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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following investigation was conducted concerning two traveling bags believed to have been the property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, which have been designated Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254. These articles are described as follows:

A-1 is a cloth zipper bag, blue in color, with black plastic edgings and two plastic handles. This bag has a zipper at the top and on one side. It measures approximately 21" long, by 11" high, by 9 1/2" wide. There are no markings on this bag.

Exhibit C-254 is a cloth bag, green in color, known as a "See 4" bag. It measures approximately 24" long, by 18" high, by 11" wide. Exhibit C-254 has markings in yellow on one side of the bag. These markings are the date "9/26" and an unreadable mark above the numeral "26" which may be an initial.

On the top portion of C-254 are two fragments of what appear to be bus company stickers and a small decal believed to be the trademark of the bag. The printing on the fragments of the stickers is red in color and the fragment located above the decal appears to be a form of the Continental Trailways Company. Attached to the handle of C-254 is the top portion of a baggage check of the Continental Trailways.

On April 30, 1964, STAN BENTLEY, Supervisor, Stationery Supplies, Continental Trailways, 1530 Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas, was exhibited photographs of the two above-described traveling bags. Upon viewing photographs depicting portions of two paper stickers affixed to the top surface of Exhibit C-254, and a photograph depicting the top portion of a baggage check

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tied to the handle of Exhibit C-254, BENTLEY identified the adhesive stickers as sensitized identification labels utilized by Continental Trailways for customers' convenience in further identifying their baggage, and BENTLEY identified the baggage check tied to the handle of Exhibit C-254 as the top portion of a Continental Trailways baggage check.

BENTLEY furnished samples of the adhesive-backed identification labels and it was noted they are printed on slick white paper in red ink and the words "Continental Trailways" appear across the top of the sticker, followed by three ruled lines and the words "Name, Address, City." Printed across the bottom of the sticker are the words "Route of the SILVER EAGLES." BENTLEY advised these stickers have a sensitized adhesive back, indicating the stickers are affixed to the baggage by peeling off a paper backing which protects the adhesive surface. BENTLEY advised the adhesive-backed identification label has been in use by Continental Trailways since May 1962 and that previously the company utilized string-tie identification labels similar to the baggage checks.

BENTLEY stated his records reflected that the first order for the new sensitized identification label was placed in April 1962 for one million labels, and that delivery was made on May 23, 1962, at which time the labels were immediately dispersed to all Continental Trailways outlets. The labels are described as 1 1/4" x 2 7/16" in size and are shipped 1,000 per roll. BENTLEY stated these labels are purchased from the Printer, Allen, and Company, Post Office Box 169, Arlington, Texas.

With regard to the photograph depicting a torn upper portion of a baggage check, BENTLEY advised that the baggage check affixed to the handle of Exhibit C-254 in the photograph bears the number 2-1125-2 in the upper right-hand portion and the note "Form No. T-13" in the upper left-hand portion, indicating that this is a portion of a baggage check discontinued since January 1964.

BENTLEY stated the baggage check now in use is identical in format with the exception that the printer's mat number set

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forth in the upper right-hand corner is now Number 2-4672-3, and that the upper left-hand corner now bears the Continental Trailways symbol instead of the note "Form No. T-13." BENTLEY added that in addition, the new tag is printed in black ink, whereas the discontinued tag was printed in blue ink. BENTLEY advised the first order for new baggage check number 2-4672-3 was first placed with the printer August 31, 1963; however, due to the large backlog of old tags in the hands of the printer, this baggage tag was still in use as of January 1964, and, in fact, the last order of the old tag was received in early January 1964. BENTLEY was unable to advise as to the significance of the printer's mat number located in the upper right-hand corner of the baggage check; however, BENTLEY stated baggage checks for the Continental Trailways system are printed by the Ennis Business Forms Company, Ennis, Texas.

