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On April 8, 1967, Margarita Chambers appeared at the San Antonio FBI Office and furnished the following information:

She is presently separated from her husband, Ray Chambers. She resides at 335 S. W. 29th Street, San Antonio. Texas, and is unemployed.

On about February 21, 1963, her husband, Ray, with whom she was then living at 309 S. San Eduardo, San Antonio, Texas, brought a man to their house whose name was Jimmy (phonetic) Oswald. Ray had picked Oswald up off the street at the park located near Santa Rosa and Houston in San Antonio. Oswald was trying to get some money to get to New Orleans. Mrs. Chambers explained that at the time, she and her husband each had a truck which they used in selling fertilizer and that her truck was idle because she had to care for her children. Cswald worked several days for Ray Chambers selling fertilizer. Oswald said he stayed in a hotel in downtown San Antonio for two days before he came to the Chambers' home for three nights.

Every night Oswald made long distance telephone calls. He called Houston and New Orleans and he made these calls from a phone booth at a drug store in about the 6000 block of W. Commerce. Mrs. Chambers said that she did not know for sure that he made long distance phone calls but he said he was going to and he had a lot of change.

The first night he said he was going to call Houston. He borrowed Mrs. Chambers' car to drive to the phone booth, which was only a few blocks from her house. The second night she thinks he said he was going to call New Orleans.

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calls; that he was not interested in her but interested in making telephone calls. Irene and she had about three beers while he failed to finish one beer. She said he just sat and talked about his wife and child.

The following morning at about 9:00 a.m., Jimmy Oswald took Mrs. Chambers' truck to work. At about 8:30 p.m. that night she became concerned because he did not return with the truck and she started to look for her truck. She notified the police she was looking for her truck. Ray Chambers got a call from the police or someone that the truck was located about two blocks from the Greyhound Bus Depot in San Antonio on a parking lot. Mrs. Chambers advised that she and Ray went to the parking lot and she paid \$.50 to get it off the lot. Ray drove the truck away and this occurred about 10:00 p.m. the same night, which was on a Saturday.

Mrs. Chambers said she figured that Jimmy Oswald got on a bus at the Greyhound Bus Depot because the truck was parked close to the depot. Subsequently, she advised, later that same night she saw an old man known to her only as Pablo who had helped Oswald load the fertilizer. She said she asked Pablo where Oswald was and Pablo said he had cashed the checks and boarded a Greyhound Bus. Pablo was about 60 to 65 years of age and is now deceased.

Concerning the checks, Mrs. Chambers explained that Oswald got some checks for payment of fertilizer which chould have gone to Mrs. Chambers. Pablo said that Oswald cached them. Oswald had given three checks to Ray Chambers which were "draftsman's checks". Ray thought they were the checks Oswald had received for the fertilizer; however, they were not. They were checks made by Oswald. Ray Chambers cashed these checks with a friend, Victor Pizzina, who cashed them at the West Side State Bank in San Antonio but they were returned because payment on them was not honored. Mrs. Chambers did not know the bank on which they were drawn but she still has these checks. They total about \$53. The checks were not good. The last check was made on February 26, 1963.

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She had to pay Pizzina for these checks.

The last she saw of Jimmy Oswald was the morning on which he took her truck to work, which is set forth above.

She said that he had no luggage and that he acted very strange explaining that he would take several matches to light a cigarette; that he would snap his fingers when he talked; and that he seemed to resent her children.

According to Mrs. Chambers, when Lee Harvey Oswald appeared on television right after the assassination, she and her children recognized him as the Jimmy Oswald mentioned above. She said she did not report this matter previously because she was frightened. She wants no publicity on this and is fearful for herself and for her children.

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