

CLINTON WITNESSES

1963														
JANUARY				JULY				Holidays, Holy Days and Commemorative Days						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Jan. 1 New Year's Day
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Apr. 7 Palm Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	...	...	28	29	30	31	...	...	Apr. 9 Jewish Passover	
FEBRUARY				AUGUST				12 Good Friday						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	11 Easter Sunday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	May 20 Memorial Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Jun. 3 Children's Day
28	29	30	...	...	...	...	28	29	30	...	...	...	5 Holy Sunday	
MARCH				SEPTEMBER				14 Flag Day						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Sep. 2 Labor Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	17 Columbus Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19 Jewish New Year
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APRIL				OCTOBER				Oct. 12 Columbus Day						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Nov. 5 Election Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11 Veterans Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26 Thanksgiving Day
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MAY				NOVEMBER				25 Christmas Day						
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*Palmer closed on 8/24/63 (Aug 1st Aug's Birthday)*

8/1 - in note.  
 8/2 -  
 8/8 - Fight in Court  
 8/9 - at municipal ct.  
 8/15 -  
 8/16 - leaflets in front of itra  
 8/22 - at wash. negato.  
 8/23 -  
 8/29 -  
 8/30 -  
 8/31 -

8/12 -  
 8/13 -  
 8/17 - at Napoleon dia.  
 8/20 - Cassette Panna Movement. (not lucky 8/21)  
 on 8/23 was first date that big game started  
 Robert said that he was not there until 8/23 and he felt that it was a good game 8/23 + 8/24

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

A F F I D A V I T

BEFORE ME, personally came and appeared

JOHN MANCHESTER  
Town Marshall  
Clinton, Louisiana

who, after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

During the time of the Civil Rights demonstrations, I can remember that my attention was called to a Cadillac that was parked close to the Voter Registrar's Office. I don't remember exactly how my attention was called to the car, and I don't remember exactly where it was parked, but it was in the vicinity of the Registrar's office. I don't remember exactly how, but I remember finding out some way that the car was from the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. It is possible that I could have checked it out through our Sheriff's office or I may have gone up and talked to the people in the car and got the information from them. It is hard for me to remember exactly how. I do remember mentioning to someone, but I don't know exactly who, that the Cadillac was from the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. I also remember the joke being said that they were selling bananas, but I don't know whether I said it or someone else said it. There was always a bunch of people around and I don't know who could have been around at the time. There were always people coming and going and stopping and talking and looking.

I can remember that there were two people in the car and both were in the front seat. The one on the driver's side was well dressed with a white shirt and tie. He was neat. The main thing I remember about the man was that he had gray hair. It was a good bit of hair and it wasn't thin. He did not have a hat on. He looked tall and well built from what I could tell from seeing him in the car. Possibly 6 feet or better. I don't remember much about his complexion. I would say that from pictures I have seen in the paper of CLAY SHAW that he resembled CLAY SHAW quite a bit. I would say this mostly from his build and his hair. They are the main things that I remember about him. I feel that I must have walked up to the car and talked to the man on the driver's side, but I can't be sure and I really can't be certain. I feel that HENRY EARL PALMER must have told me to check it out and I must have walked up to the car and talked to the man and he told me that he was from the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, but I can't be sure. I don't believe that a 1028 (vehicle registration check) was run on the car so the info must have been given to me by the man in the car. I only would have talked to the man behind the wheel and not to the other man on the passenger's side. All I can remember about the man on the

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passenger side is that he was not as well dressed as the man on the driver's side. I can't remember about him because I would not have been interested in him at all unless the driver did not check out.

On the day that the Cadillac was here I don't remember anything about the registration lines that day. I knew ESTES MORGAN, but I can't remember seeing him in the registration line at a particular time. PALMER told me about him coming up to the Registrar's office, but I can't remember exactly when. I had no set time to get there or leave so I can't remember exactly when the Cadillac came to my attention. I feel like it was before dinner and it was the first time I had seen HENRY EARL that day.

QUESTION BY MR. SCIAMBRA:

Mr. MANCHESTER, Lieutenant Fruge and I have talked to HENRY EARL PALMER and HENRY EARL has told us that he feels that on that particular day, after the Cadillac was called to his attention, he told you to get a 1028 on the Cadillac and he went into the coffee shop for coffee. He feels that about 10 minutes later he came out of the coffee shop and that you told him "Don't worry about the Cadillac. They are not from the Justice Department, they are from the International Trade Mart in New Orleans." He then asked you what were they doing up here and you said they were selling bananas.

