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EDWARD VOEBEL, 4916 Canal Street, (Quality Florist Company) furnished the following information:

VOEBEL advised that he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD around 1954-55 when he and OSWALD attended Beaugard Junior High School in New Orleans. VOEBEL recalled that OSWALD had a fight at the school with two brothers named JOHN and MIKE NEWMEYER. VOEBEL stated that the NEWMEYER brothers arranged for someone from another school to come to Beaugard Junior High School and wait for OSWALD the following day and when OSWALD came out from school this other individual stepped out and hit OSWALD in the mouth. VOEBEL remembered that when OSWALD was struck his tooth pierced his lip. VOEBEL said OSWALD never told him what the fight was about and VOEBEL does not know the identity of this individual who struck OSWALD on this occasion.

VOEBEL stated he got some ice to put on OSWALD's lip and apparently because of this act OSWALD became friendly toward him.

VOEBEL stated that during the time he and OSWALD attended Beaugard Junior High School there was a pre-high school program being conducted at Easton High School and OSWALD asked VOEBEL if he knew how to play pool. When VOEBEL applied in the affirmative OSWALD invited him to shoot pool at the pool room near OSWALD's home. VOEBEL stated that OSWALD was at this time living in an upstairs apartment at 126 Exchange Place in New Orleans, which was located either above or adjacent to a pool room. VOEBEL stated that he, VOEBEL, was taking music lessons at Werlein's which was in the vicinity of Exchange Place and, therefore, he stopped by OSWALD's house on several occasions and visited with him. VOEBEL recalled that he would stop by OSWALD's nearly every time he went for his weekly music lesson and either visit or shoot pool with OSWALD.

VOEBEL stated that OSWALD appeared interested in guns and since VOEBEL was interested in frontier type and military type weapons OSWALD would discuss guns with him.

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VOEBEL recalled that on one occasion OSWALD showed him a plastic model of a .45 caliber automatic that was very realistic and could be taken apart. OSWALD told him at this time that he would like to have a real gun and told VOEBEL of a plan he had to steal one. VOEBEL stated OSWALD showed him a box in which he had a piece of silk and a glass cutter and OSWALD actually took him to a store in New Orleans and showed VOEBEL the gun in the window that he intended to steal. OSWALD said his plan was to cut the screen in front of the window and then cut out the glass.

VOEBEL showed OSWALD the metallic decoration around the window and explained that this was part of an ADT Burglary Alarm System and that if he cut the glass the alarm would ring. OSWALD had thought this was just a decoration and after learning it was part of a burglary alarm decided not to steal the gun. VOEBEL said that to the best of his recollection this store was the third establishment from the Walgreen's Drug Store on S. Rampart Street.

VOEBEL said OSWALD never told him why he wanted to steal this particular gun which VOEBEL believes was a small automatic. VOEBEL never knew OSWALD's motivations for having an interest in guns but it did not appear to be the same type interest that VOEBEL had, that is his interest in the mechanical action of different types of weapons. VOEBEL said that OSWALD never discussed politics with him, never made any comments concerning Marxism or Communism and never made any comments detrimental to the United States Government or President KENNEDY. VOEBEL was of the opinion that information he has heard that OSWALD was studying communism when he was fourteen years old is a "lot of baloney". VOEBEL said that OSWALD read quite a lot but that the books he read were paper back trash.

VOEBEL said that in his opinion OSWALD was bitter since his father died when he was very young and OSWALD felt he had a raw deal out of life. He said this bitterness on the part of OSWALD seemed to be that he felt he had been deprived of many things and was not directed toward any one individual or any group. He said OSWALD did not like to be pushed around and, therefore, got into many fights.