Committee
7 leaflets in front of the Trade Mart?

8 A Yes, I was.

9 Q Do you recall whether or not you had any part
10 in this distribution?

11 A I can tell you what happened. It was I believe
12 in the afternoon. Someone came in, told
13 me some, in quotes, "some nut" was
14 distributing leaflets in front of the
15 Trade Mart, and I said, "All right." I
16 will come down and look at it, look into
17 it." I got a telephone call which de-
18 layed me, a long distance call which de-
19 layed me for some minutes, and by the
20 time I got downstairs in front of the
21 Trade Mart Mr. Oswald was gone, presuma-
22 bly taken by the Police, and the TV men
23 were packing up their cameras. I asked
24 somebody what happened, and they said
25 this fellow was handing out leaflets.

1 Q Do you recall giving the handwriting samples
2 that were used in this case, do you re-
3 call making those samples?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Where were they made?

6 A In the office of Mr. Wegmann.

7 Q And approximately what time were they made?

8 A Between 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon I
9 would say.

10 Q Approximately how long did it take you to
11 place your signature on these 13 exhibits?

12 A Twenty minutes perhaps.

13 Q It took you that long?

14 A Possibly, ten to 20 minutes; I can't remember
15 precisely.

16 Q Who was present?

17 A Mr. Robert Link, the Notary.

18 Q Anyone else?

19 A Mr. Wegmann brought in the blank forms, but
20 only Mr. Link and I were there.

21 Q Now, prior to that occasion had you not seen
22 a copy of the questioned signature, that
23 is, the Clay Bertrand signature in the
24 airport book?

25 A Yes, it was introduced in evidence here. I

1 have seen it.

2 Q You had seen it?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Did you see copies of photographs of that
5 signature made for Mr. Wegmann?

6 A No, I did not see any photographs of it.

7 Q You did not see any photographs of it?

8 A To the best of my recollection.

9 Q Did you sign anything else on the occasion
10 that you gave these samples, other than
11 the signature "Clay Bertrand"?

12 A No, I did not, best of my recollection.

13 Q Were you seated or standing when you executed
14 these signatures?

15 A I was seated.

16 Q Did you know a man by the name of Tommy Cox
17 from Dallas, Texas?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Where did you meet Mr. Cox?

20 A In New Orleans.

21 Q What was the occasion?

22 A On Mardi Gras, oh, some seven or eight years
23 ago I would guess.

24 Q Did you have a continuing acquaintanceship
25 with him after this first meeting?

1 A Yes. He visited New Orleans once or twice,
2 and we corresponded.

3 Q Have you ever been to Dallas, Texas?

4 A I was in Dallas, Texas last in 1965 I believe,
5 1966 possibly.

6 Q Did you go to the Mart at that time?

7 A No, I did not.

8 Q Do you know any other residents of Dallas,
9 Texas?

10 A To the best of my recollection, no.

11 Q Prior to the trial did you know Mr. Spiesel?

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q I take it then to your knowledge you know of
14 no grievance between yourself and Mr.
15 Spiesel?

16 A No.

17 Q On your occasions of going to the New Orleans
18 Lake Front Airport, do you ever recall
19 seeing a man fitting the description of
20 David Ferrie?

21 A No, I do not.

22 Q Do you recall with whom you went to the air-
23 port?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q Do you recall what the occasion was for going

1
2 A On one occasion I was going out on behalf
3 of the Trade Mart to meet someone. I
4 can't tell you his name, but he had his
5 private plane and I went out to meet him.
6 He was a governor or a senator or some-
7 thing like that.

8 Q Have you ever been in Lafitte's Blacksmith
9 Shop?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you frequent it often?

12 A No.

13 Q In 1963 do you recall having been in there?

14 A Possibly, I may well have.

15 Q You say you do not frequent it often. How
16 often approximately do you go there?

17 A Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop? Well, two or three
18 times a year.

19 Q Two or three times a year?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you know any of the people in there, any of
22 the employees?

23 A Well, I know John Valz, who did play the piano
24 there. He does not any more I think.

25 Q Do you know when he ceased to play the piano?

1 A No, I don't, I just know he doesn't do it now
2 and my impression is for the past two or
3 three years he has not.

4 Q Is there any reason when you were giving these
5 samples for handwriting purposes, that
6 you did not write anything other than the
7 signature "Clay Bertrand"?

8 A I wrote what I was instructed to write by Mr.
9 Wegmann, which was the date, Clay Bertrand,
10 and New Orleans, Louisiana.

11 Q Were you given a copy of your cancellation
12 change-of-address form when you filed
13 (it)?

14 A Was I given a copy?

15 Q Were you given any copy?

16 A Do --

17 Q -- any memorandum?

18 A Do I have any such?

19 Q Yes.

20 A No, I do not.

21 Q Is Mr. Hardiman your postman?

22 A No.

23 Q You told Mr. Dymond you were somewhat familiar
24 with the Louisiana Avenue Parkway area.
25 Can you tell me how you became familiar

1 with the area?