ANSWER BY MR. MANCHESTER:

I feel that HENRY EARL's account of what happened is exactly what happened but it was a long time ago.

If I would have called for a 1028 in the car, I would have had to get it over my radio and from the best I can remember I would not have been sitting in my car in the hot sun. A radio check on a car can take anywhere from 2 minutes to 24 hours and you can never tell how fast you could get one back.

I was asked to hang around the Registrar's office as much as possible during the demonstrations and I was around there a lot during that time. I don't remember seeing the car leave or anyone going around the car.

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JOHN MANCHESTER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1967.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

MEMORANDUM

January 22, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney  
RE: HENRY EARL PALMER, Clinton, Louisiana

MR. PALMER informed me that JOHN MANCHESTER has recently told him that right around the time the black Cadillac was in Clinton, he remembers seeing a boy who fit OSWALD's description coming out of a CORE meeting in Clinton and when he left the CORE meeting, MANCHESTER followed him and the car went in the direction of Jackson, Louisiana. PALMER also informed me that he feels sure that CORY COLLINS was in town on the day the black Cadillac was there.

He also informed me that VAN BUSKIRK's secretary is MARY ANN SAGELY, who now runs a store in Felixville, Louisiana, and who can give us a lot of information on VAN BUSKIRK.

He also said the doctor that OSWALD mentioned was in the second register which covers from L to Z. The name RIERA rings a bell in some way for him.

Dr.  
Riera  
(Riera's  
Clinic,  
Morrison, N.O.  
[Historical  
Committee. Also  
friend of Ferris])



MEMORANDUM

June 1, 1967 (Dictated and transcribed)

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: ANDREW SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: MR. HENRY EARL PALMER - INTERVIEW WITH  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, CLINTON, LOUISIANA  
ON MAY 29, 1967

Lt. Francis Fruge and I talked to Mr. Palmer at his office which is located across the street from the Courthouse in Clinton, Louisiana.

Mr. Palmer said that some time between September 1st and October 15th of 1963 he had occasion to talk to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mr. Palmer said he feels very strongly that it was in the first week of October, possibly around the 6th or 7th. He said he was the Registrar of Voters at the time and his office was on Main Street located across the street from the Courthouse. Mr. Palmer said that on this particular day there was some Civil Rights activities in town and the colored people had a voter registration drive on. He said there was a long line of colored people lined up to register with him.

Mr. Palmer said that as he left his office for a coffee break around 10:30 in the morning he noticed 2 white men in line with the colored people and that they were very conspicuous as they were the only 2 white people in the line. When he talked to these two people he learned they were LEE HARVEY OSWALD and ESTES MORGAN; that ESTES MORGAN is from Livingston Parish, born in Sun, Louisiana. Mr. Palmer said OSWALD and MORGAN were in the hallway of the building and that OSWALD had on a T-shirt, dark trousers and sneaker-type crepe soled shoes. He was normally clean and shaven. Mr. Palmer said he passed OSWALD and MORGAN in the line and never said anything to them, and he walked out of his office on the way to the cafe. On his way to the cafe he noticed a black Cadillac parked about 20 feet from the entrance to his building; that he noticed 2 people sitting in the Cadillac, both of whom were white males and were sitting in the front seat. Mr. Palmer said he was sure it was a black Cadillac and looked to be around a 1962. He did not write down the license number. Mr. Palmer said the Cadillac was parked in front of Cochran's Drug Store which is right close to his building. Mr. Palmer said the man in the passenger side of the automobile had heavy eyebrows and this was his distinguishing feature as far as he would say. He said the other man was sitting behind the steering wheel and was looking straight ahead; that he appeared to be tall and was gray haired and had a ruddy complexion. Palmer said that he was also wearing a hat.