BENTLEY observed further that the brown manila patch at the top portion of the baggage check bears the words "Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas." BENTLEY advised that all baggage checks for the Continental Trailways system which are dispersed through the Stationery Supply Center in Dallas bear the same designation, "Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas," and that this indicates simply that the baggage checks are handled through the Dallas Stationery Supply Center. BENTLEY stated that the Dallas Stationery Supply Center supplies all Continental facilities throughout the States of Texas and Arkansas and the Rocky Mountain area. He stated that other Stationery Supply Centers are located in Omaha, Nebraska; Alexandria, Virginia; Wichita, Kansas; and, Los Angeles, California, and that supplies, including baggage checks, dispersed through those centers would accordingly bear the name of the supplying city.

With regard to the photograph of Exhibit C-254 depicting yellow chalk markings on the side, BENTLEY advised he is sure the Continental Trailways, within the realm of his experience, does not utilize such system. He feels sure this method of identification is not in use by any other bus company.

On April 30, 1964, Mr. CYRUS H. TOLMAN, Director of Traffic and Sales, Continental Trailways, 315 Continental Avenue,

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Dallas, Texas, was exhibited photographs of the two above-described traveling bags. Upon viewing the photographs depicting two partial stickers affixed to the top surface of Exhibit C-254, Mr. TOLMAN readily identified these stickers as portions of sensitized adhesive identification labels which are furnished to customers at the time they check their baggage into the bus station, preparatory to their departure. The customer is requested at that time to fill in his name, address and city on the face of the label and to affix the adhesive-backed label to his baggage. Mr. TOLMAN advised that these sensitized labels are the only such labels utilized by Continental Trailways in the general course of business, and that the two photographs of the portions of the top surface of Exhibit C-254 may be the top right-hand portion of one label and the other portion represents the lower left-hand corner of an identification label.

TOLMAN pointed out further that the sensitized adhesive identification label has only been in use by Continental Trailways Company since the spring of 1962. Prior to that time, TOLMAN advised, the company had utilized a string-tie identification tag similar in appearance to the baggage check.

With respect to the baggage check, TOLMAN advised the torn baggage check portion depicted in the photograph as being affixed to Exhibit C-254 is of a type discontinued by Continental Trailways about January 1964, indicating this tag was undoubtedly issued to a customer prior to that time.

TOLMAN advised the format of both tags is identical with the exception that the note "Form No. T-13" set forth in the upper left-hand corner of the discontinued tag have been replaced with a Continental Trailways symbol and the new tag is now printed in black ink, whereas the previous tag was printed in blue ink.

TOLMAN viewed the photograph of Exhibit C-254 reflecting markings in yellow chalk consisting of the numerals "9/26" and a third indistinguishable mark above the "26". TOLMAN advised that Continental Trailways has a strict policy against marking or defacing the customers' bags in any way, and all identifying markings and data are affixed to the customers' bags by string-ties

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of adhesive labels. TOLMAN stated further that he was not aware of any system of marking customers' bags with chalk utilized by any bus company, railroad, or airline operating in the Continental United States. TOLMAN suggested, however, that this system of marking would be unique in itself and might possibly be prevalent in Mexico or used by other foreign travel services.

On May 1, 1964, LEONARD F. GEHRIG, Financial Vice President, Ennis Business Forms, 214 Knox Street, Ennis, Texas, advised that for the last two years his company has been commissioned by Continental Trailways to print baggage checks, as well as other material for that company, in accordance with a nationally adopted format. GEHRIG exhibited a Continental Trailways baggage check formerly printed for and utilized by Continental Trailways bearing in the upper right-hand corner of the tag the number 2-1125-2 and bearing in the upper left-hand corner "Form No. T-13." GEHRIG explained that the note "Form No. T-13" represent a format recommended by the Interstate Commerce Commission for use by all common carriers and is a generally accepted and widely used form. GEHRIG explained that the number set forth in the upper right-hand corner represents a printing mat number and that all baggage checks printed according to that format bear a printer's mat number for reference purposes.

