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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE,
MISC - INFO. CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE FEB. TWENTYONE INSTANT.

ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FINAL EDITION
OF THE FEBRUARY TWENTYONE INSTANT ISSUE OF THE NEW ORLEANS
STATES-ITEM NEWSPAPER AFTER JUDGE HAGGERTY HAD DENIED A
DEFENSE MOTION FOR A DIRECTED VERDICT OF ACQUITAL IN
THE SHAW TRIAL DURING THE MORNING SESSION ON FEB. TWENTYONE
INSTANT. THE DEFENSE THEN CALLED AS ITS WITNESS MRS. MARINA
OSWALD PORTER OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, THE WIFE OF THE LATE
LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BY THE DEFENSE MRS. PORTER TESTIFIED
AS FOLLOWS: SHE AND OSWALD MOVED TO NEW ORLEANS FROM DALLAS
TEXAS IN MAY NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HOWEVER, PRIOR TO HER
TO NEW ORLEANS, OSWALD HAD PRECEDED HER AND HAD FOUND A
PLACE TO LIVE ON MAGAZINE STREET.
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DURING PART OF THE TIME THEY LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS OSWALD WAS EMPLOYED BY THE REILY COFFEE COMPANY AND WENT BACK AND FORTH TO WORK ON THE BUS AND SHE NEVER OBSERVED OSWALD DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE.

SHE NEVER KNEW HER HUSBAND TO WEAR A BEARD AND OSWALD NEVER WORE LONG HAIR AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD NEVER TRAVELLED TO CLINTON, LOUISIANA NOR DID SHE OR THEIR YOUNG BABY EVER TRAVEL TO CLINTON.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT HER HUSBAND ORDINARILY WORE CLEAN CLOTHES ESPECIALLY WHEN HE WAS GOING OUT INTO PUBLIC AND THAT IF HE WENT ANYPLACE OTHER THAN A NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE, HE ALWAYS WORE A CLEAN SHIRT.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD LEFT NEW ORLEANS ABOUT A WEEK OR TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT SHE DID AND THE NEXT TIME SHE SAW HIM WAS AT THE RESIDENCE OF RUTH PAINE IN IRVING, TEXAS.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT AFTER OSWALD LOST HIS JOB AT THE COFFEE COMPANY IN NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD STAY AROUND THEIR HOUSE MOST OF THE TIME AND OCCASIONALLY GO TO THE LIBRARY OR LOOK FOR A JOB. SHE TESTIFIED THAT WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS OSWALD SPENT HIS EVENINGS AT THEIR RESIDENCE ON MAGAZINE STREET AND THAT SHE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE BY THE NAME OF CLAY SHAW, CLAY BERTRAND, DAVID FERRIE, PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO DURING THE TIME SHE RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. SHE SAID THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD NEVER KNEW ANY OF THESE PEOPLE.

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SHE WAS SHOWN THREE PHOTOGRAPHS OF FERRIE AND SAID THAT NONE OF THESE LOOKED FAMILIAR. THE DEFENSE ALSO MENTIONED NUMEROUS OTHER NAMES ~~THAT~~ WHICH IT HAS INDICATED ~~THAT THEY~~ WERE FRIENDS OR ACQUAINTANCES OF RUSSO AND FERRIE AND SHE TESTIFIED THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WERE UNKNOWN TO HER.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT THE ONLY OTHER NAME SHE KNEW OSWALD TO USE WAS THE NAME OF HEIDEL AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD NEVER USED THE NAME OF LEON OSWALD. SHE TESTIFIED THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS DID NOT LIVE AT ANY ~~OTHER~~ ADDRESS OTHER THAN THEIR RESIDENCE ON MAGAZINE STREET. SHE TESTIFIED THAT WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT CAME BY THEIR RESIDENCE TO PICK THEM UP FOR A RIDE WERE RELATIVES OF OSWALD WHO LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS.

SHE TESTIFIED WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS OSWALD OWNED A RIFLE AND THAT SHE HAD OBSERVED HIM CLEANING THIS RIFLE ON OCCASIONS AND HE KEPT THE RIFLE IN A CLOTHES CLOSET. SHE DID NOT OBSERVE HIM PACK ~~THIS~~ RIFLE AT THE TIME HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS, BUT LATER SAW THIS SAME RIFLE AT MRS. PAINES HOUSE IN IRVING, TEXAS. SHE TESTIFIED THAT THE NEXT TIME SHE SAW THE RIFLE WAS WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED AT THE PAINE RESIDENCE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

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SHE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD DID NOT TALK ABOUT POLITICS IN HER PRESENCE AND THAT SHE LEFT NEW ORLEANS AND WENT TO IRVING, TEXAS WITH MRS. PAINE IN MRS. PAINE'S LIGHT COLORED STATION WAGON EITHER ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY, TWENTYTHREE, OR TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