Mr. Palmer said that when he got across the street someone told him that the Justice Department was watching everything and at that time he told someone around him to get a 1028 (license registration check) on the black Cadillac. Mr. Palmer said he does not remember who he told this to, but that it could have been a Mr. MANCHESTER who is the present Town Marshal, or it could have been a State Trooper, or it could possibly have been Judge John Rarick who may have been with him at the time. However, he just does not know who he told. At any rate, about 10 or 15 minutes later the person whom he did tell to get a 1028 on the Cadillac, told him as he was coming out of the coffee shop that the men in the black Cadillac were not federal men from the Justice Department, but were representatives from the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. Mr. Palmer said he asked the man what in the world were they doing here, and the man said laughingly, "Selling bananas". The man then repeated that he had checked them out and that they were from the International Trade Mart. Mr. Palmer said that he went back in the building and he stayed in the building until about 1:00 P.M. when he left for lunch at the same cafe. He said the car was still there and had not moved an inch, and the men were still in the car. OSWALD and MORGAN were still in the line waiting to talk to Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Palmer said he did not pay any particular attention to the car or to the drivers any more. He said he passed about 18 to 20 feet from the car when he notice the men and that the guy on the passenger side had heavy eyebrows; that his hair needed combing as it was ruffled and he did not have a hat on. I then showed Mr. Palmer a picture of DAVID FERRIE and he said " that that looked like the type of eyebrows that the man in the car had". He then put an "X" on FERRIE's picture. I then showed him a picture of CLAY SHAW and he said "That is the type of build that the person appeared to have as the person appeared tall even though he was sitting down. He had broad shoulders and had the white hair." Mr. Palmer said he didn't get a full view of the person's face and saw him only from an angle from the back of the car as his face was somewhat turned as he was talking to the man on the passenger side of the car. Mr. Palmer said that from the picture I showed him he could not positively identify this man as being the man in the automobile. He said the man was well dressed, had on dark clothes and had a tie on.

Mr. Palmer said that after he had eaten he went to the barber shop for a few minutes and then walked on back to his office. He passed the car like he had before and the men were still there but he did not pay any particular attention to them. Mr. Palmer said OSWALD and MORGAN were still in line.

I showed Mr. Palmer a picture of OSWALD and he said "That's him " and put an "X" on the picture.

Mr. Palmer said that as he passed OSWALD and MORGAN in the line they didn't say anything to him and they were talking with some of the Negroes in the line. Mr. Palmer said he stayed in the office until about 3:30 and then went to get coffee again passing OSWALD and MORGAN who were still in the line and passing the 2 individuals in the black Cadillac who were still sitting in the car.



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the Doctor*

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after the Garrison investigation hit the papers MANCHESTER told Mr. Palmer that he could not identify the men in the car. Mr. Palmer said that he would talk to some of the people around town to see if he could get some information about who might remember the incident.

Mr. Palmer said he has also talked to BILLY KLINE who said he vaguely remembers the automobile.

Mr. Palmer said he also talked to Mrs. Watson who would have run a 1028 on the automobile as it would have been her job in the Sheriff's Office to do so. However, she does not remember the car.

Mr. Palmer said that Mr. Phelps who is the Mayor of Clinton may have seen the automobile parked in front of Cochran's Drug Store that day as it was parked directly across the street from his garage.

Mr. Palmer pointed out the CLAY SHAW's first cousin (her father and Clay Shaw are brothers) is married to WILLIE JOE YARBOUGH who is one of the 5 Town Councilmen of Clinton; that she was living in Clinton in 1963 and is still living there as far as he knows. Her name is Doris Shaw and she works in the Clinton Bank which is just 3 or 4 doors from where the black Cadillac was parked.

Phelps?

Shaw  
relatives  
in  
Clinton

Henry L. Palmer



M E M O R A N D U M

June 26, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney  
RE: INTERVIEW WITH:  
MR. LEA MCGEE on JUNE 17, 1967

I talked to Mr. LEA MCGEE who is a barber in the Town of Jackson, Louisiana. Mr. MCGEE told me that in late August or early September 1963 (he said it was kind of cool and he remembers his air conditioner was not on) just before he closed his barber shop a person who he later found out was LEE HARVEY OSWALD walked into his barber shop and got a haircut. MCGEE said that he noticed an old dark colored beat up car pull up and park a few feet past the entrance to his shop. The next thing he noticed was this man walking into his barber shop and sitting down in the chair ready to get a haircut. MCGEE said the person at no time introduced himself. As MCGEE started to cut his hair, the person started asking him questions about East Louisiana State Hospital and wanted primarily to find out what kind of a hospital it was. The person told MCGEE that he was from New Orleans and was out of work and wanted to know how he could go about getting a job at the hospital. MCGEE said that OSWALD seemed surprised when he told him that East Louisiana State Hospital was a mental hospital. OSWALD repeated "mental hospital" and then asked MCGEE if there were all kinds of jobs in the hospital. MCGEE said that it was his impression that OSWALD had just been out of work and drove straight up to Jackson and stopped at his barber shop. MCGEE said that OSWALD gave him the impression that he was not familiar at all with the Jackson area and also he made the comment about a barber shop being a good place for information. OSWALD told MCGEE that he needed a job right away and he said that he didn't know any politicians in New Orleans that could help him. MCGEE then told OSWALD that Mr. MORGAN, who is a State Representative, might be able to help him get a job at the hospital. MCGEE then explained to OSWALD how to get to MORGAN's house. MCGEE said that it was his impression that he was the first person that OSWALD had talked to in the town and that his barber shop was the first stop that OSWALD had made. MCGEE then told him that it would help him if he were a registered voter in the Parish. MCGEE then told OSWALD that he could register with HENRY EARL PALMER who was the Registrar of Voters.