2 A Simply in driving around the City, I know it
3 runs from Claiborne over towards Broad.

4 Q That is the extent of your familiarity with
5 the area?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Are you familiar with the 4900 block of
8 Magazine Street?

9 A No, I am not.

10 Q You don't ever recall driving up that way?

11 A Never.

12 Q Can you give me the name or the names of any
13 of the parties that were on the bus, on
14 the Presidential Committee on the Nash-
15 ville Street Wharf?

16 A This is difficult to do, it was six years ago,
17 the people who were invited and who I be-
18 lieve were on the bus were the members of
19 the City Council. I recall Mr. Fitzmorris
20 being there, I think Henry Curtis was
21 there. Mr. Garrison was also on the
22 Committee, and I believe that he was on
23 the bus that day but I can't swear to
24 that with certainty, but it was a crowd
25 of perhaps 30 or 40 people, in that

1 general area.

2 Q Do you recall whether Mr. Biddison was on the
3 wharf that day?

4 A Best of my knowledge, he was not.

5 Q Do you recall having seen anyone that you
6 might have at the time thought were
7 Secret Service or FBI agents on the wharf?

8 A Not whom I had seen and knew were FBI and
9 Secret Service, except for those people
10 who were in the Presidential motorcade,
11 who I assumed were FBI or Secret Service
12 men, nobody else.

13 Q Do you recall approximately how long you re-
14 mained to the back of the crowd on the
15 wharf?

16 A For the duration of the speech I think, which
17 was 20 or 25 minutes I would guess.

18 Q Can you recall the last time that you were in
19 908 Esplanade?

20 A About two or three weeks ago.

21 Q Would that have been in connection with this
22 case?

23 A No. I should explain perhaps. The building
24 was sold to a Mr. and Mrs. Moses. Mr.
25 Moses died. Mrs. Moses remarried and is

1 now Mrs. Mouton, and the Moutons are
2 friends of mine. I went there for a
3 drink as I recall.

4 Q Do you recall ever having gone to any party
5 at all in either 906 or 908 Esplanade?

6 A Yes, I have been to a party at the Moutons,
7 908. I don't recall going to any party
8 in 906.

9 Q Do you recall having gone to a party in 908 in
10 the summer of '63?

11 A I don't recall it.

12 Q Have you ever seen any piece of mail addressed
13 to Clem Bertrand?

14 A Clem Bertrand?

15 Q Clem.

16 A No.

17 Q C-l-e-m. Have you ever seen any envelope
18 described as Mr. Hardiman described the
19 envelopes that the Clem Bertrand letters
20 were in?

21 A Brown wood grain?

22 Q Yes.

23 A No.

24 Q Whether any features to the drawings made by
25 Mr. Spiesel that were familiar to you?

1 A No. It was a very rough drawing, it did not
2 correspond to any apartment that I knew.

3 Q You were checking to see whether it did
4 correspond to any?

5 A Since he had said that he had met me at a
6 party at such an apartment, obviously I
7 was looking to see if it corresponded.
8 Yes, I was checking.

9 Q And you made no marks or corrections on the
10 drawing?

11 A No, I didn't touch it.

12 MR. ALCOCK:

13 No further questions.

14 MR. DYMOND:

15 No further questions.

16 If the Court please, at this time the
17 Defense rests.

18 THE COURT:

19 Keep order in the courtroom.

20 If you wish, Mr. Alcock, I would entertain
21 a motion to adjourn for lunch.

22 I would like to first ask the State -- they
23 have the legal right -- if they choose
24 to place rebuttal witnesses on the
25 stand. First, do you intend to place

1 rebuttal witnesses on the stand?

2 MR. ALCOCK:

3 Yes, we do, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT:

5 If you would like for me to grant you
6 time to correlate and logistically
7 get your witnesses in shape so you
8 can place them on the witness stand
9 today when we come back from lunch --

10 MR. ALCOCK:

11 Yes, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT:

13 Let everybody have a seat. It is 25
14 minutes after 11:00, and I am going
15 to recess until noon and have the
16 Jury come back at 1:30.

17 Gentlemen of the Jury, the status of the
18 case -- you are not attorneys, but
19 just to let you know what is the
20 status of this case, the State has
21 rested, the Defense has rested, and
22 under the law the State is allowed
23 in law to put on what we call re-
24 buttal witnesses. So that is what
25 they choose to do and are intending

1 to do, and we will give them until
2 we come back this afternoon.

3 Now again, as I have so many times, I am
4 admonishing you and instructing you
5 not to discuss the case amongst your-
6 selves. We are almost coming to the
7 end of it. If anybody makes any
8 legal mistakes we have to do this all
9 over. As you well know, today is the
10 38th day -- 11 days in January and
11 today is the 27th of February -- so
12 we have been at this 38 days. Do
13 not discuss the case amongst your-
14 selves or with anyone else.

15 The Court stands recessed until 1:30
16 o'clock p.m.

17 Mr. Shaw, you are released under your
18 same bond, and this Court will stand
19 recessed for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

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21 Thereupon, at 11:33 o'clock a.m.,
22 a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock p.m. . . .
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