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Mr. PETER NAPADY, Gunsmith, Alden's, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised that this firm, the third largest mail order firm in the world, purchases and resells large quantities of firearms each year. He stated that due to the volume Alden's, as a regular practice, maintains no record of serial numbers of the purchased guns for more than a few months. A review of his records reflected that all records which may have reflected serial numbers of a shipment of seven hundred 6.5 caliber Italian carbines from Century Arms, Incorporated on July 5, 1962, have now been destroyed.

Mr. NAPADY advised that no records of sales of rifles are maintained by serial number and the only record pertaining to sales of these particular rifles would be in what he described as "insurance books". These "insurance books" are records of all property shipped by Alden's and insured and would include firearms and optical goods. Appearing in these records would be the purchaser's name, the city and state of his residence, and the catalogue number of the item purchased. For example the record might read, Mr. JOHN JONES, New York City, New York, Catalogue Number MC 1234. He stated that the vast majority of Alden's customers purchasing firearms reside outside of the State of Illinois and added that many of Alden's customers for firearms are military personnel stationed at foreign posts.

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Mr. ALBERT LESKO, Manager, Accounting Department, Alden's, Chicago, Illinois, advised that no record whatsoever is maintained by this firm of serial numbers of firearms after a period of several months from their purchase. He stated that the shipment in question of 700 Italian carbines was one part of an order of 1600 carbines from the Century Arms, Incorporated. He advised that a search of the "insurance books" maintained by Alden's would probably have to include all 1600 of these rifles since the catalogue number, the only identifying factor, would be the same for all 1600 guns.

Mr. LESKO furnished an invoice from the Century Arms, Incorporated, Number 8934, dated June 29, 1962, and carrying a date shipped as July 5, 1962. This invoice, a copy of which was furnished to the interviewing Agents, reflected that seven hundred 6.5 caliber Italian carbines had been sold to Alden's, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, under Catalogue Number 33-3541M. A stamp on this invoice reflects the receipt of this merchandise by Alden's on July 9, 1962.

The only other record still extant in Alden's files is Alden's Checking Slip Number 293779 dated July 12, 1962, reflecting the receipt of a shipment from Century Arms, Incorporated of 700 items of Catalogue Number 33B3541. According to Mr. LESKO this checking slip pertained to the rifles shipped under Century Arms, Incorporated Invoice Number 8934.

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Mr. MARCELINO RAMON GARCIA, 2652 West 12th Place, Chicago, Illinois, advised that GARCIA is his true last name but his birth certificate and passport reflect his name to be MARCELINO RAMON GARCIA CASTRO.

Mr. GARCIA, who is 16 years old, advised that he had traveled to Mexico in September, 1963 and had gone to Mexico City where he visited relatives. On October 3, 1963, he arrived at Nuevo Laredo via bus from Mexico City. From the bus stop he and his mother, who accompanied him, went to the border by taxi. After returning to the American side of the border GARCIA and his mother immediately began their journey home to Chicago.

GARCIA advised that his arrival in Nuevo Laredo was on the evening of October 3, 1963. He was unable to recognize a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised that during his travel in Mexico he had not seen this individual nor met anyone named OSWALD.

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