MCGEE said that OSWALD was neatly dressed and did not need a haircut and that he could have gone without one. OSWALD had on a pair of slacks and a sport shirt. MCGEE said that OSWALD was very nice and after he cut his hair he just got up and thanked him and walked out of the shop. MCGEE said that after OSWALD had his hair cut he asked MCGEE whether he had change for a 5 dollar bill and MCGEE told him that he did. MCGEE said that he cannot remember everything that OSWALD told him but he said that



OSWALD seemed to say something to deliberately make MCGEE remember him. MCGEE said there was no one else in the shop at the time as he was just about to close. MCGEE said that he remembers OSWALD continually staring at a big picture of MARTIN LUTHER KING at a Communist training school which MCGEE had hanging on the wall. However, MCGEE said that OSWALD did not comment on it. I asked MCGEE to tell me everything that he could remember about the automobile and he said that he really never paid much attention to it except when it passed in front of his window and he may have glanced at it about 3 or 4 times when it was parked a few feet past his door (MCGEE said if he had to guess at what kind of car it was he said it was like a Nash or a Kaiser). MCGEE said he does remember that it was old and beat up and that he doesn't think it was a station wagon. It was dark in color and he doesn't remember if it was a Louisiana license plate or not. MCGEE said that what did attract his attention was an article on the back seat of the car that looked like a baby basinette and there was a woman sitting in the front seat of the car, more or less turned around, with her arm over the front seat as if she were paying some attention to the basinette in the back seat. MCGEE said that he did not see the woman's face at all, but that from what he can remember of her appearance from the rear she did not look to be an elderly woman and would guess that she would be in her early 20's. MCGEE said that he could not tell from her position in the car if she was behind the wheel of the car or on the passenger side. He said that she appeared to have dark hair. I asked MCGEE if he could remember whether or not OSWALD drove the car away or whether he got in on the passenger side of the automobile. He said that he did not pay that much attention and therefore could not remember. MCGEE said that MORGAN later told him that OSWALD had gone to his house seeking information about the job at East Louisiana State Hospital. OSWALD told MORGAN that MCGEE had told him about him and had given him instructions on how to get to his house. MCGEE said it was also the only person he had ever sent to MORGAN's house. MCGEE said that when he saw OSWALD's picture on TV he told his wife that he looked very familiar to him but that he did not know his name as OSWALD had never mentioned his name to him, and MORGAN had not informed him that OSWALD had been to see him. MCGEE said that he can remember faces but that he is not good on names. MCGEE said that he has never heard anyone mention OSWALD's name in his barber shop, and as far as he knows he does not know anyone in the area who talked to OSWALD besides himself and MORGAN. He did say, however, that there were a lot of Cubans and Latin-Americans working at the hospital around that time and that he cut the hair of some of them. He said he can remember a doctor from Mexico who was a real gun fanatic. He used to cut the doctor's hair and the doctor told him that he had a firing range of his own in Mexico. MCGEE said that if he can remember correctly the doctor's name was something like "RAYAS" and that he believed the doctor worked in the infirmary at the hospital. MCGEE said that the doctor was short, kind of heavy set and had a "butch" haircut and was in his early 40's. He said the doctor was dark and had pock marks or skin blemishes on his face. He said he can remember another Mexican who was big and dark and muscular and who sold a boat to Dr. ROBARDS. However, he says that he cannot remember his name. MCGEE said his wife works at the hospital and she has never heard anyone talk about OSWALD in her department. MCGEE said that he has never talked to the FBI regarding this incident.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Morgan  
Dr. Roberts  
of the hospital



M E M O R A N D U M

June 1, 1967 (Dictated and transcribed)

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: INTERVIEW WITH MR. REEVES MORGAN OF  
CLINTON, LOUISIANA - May 29, 1967

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Accompanied by Lt. Francis Fruge of the Louisiana State Police, I traveled to Clinton, Louisiana to talk with former State Representative Reeves Morgan. Mr. Morgan was a member of the House of Representatives from 1952 to 1956 and again from 1960 to 1964 from East Feliciana Parish.

