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She signed a two page affidavit (typed by Secret Service stenographer) emphatically denying she had ever been at a party with Jack Ruby and/or Lee Harvey Oswald. She denied that she had ever seen Oswald to her knowledge, but admitted that she did know Jack Ruby, having seen him two or three times at the Carosel Club in Dallas. She stated the last time she saw him was in 1961 during the Christmas holidays at the Carosel Club. She stated that she has not been in Dallas since she visited her mother there during the latter part of June or first of July, 1963. She denied knowing Attorney Barbara L. Welz of Dallas and stated that she had never heard of her.

She stated that on November 22, she did entertain at the Midnight Lounge, 401 Westheimer St., in Houston, and named Binkendorfer as being present as a bartender at the time. She mentioned the other employees who were there, but emphatically denied discussing Jack Ruby at this time but stated there was some conversation regarding the President's assassination as all the employees were attempting to get the manager, Dwayne Arthur, to close the place. When he refused to close the place, she went ahead with her show so she could get paid for the performance.

On December 7, Intelligence Officer D. D. Collins, Houston PD, reinterviewed Travis Binkendorfer at Methodist Hospital at Methodist hospital and advised him that the Secret Service desired to obtain a statement from him regarding the information he had furnished the day before, and had previously reported to the Dallas PD. He indicated that he would make the statement and would affirm that it was true and correct. Officer Collins warned him that it was a violation of a Federal Statute to make a false statement to an agency of the Federal Government.

Later on December 7, the writer received a phone call from Binkendorfer, at which time he indicated that he was willing to cooperate with this Service, but preferred that it be handled through the Texas Rangers rather than with the Dallas PD. He stated that he had called Texas Ranger Charlie Moore, Dallas, who was a friend and had discussed the matter with him.

On December 11, Travis Binkendorfer called and advised that he expected to be in the hospital a few more days and would still cooperate with this Service, but stated that at the time he was interviewed on December 6, he was not sure what information he had furnished as he was under some form of sedation. He agreed to contact the office as soon as he is released from the hospital.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

This case remains open for discussion with the United States Attorney as to prosecution of Binkendorfer, interview with Binkendorfer if warranted.

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2795—Continued

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GAP:meh

JOSEPH E. FIELD,
ALLEGED ASSOCIATE OF
JACK RUBY, LEE HARVEY
OSWALD AND OTHER OSWALD
RELATIVES BEING IN A BAR
IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Dallas Office furnished Los Angeles a copy of a letter from JOSEPH E. FIELD, 2006 West 79th Street, Los Angeles, California. This letter indicated that about April 22 - 23, 1963, FIELD went to a local beer bar in Los Angeles after work and subsequently JACK RUBY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Mrs. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and BOB OSWALD, brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, were at that bar drinking beer and shooting pool.

The Los Angeles Indices checked on December 9, 1963, reflect that FIELD was a complainant on October 19, 1963, and furnishing information regarding a Mrs. ELIZABETH SIMMONS, a missing person. This complaint was two pages of typewritten information with many investigation subjects furnished by FIELD.

Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department on December 9, 1963, concerning FIELD and of his complaint concerning Mrs. SIMMONS ascertained that FIELD "had driven them nuts," meaning the Los Angeles Police Department, with many calls and complaints. The Los Angeles Police Department subsequently afforded FIELD a Polygraph examination and came to the conclusion that FIELD was psychotic.