GEHRIG stated the initial order for this tag was received by his firm from Continental Trailways on March 14, 1962, requesting a printing of 600,000 baggage check tags using printer's mat number 2-1125-2 for format. GEHRIG advised there was a total of two orders under printing mat number 2-1125-2 and that periodic shipment of these orders was made in 1962 and 1963, as follows:

Order of March 14, 1962 - For 600,000 tags - blue ink Series 300-001 through 900-000

<u>Shipments</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
4/11/62	200,000 tags	Dallas Continental Trailways
5/25/62	200,000 tags	Dallas Continental Trailways
5/28/62	200,000 tags	Dallas Continental Trailways

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Order of January 11, 1963 - For 750,000 tags - blue ink Series 100-001 through 850-000

<u>Shipments</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
3/29/63	250,000 tags	Dallas Continental Trailways
7/15/63	250,000 tags	Dallas Continental Trailways

Third shipment completed
10/30/63 - Break-down as follows:

10/8/63	- Two cartons	- Shipped	- 10,000 tags
10/9/63	- Two cartons	- Shipped	- 15,000 tags
10/18/63	- Seven cartons-	- Shipped	- 70,000 tags
10/30/63	- Sixteen car- tons	- Shipped	- <u>155,000 tags</u>
	TOTAL		250,000 tags

GEHRIG advised that the initial order for the new tag under printer's mat number 2-4672-3 was placed August 31, 1963, by Continental Trailways and indicated only minor changes from the previous baggage check in that Continental requested the new tag be printed in black ink and that the note "Form No. T-13" in the upper left-hand corner be replaced with the Continental Trailways copyrighted symbol. GEHRIG advised the first shipment of the new baggage check was made on January 13, 1964, for 175,000 tags which were shipped to Continental Trailways, Dallas.

GEHRIG advised that the printer's mat number 2-1125-2 has no significance in establishing when a particular tag was issued or through what Continental Trailways station other than to signify the tag was furnished to a customer sometime between April 1962 and January 1964. GEHRIG advised that all baggage checks furnished to the Dallas Office of Continental Trailways likewise bear the words "Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas," on the brown reinforcing patch at the top portion of the baggage check.

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On May 1, 1964, Mr. JOE R. MC REE, Secretary of Residence, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 605 North Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that a check of his receipts for October 3, 1963, reflect that RAE G. BARKER, Desk Clerk, registered LEE HARVEY OSWALD on October 3, 1963. MC REE stated that to the best of his recollection he did not see LEE HARVEY OSWALD when he registered at the YMCA on October 3, 1963, or when he checked out on October 4, 1963.

MC REE was exhibited color photographs of Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254, after which he stated to the best of his recollection he has never seen either of these traveling bags.

On May 1, 1964, Mr. RAE G. BARKER, Desk Clerk, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 605 North Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas, advised he was on duty as Desk Clerk from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight, on October 3, 1963. BARKER said, upon a review of receipts for October 3, 1963, he would estimate that he registered LEE HARVEY OSWALD into that YMCA, Room 601, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. He said he could not recall registering OSWALD, inasmuch as he registers numerous people throughout the day.

Mr. BARKER was exhibited color photographs of Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254, described above, after which he stated he could not recall ever seeing these bags, and stated he does not know what type luggage LEE HARVEY OSWALD had at the time he registered into the YMCA on October 3, 1963.

On May 1, 1964, Mrs. EVA MARSHALL, 5932 1/2 Oram, Dallas, Texas, advised she worked part-time as a Desk Clerk at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 605 North Ervay, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. MARSHALL said she was so employed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., on October 4, 1963. Mrs. MARSHALL said she recalls the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD and recalls she checked him out of the YMCA sometime between noon and 4:00 P.M., to the best of her recollection. She said she recalls the incident because she thinks the name OSWALD is a very ugly name. She said to the best of her recollection OSWALD was alone.