*August or February 1967*  
Mr. Morgan told me that during the latter part of ~~September~~ 1963 at around dark, LEE HARVEY OSWALD drove up to his home which is outside of Clinton, in an automobile which he did not particularly pay any attention to. He said that he heard the automobile drive up to his house but didn't go to the door to look at the automobile as he was in the back of the house when he first heard a knock on the door. Mr. Morgan told the person at the door to come on in and this person introduced himself as OSWALD. OSWALD told Mr. Morgan that he wanted to get a job at East Louisiana State Hospital in the electrical department and that he had been told that there was an opening and that Morgan could help him get the job. OSWALD told Mr. Morgan that he could do anything in the way of electrical work and that he could handle any job in the hospital in the electrical department. OSWALD did not mention any names and did not tell Mr. Morgan whether or not anyone had referred him to Mr. Morgan, nor did he make any mention of knowing any people in Clinton, Louisiana. OSWALD told Mr. Morgan that he was living in New Orleans at the time; that he had no relatives in Clinton. Mr. Morgan said that most of the conversation with OSWALD pertained to the job. Mr. Morgan said he told OSWALD what procedure to follow in order to get a job at the hospital and informed him that he should meet the Civil Service requirements such as filling out an application at the hospital and applying for a Civil Service test. Morgan told him that he would look into the job at the hospital but that if there was an opening he felt obliged to try to get it for one of his constituents before he would try and get it for OSWALD. OSWALD asked Mr. Morgan what a "constituent" was and Mr. Morgan told him it was a person who was registered in his parish and was on the voting rolls. OSWALD then told Morgan that "it was a sorry state of affairs when a person has to run after a politician in order to get a job." Morgan said that OSWALD at the time appeared to get the feeling that he was being given the runaround. Mr. Morgan said that his daughter, who is presently attending Southeastern Louisiana College in Hammond, was also in the house at the time

and later on, after the President was shot, she remarked to her daddy that if she remembers correctly, that when OSWALD was in the house talking to her father, there was a woman sitting in the automobile waiting for him. (Mary Morgan will be home from school this week and I will talk to her to see if she remembers any of the details)

Mr. Morgan said that OSWALD had on dark pants, a weather-worn shirt-jacket type combination and was normally clean and shaven.

Mr. Morgan said that he and OSWALD talked for about 20 to 30 minutes. Mr. Morgan said that he remembers OSWALD bragging very much about his ability as an electrician. Mr. Morgan said that in the next few days he inquired at the hospital to find out whether or not there were any jobs open and if there was any need for an electrician. Mr. Morgan said that he found out that officially there were no job openings at the hospital but that he learned from some of the people around the hospital that there was a need for an electrician and that they needed somebody to climb poles and to do electrical work around the hospital. Mr. Morgan said that they eventually hired a man from Gulf States Utilities to do this type of work. Morgan said that several months ago when he was working at the hospital a conversation came up about OSWALD talking about going to work at the hospital. At that time ALINE WOODSIDE, who works in the Personnel Department at the hospital, told Mr. Morgan she saw OSWALD's application in the Personnel files at the hospital but that she does not know what ever became of it. Mr. Morgan said that after the President was shot he talked to some of the people at the hospital about what had happened and that people frequently asked him questions about OSWALD. Mr. Morgan said that he recognized OSWALD's picture in the paper after the President was shot and he said he remembers the name OSWALD because he remembers OSWALD introducing himself as "OSWALD" when he first entered his house and Mr. Morgan asked him if he was related to a man living in Clinton by the name of OSWALD CHANCE. Mr. Morgan said OSWALD didn't give his full name until he was walking out of the house when he said his name was LEE OSWALD.

Mr. Morgan said that Kentwood is around 45 miles from Clinton and many people from around the Kentwood area come to Jackson to work in the hospital. The hospital is well-known around the Kentwood area.

