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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

On December 5, 1963, Miss BETTY ENGELBRECHT, New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SA RICHARD BUCARO that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

On December 5, 1963, Mrs. MARCELLE MADDEN, Clerk, Bureau of Identification and Sergeant FREDERICK SOULE, Commander, Vice Squad, New Orleans Police Department, searched their records and advised SA RICHARD BUCARO that they were unable to locate any record identifiable with CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

The current telephone and city directories at New Orleans shows no listing for CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

On December 5, 1963, NO T-1 advised that he never heard of anyone by the description and name of CLAY BERTRAND or BERTRAM.

Sergeant R. M. DAVIS, United States Army, retired, employed by Attorney at Law DEAN ANDREWS, Room 628, Maison Blanche Building, advised that his employer was positive that a person named CLAY BERTRAND had called him on the telephone and asked him to represent LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas prior to December 3, 1963. He advised that he and ANDREWS have spent hours looking through files and discussing with each other and with ANDREWS' secretary, EVA SPRINGER, the various aspects of the call received from CLAY BERTRAND and he has no doubt that ANDREWS is now convinced that the call he received at the hospital was a dream.

DAVIS advised that he was at the hospital most of the afternoon of November 23, 1963, leaving sometime between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM and ANDREWS did not receive a call during this time. The first occasion that ANDREWS mentioned CLAY BERTRAND to him was on Sunday, November 24, 1963. DAVIS was under the impression at this time that BERTRAND was well known to ANDREWS.

On the afternoon of November 23, 1963, ANDREWS was periodically asleep and awake, but did not want him, DAVIS, to leave and this is the reason why he remained all afternoon. The chief topic of discussion during this visit was the progress of ANDREWS' political campaign for election as a judge in Jefferson Parish.

On November 25, 1963, Sergeant DAVIS stated that when he visited DEAN ANDREWS, he was very much upset over a news item that ANDREWS had received over the TV set in his room at Hotel Dieu Hospital that OSWALD had fired three shots at the President of the United States from a bolt action rifle within three seconds. ANDREWS insisted that this could not be done and wanted to call the FBI and the Secret Service and furnish these agencies with his opinion. Sergeant DAVIS advised he talked ANDREWS out of this action and left the hospital.

Sergeant DAVIS advised that he has extensively searched ANDREWS' office for information which would identify

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CLAY BERTRAND and has been unsuccessful in locating any record.

Sergeant DAVIS advised that he recalls in June, 1963, exact date unrecalled, ANDREWS discussed with him the procedure to amend or correct an undesirable discharge from the Marine Corps.

DAVIS advised that he cannot positively state that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was ever in ANDREWS' office, but after viewing numerous photographs of OSWALD on various TV programs, can state that he is vaguely familiar and may have visited ANDREWS' office. In addition, he can recall ANDREWS mentioning to him on various occasions that an individual named OSWALD had been to ANDREWS' office.

EVA SPRINGER, secretary to Attorney at Law DEAN ANDREWS, Room 628 Maison Blanche Building, advised that her employer DEAN ANDREWS, never calls her at home. She stated that on November 23, 1963, he called her at approximately 4:00 PM and told her that he was representing LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. She recalled that her only comment was that she was not going to Dallas with him and she wanted nothing to do with the case and asked ANDREWS who had hired him. She advised that ANDREWS told her it was BERTRAND, no first name given. She advised that this name did not mean anything to her and the conversation was terminated. She can fix the time as being approximately 4:00 PM as she had just returned from the grocery store doing her grocery shopping for the weekend. Her last contact with ANDREWS was on Monday, November 25, 1963, about noon time, when ANDREWS called her and asked her to locate any records in the office on CLAY BERTRAND. She advised that since November 25, 1963, she has been searching ANDREWS' office for a record of CLAY BERTRAND and has been unable to locate this name. She advised that CLAY BERTRAND is not known to her.

EVA SPRINGER advised she does not recall LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a client of DEAN ANDREWS and has no record of him at the office. She recalls ANDREWS speaking to her briefly about someone being interested in changing a discharge from the Marine Corps but is unable to associate this conversation with any recollection of OSWALD. She states she leaves the office usually at 5:00 PM and never recalled OSWALD coming to the office.

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