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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated June 30, 1964, the President's Commission requested the interview of Miss JEAN CAMPBELL, American correspondent for the "London Evening Standard" in order to ascertain from her the details of her contact with Mrs. EDITH WHITWORTH, including the full particulars about the alleged visit of the OSWALD family to Mrs. WHITWORTH's store in Irving, Texas. During the interview of Miss CAMPBELL, she advised that JERRY HERALD, a photographer for the "Paris-Match" magazine, accompanied her during her initial contact with Mrs. WHITWORTH.

On July 17, 1964, Mr. JERRY ALLEN HERALD, mailing address Box 81, Gonzales, Louisiana, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. HERALD advised the interviewing Agent that he had destroyed his notes and tapes made of interviews of persons regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mr. HERALD advised that on November 22, 1963, he arrived in Dallas, Texas, at approximately 4:45 PM on an assignment from the New York office of the "Paris-Match" magazine to make photographs regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY. He advised that approximately five days after arriving in Dallas he and Miss JEAN CAMPBELL, a correspondent for the "London Evening Standard," were in Irving, Texas, to contact persons regarding Mrs. OSWALD. He stated that as he and Miss CAMPBELL were driving down the street they noticed a sign that said "Gun Shop" and decided to stop at this place to see if anyone there might know OSWALD. Upon entering the shop, they found that it had been converted into a used furniture store and was no longer a gun shop.

He advised that they talked to a woman in the store, a Mrs. EDITH WHITWORTH, and asked her if she knew the OSWALDS.

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Mrs. WHITWORTH advised them that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in her store on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon about the first week in November, 1963. Mrs. WHITWORTH told them that OSWALD asked her for a gun part, and Mrs. WHITWORTH specifically named this part, calling it a "plunger." Mr. HERALD advised that Mrs. WHITWORTH then stated that OSWALD became interested in some of the furniture in this store, and a woman entered the store whom she assumed to be OSWALD's wife, and this woman had two children with her, one being a very young baby.

Mr. HERALD stated that he recalls that Mrs. WHITWORTH gave a very detailed description as to how Mrs. OSWALD was dressed, and she also stated that the man conversed with this woman in a foreign language. Mrs. WHITWORTH advised HERALD and CAMPBELL that OSWALD talked of furniture and stated that he would need some furniture for an apartment or a house in about three or four weeks.

Mr. HERALD advised that Mrs. WHITWORTH stated OSWALD had remained in the store for approximately twenty minutes and that when he and his wife left they entered a 1956 blue sedan, possibly a Ford, which automobile was parked directly in front of the window of the store. He stated that Mrs. WHITWORTH said that OSWALD did not bring any weapon in the store and that she did not see him with any weapon of any kind at that time. He stated that Mrs. WHITWORTH advised them she had seen OSWALD on television and his pictures in the newspapers, and she was certain that he was the person who had been in her store.

Mr. HERALD stated that Mrs. WHITWORTH advised them that there was another woman in the store at the time the OSWALDS were in there. He advised that he and Miss CAMPBELL, upon leaving the store, telephonically contacted this other woman, and she told them basically the same story that Mrs. WHITWORTH had told them. Mr. HERALD further advised that Mrs. WHITWORTH had referred OSWALD to a local sporting goods store in Irving.

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