Mr. Morgan said, that for what it is worth, he heard several days after the President was killed that there was a patient in the hospital who said on the morning or on the day that the President was shot that the President was going to get killed today. Mr. Morgan doesn't remember who the person was but that it was supposed to be a patient in the hospital.

*Richard Morgan*  
*Jackson, La.*



M E M O R A N D U M

January 31, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney  
RE: Clinton, Louisiana

Jim Alcock and I interviewed COREY COLLINS who had previously stated to Lt. Fruge that he was present in Clinton, Louisiana, and saw the black car parked in front of the drugstore. COLLINS said that if he did have blue overalls on as PALMER said he did, it means that this had to be either a Wednesday or a Thursday which were his off days from the hospital. He said that the girl with him had to be either VERLA BELL or LAURA DAVIS who is now in Alabama. He says that as best he can remember it was around two to three weeks after he attempted to register on August 6, 1963. This would make it in late August or early September, 1963. He said that at the time he was living in Clinton and working with VERLA BELL, LAURA DAVIS, JAMES BELL, HENRY BROWN, CHRISTINE WRIGHT, IONA HENDRICKS, MIMI FIENGOLD, and other CORE workers. The purpose was to register as many colored voters in the Parish as they possibly could.

COLLINS repeated that he remembers the black car parked in front of the drugstore very well and that he remembers thinking that it was an FBI car. He also remembers VERLA commenting to him that he remarked that it may be an FBI car. COLLINS says that at that time there were Federal men in the area to take care of any trouble that may have erupted as a result of the demonstrations and registration drive. COLLINS said that he was standing close to the registration door as the car drove up and he best remembers this as sometime around 10:00 in the morning. He said the car was headed toward Plank Road and parked in front of the drugstore. He said he doesn't definitely remember the make of the car but remembers that it was a big black expensive looking car and not more than two years old and it had four doors. He says that he believes that VERLA was with him trying to get the names of the people in line. He says he can remember seeing someone get out of the car and go into the registration line. He also says that he can remember seeing MANCHESTER going up to the automobile and talking with the people in the automobile and someone in his party remarked that the Federal people looked like they were trading with the enemy. He pointed out, however, that he doesn't know if this was a Federal car or not since no one in the car identified themselves to anyone of his workers. He also said that it was customarily the procedure for the Federal men to identify themselves to either himself or to some other CORE workers just to let them know that they were in the area.

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He said that as far as he knows these people did not identify themselves to anybody.

He said that after he noticed the one fellow get out of the car and go in the registration line, he then went about his other duties of checking various things in town. He says at the time there were about twenty to twenty-five people in line.

COLLINS said that he remembered this black car in particular because it was the only black strange car that he had seen during this period. He also said that he seemed to remember MANCHESTER joining PALMER after he talked to the people in the car. COLLINS said that there were two people in the front of the car and couldn't be sure about the back seat and that he cannot remember where the person who got out of the car and went into the registration line came from in regards to the front or back seat. He said the driver of the car had on a light hat and had broad shoulders but cannot remember the color hair he had or anything about his complexion and he seemed to be around 45 to 50 years old. He said he believes the windows in the car may have been tinted but he can't be sure. He said the other person who got out of the car was younger and was of medium height and medium build and was casually dressed in a sense that he did not have a coat and tie on.

COLLINS also said that he remembers two guys sitting on the bench in front of the barber shop that morning. One of them was SCRUBBS DUNN and he doesn't know the name of the other person but could recognize him if he saw him again. He said that he only saw PALMER when he left the registration office but was not there when PALMER returned. He also was not present when the person in line left.

I then showed COLLINS some pictures to see if he could identify any of the men that we have in our files. He immediately picked out a picture which I have marked S-1 and said that this was the person who got out of the car and went in line to register. He said he was very sure of this.

He then picked out a picture which I have marked S-2 and said that he remembers seeing this man around Clinton somewhere but can't be sure where or when.

He then looked at a picture which I have marked S-3 and passed it over and came back to it again and when asked if this person was familiar, he said the face was familiar but can't say for sure where he saw the man. He said he looks big enough to be the man behind the wheel but he would like to see a picture of him with a hat on and from the back.

COLLINS then said that we should check the registration date on HUEY RICHARDSON as he was probably in line around that time. He also said that he knew ESTES MORGAN and saw him in line around once



but doesn't know if it was on the same day.