SHE LEFT NEW ORLEANS OWING TWO WEEKS RENT AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD NEVER HAD A BANK ACCOUNT AND THE MOST MONEY OSWALD EVER GAVE HER WAS ONE DOLLAR.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE SHE WAS AT PAINE'S RESIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION AND LEARNED ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ON TELEVISION AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE MRS. PAINE'S CAR WAS AT THE RESIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT AFTER OSWALD ARRIVED IN IRVING, TEXAS HE LIVED DURING THE WEEK IN DALLAS AND VISITED HER IN IRVING ON THE WEEKEND AND THAT SHE NEVER SAW HIS APARTMENT IN DALLAS.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT SHE HAD NEVER SEEN CLAY L. SHAW BEFORE THIS DATE AND THAT WHILE SHE RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS SHE NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL AT HER ADDRESS FOR CLAY L. SHAW OR ANY TELEGRAMS OR TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SHAW.

UPON CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION MRS. PORTER TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OSWALD CAME TO SEE HER IN IRVING, TEXAS AND THIS WAS UNUSUAL BECAUSE OSWALD NORMALLY CAME
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ON THE WEEKENDS AND THAT ON THIS EVENING OSWALD DID NOT LEAVE THE RESIDENCE. SHE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD DID NOT ASK HER ON THIS OCCASION ABOUT ANY CURTAIN RODS AND SHE COULD NOT RECALL WHAT HE DID ON THE EVENING PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD KEPT HIS RIFLE IN THE PAINE GARAGE BUT SHE DID OBSERVE HIM GO INTO THE GARAGE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, BUT DID NOT OBSERVE OSWALD BRING ANYTHING OUT OF GARAGE.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION SHE ACCOMPANIED POLICE OFFICERS INTO THE PAINE GARAGE WHILE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR OSWALD'S RIFLE, BUT THEY DID NOT LOCATE IT.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION SHE SPOKE TO OSWALD AT THE DALLAS, PD AT WHICH TIME OSWALD TOLD HER NOT TO WORRY AS EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT. SHE TESTIFIED THAT SHE DID NOT ASK OSWALD ANYTHING ABOUT THE SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THAT SHE NEVER SAW OSWALD AGAIN.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE VISIT TO THE POLICE STATION SHE WENT TO "SIX FLAGS" IN DALLAS WHERE SHE WAS QUESTIONED BY THE SECRET SERVICE AND THE FBI.

SHE TESTIFIED SHE DISCUSSED WITH THE FBI OSWALD'S TRIP TO MEXICO, BUT SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHETHER SHE DISCUSSED WITH THE FBI ~~AS TO~~ THE TIME ~~WHEN~~ SHE FIRST LEARNED OF OSWALD'S INTENTIONS TO GO TO MEXICO.

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SHE TESTIFIED SHE FIRST LEARNED THAT OSWALD INTENDED TO GO TO MEXICO ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE SHE LEFT NEW ORLEANS. SHE TESTIFIED THAT WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS OSWALD DID NOT TELL HER FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS AFTER HE LOST HIS JOB AT THE COFFEE COMPANY THAT HE HAD LOST THIS JOB. SHE SAID OSWALD HAD FEW FRIENDS NEVER TALKED MUCH AND LIKE TO BE ALONE AND READ A LOT. SHE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD RARELY TOLD HER ANYTHING HE DID BUT THAT ON ONE OCCASION SHE WAS AWARE HE WAS HANDING OUT LEAFLETS AND OSWALD WAS "QUITE EXCITED" ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT OSWALD WAS DOING DURING THE TIME OSWALD PRETENDED TO BE WORKING AND THAT SHE DID NOT CONSIDER OSWALD TO BE A COMMUNIST.

SHE TESTIFIED THAT USUALLY THE FBI CHECKED ON OSWALD AND THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE OSWALD HAD NOT CONTACTED AN ATTORNEY IN NEW ORLEANS ABOUT HIS DISCHARGE FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

SHE DENIED EVER TELLING THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT SHE HAD LIED TO THE FBI ABOUT OSWALD'S TRIP TO MEXICO, AND THAT SHE HAD APPEARED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS AND TOLD THE COMMISSION EVERYTHING SHE KNEW.

MRS. PORTER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXCUSED AS A WITNESS BY BOTH THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE.

ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE AFTER JUDGE HAGGERTY HAD ANNOUNCED HIS RULING REGARDING A DIRECTED VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL BY THE DEFENSE DA JIM GARRISON IS QUOTED AS SAYING WHEN ASK TO COMMENT ABOUT HIS REACTION "I HAVE NO REACTION, I HAVE NO NERVOUS SYSTEM ANYMORE".

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