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Mrs. MARSHALL was exhibited color photographs of Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254 and, after viewing same, stated she does not recall what bags OSWALD might have had with him when he checked out of the YMCA on October 4, 1963. She stated he probably placed any bags he had on the floor on the other side of the four-foot high desk from where she was standing. She stated she would not have been able to see any bags so placed.

On April 30, 1964, Mrs. MARY BLEDSOE, 621 North Marsalis, Dallas, Texas, advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD formerly rented a room at her residence from October 7 through 14, 1963.

Mrs. BLEDSOE viewed photographs of two traveling bags identified as Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254. She stated she recalls that at about 3:30 P.M. on Monday, October 7, 1963, OSWALD entered the house at 621 North Marsalis, Dallas, Texas, carrying a small, zipper-type bag similar in appearance to Commission Exhibit A-1; however, she was unable to state positively the bag in his possession at that time was identical to the photograph of Commission Exhibit A-1. She stated she could not recall any name tags or other identifying data being affixed to the bag and has no way of further identifying such bag.

Mrs. BLEDSOE stated that same Monday afternoon OSWALD left the rooming house shortly thereafter and returned in a short while, carrying a second, larger bag, but she stated she is unable to state if this bag was identical to the photograph of Commission Exhibit C-254. Mrs. BLEDSOE stated she paid little attention to the second bag and would be unable to state whether the bags were of the same type. She further stated she does not recall observing any tags or labels or other markings on the other bag which she observed OSWALD carrying, and has no way to further identify it.

On April 30, 1964, Mrs. GLADYS JOHNSON, 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, owner of a rooming house at that location where LEE HARVEY OSWALD formerly resided in October and November 1963, was exhibited photographs of two traveling bags identified as Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254. She stated she

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recalls seeing OSWALD in possession of a bag similar in size, type and color to Commission Exhibit A-1. She does not recall observing OSWALD in possession of this bag at the time he rented the room, but stated she believes she observed him leaving the rooming house at about 11:30 A.M., Saturday morning, November 16, 1963, which she believes was the only weekend OSWALD spent at the rooming house. She stated she observed him walk across the street in the direction of a coin-operated laundromat. She was of the impression at that time that the bag contained dirty laundry and that OSWALD was taking the bag and contents to the laundry to wash his clothes. She stated OSWALD returned to the rooming house about forty-five minutes to one hour later and took the bag to his room. Mrs. JOHNSON stated she does not recall any tags or other marks of identification on this bag.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised she does not ever recall seeing a large bag similar to Commission Exhibit C-254 at any time in her rooming house in the possession of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On May 1, 1964, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, furnished the following information after examining colored photographs of Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254, previously described herein:

On October 4, 1963, when Mrs. PAINE arrived at her residence in Irving, Texas, LEE HARVEY OSWALD had already arrived at her home and she did not see what luggage, if any, he brought with him at that time.

On October 7, 1963, when OSWALD left Mrs. PAINE's home for Dallas, Texas, he had with him a bag similar to that depicted in the photograph of Commission Exhibit C-254, and she believes this is a photograph of the bag which he had with him at that time.

Mrs. PAINE advised she does not recall seeing the figures "9/26" at any time on the bag carried by OSWALD on October 7, 1963, or on a similar bag at any time.

At the time RUTH PAINE and MARINA OSWALD moved some of the OSWALD effects from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Irving, Texas, in Mrs. PAINE's Chevrolet Station Wagon, she does not specifically recall any bags resembling Commission Exhibits A-1 and C-254.

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EMILIO CASTILLO, Mexican Customs Inspector, viewed the photograph of the "Bee 4" bag, Commission Exhibit C 254 and advised that the yellow markings made on the side of the "Bee 4" bag were made by a Customs Inspector at the time the bag was checked into Mexico.

CASTILLO stated that the Customs Inspector who checked the bag would have written "9/26" to show that the bag was passed through Mexican Customs on that date and was okayed for entry into Mexico.

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