He then signed the back of the pictures and I informed him that I would have a statement typed for him to sign.

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The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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COREY COLLINS

M E M O R A N D U M

October 26, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant D. A.  
RE: INTERVIEW WITH COREY COLLINS  
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We have a tape recording of an interview with COREY COLLINS which will be transcribed later and which says in effect that COREY was working in Clinton with VERNA BELL for CORE during the voter registration drive in the Summer of 1963. He says he and VERNA BELL both say that they can remember seeing the black Cadillac in Clinton some time within a 3 or 4 week period after he registered on 8/16/63. He said that his off-days were Wednesday and Thursday and the Registrar's office was only open on Thursday and Friday but that it could have been on a different day in the morning as he didn't go to work until the afternoon. But he seems to remember him being there all day on the day he saw the black Cadillac. COLLINS remembers seeing DUNN and his grandson on the bench in front of the barber shop. He said that he and VERNA did take down the names of everyone who was in line to register and did send the list in to CORE headquarters in New Orleans. He says that either he or VERNA BELL or BETTY POOLE or RONNIE MOORE must have sent the list to the CORE headquarters in New Orleans. He said that we could check with a man named HALEY in regard to the list.

(The transcript of the entire interview with COLLINS will follow)



MEMORANDUM

March 14, 1968

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: ANDY SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: CLINTON, LOUISIANA

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On 3/6/68 I interviewed VERLA BELL who was with COREY COLLINS when the black Cadillac was parked in front of the Registration Office in Clinton, Louisiana. VERLA said she remembers being there and she remembers the incident, but she cannot identify any of the people in the car or any of the people in line. She said she didn't pay much attention to that. She did point out that pictures of FERRIE and BANISTER looked familiar but can't say from where.

She says that she remembers seeing PALMER with MANCHESTER that day and she remembers MANCHESTER going up to the car and talking to the people in the car. She says she also remembers hearing somebody make the comment that the government is trading with the enemy.

She said that all she can remember about the car is that it was big and black and that she has no idea of what year or make the car may have been. She says as best as she can remember, she believes the car was parked in front of Phelp's Garage (which is on opposite sides of the street). She said that she cannot say how long the car stayed there as she didn't pay much attention to it. She also says that she remembers DUNN sitting on the bench in front of the barber shop.

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*at Jackson*

MEMORANDUM

January 29, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: Interview with BOBBIE DEDON, East Louisiana State Hospital - August 4, 1967

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Lt. Fruge and I interviewed BOBBIE DEDON at the hospital and Lt. Fruge has a tape recording of the conversation. These are some of the highlights of the conversation.

While looking through pictures of people in our investigation, MRS. DEDON picked out a picture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and said that she felt definite that she had seen him and talked to him at the hospital. She said that she was working in the Clinic as a receptionist and that Parker Hall was right next to where the personnel office was. She says that she feels OSWALD came and asked her for instructions on how to get to the personnel office. She feels that she told him where it was with no further conversation and he walked off in that direction. MRS. DEDON then looked at Lt. Fruge and said that she also remembers the time that Fruge came to the hospital to pick up ROSE CHERAMIE around November of 1963. And she also said that she remembered that Fruge was with an older person (Fruge acknowledges this to be true).

MRS. DEDON said that it was quite common for people to come to her for instructions because of the locality of her position. MRS. DEDON also says that the picture of CLAY SHAW looked very familiar but she just can't place where she saw him. MRS. DEDON said that we can't say why but somehow she relates OSWALD with ESTES MORGAN whom both she and her husband knew.



STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST FELICIANA

Before me the undersigned authority in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, and residing therein, on the 12th Day of September, 1967, at CLINTON, LOUISIANA, personally came and appeared:

HENRY BURNELL CLARK

a resident of legal age at East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, who being known to me personally and who being first duly sworn did depose and say:

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My name is HENRY BURNELL CLARK. I am twenty-nine years of age and reside near Clinton, La., with Mrs. Ruth Kilbourne, a relative, between Clinton, La., and Jackson, La.

I have been employed at STEWART & CARROLL GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE in Clinton for the past fifteen years. In formal school I finished six weeks into the ninth grade. I have never been arrested and I am a member of the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.

In the summer of 1963, after a period of civil rights demonstration and picketting had ending, and during the attempted registration of Negro voters, I stepped out on the sidewalk in front of the Stewart & Carroll Store, where I worked, shortly before the noon hour, and saw, coming from the direction of the bank east of the store, and walking in a westerly direction toward me, a tall man in a dark business suit, who was wearing a shirt and tie, but no hat.  
He approached, facing me, to a distance of about ten or twelve feet from me, and stepped off into the street facing in a northerly direction. He crossed the street and entered a black automobile which had been parked at the curb, facing northwesterly, toward the court house. He backed the car into the main street, made a U-turn, and proceeded in an easterly direction down the street past the bank.

From photographs shown me this date, I recognize the photograph labelled NEW ORLEANS, LA. # 125 368 dated 3 1 67 which I herewith before this notary, mark and sign with my normal signature as being identical to the features of the man whom I saw cross the street from

Jeff Chandler?

I especially noticed this particular individual, with the New Orleans plate # 125 388 on his chest in the photograph I have identified, because at the time he reminded me of a movie actor I remembered seeing on the screen, and because he was unusually tall, standing well over six feet.

During this same period of time in the summer of 1963, after the conclusion of the picketing demonstrations and during the attempted voting registration of the Negroes, I stepped out in front of the Stewart & Carroll Store and saw a man whom I noticed particularly because of his unusual hair.

It was bushy and stood up all directions on his head like he had been out on a drunk all night. He walked up to the pay telephone on the street and stood there for a short while. I do not know whether he made a telephone call or not. From pictures shown me this date, I can state this man who went to the telephone booth was the man wearing over his chest the label NEW ORLEANS, LA. 1-7062 with the numbers under it reading 2 16 62 or it was his twin brother. I have marked with my signature the aforementioned photograph as that of the man who walked past me in Clinton and stood by the public telephone that day.

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X Thus signed and executed of the own free will and volition and after a due reading <sup>of</sup> the whole by appearer on the date and place aforesaid:

Sworn to and subscribed before me, notary on the 12th Day of September, 1967 at Clinton, Louisiana.

Notary Public  
East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

My Commission expires at death.



July 13, 1967  
Christon, La -  
Parish of East Feliciana 3:00 PM -

my name is Andrew Haden  
Dunn. I am 57 years old. I  
have resided in this parish all of  
my life. I am unemployed  
at this time due to illness.

During the summer months of  
1963, during the civil rights  
demonstrations, I was sitting in  
front of Wrights Barber Shop, which  
is located across the street from the  
Register of voters office. At about  
9:00 AM, I don't remember the  
exact date, but I believe it was  
on a Wednesday, I saw a Black  
Cadillac pull up in front of the  
Register of voters office and park.  
There were four men in the  
car. There was a tall well  
dressed man driving the car. The  
other three men in the car were not  
as tall and not as well dressed.  
I can identify the four men that  
were in the car.

I have looked at several pictures  
handed to me by Lt. Frange of  
the State Police and have identified  
three pictures of the men in the  
car. He did not have pictures

They all got out of the car and stood around the car for a few minutes, then three of them got back into the car and one left. I don't know where he went to.

I knew Ester Morgan personally. I saw him standing in the line of people that were trying to register to vote one day. I can not say for sure if this was on the same day that I saw the Cadillac.

I don't remember how long this car stayed parked there.

I do not know who Clay Shaw is and ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> never seen a picture of him <sup>in</sup> the newspaper or the television.

I am making this statement from my own free will. I have not been threatened or been made any promises to make it.

I have read this statement and swear that it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Andrew H. Dunn

Wt. A. Dunn, Jr.  
Clem. H. Litchell



M E M O R A N D U M

January 29, 1968

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney  
RE: Interview with MARY MORGAN, June 3, 1967

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I went back to the home of REEVES MORGAN to talk further with MR. MORGAN about OSWALD's appearance at his home and also to talk with his daughter, MARY MORGAN, who had been at home at the time of the OSWALD visit.

MARY MORGAN informed me that she did not pay much attention to the incident as it was all very normal for lots of people to drop in her dad's home in order to get some help for employment. MARY told me that when OSWALD was in the house talking with her dad, she happened to walk towards the screen door and went onto the porch and just casually noticed that there was a dark colored car parked under the tree in front of the house. It was rather dark and she didn't really pay much attention to the car. She says that as best as she can remember, it was an old car and the model was somewhere in the Fifties. She says that she remembers seeing a woman in the car. She did not pay much attention to the whole situation and she did not go out to see OSWALD and the woman in the car drive away.