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Delgado, Nelson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ball-Belin
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SUBJECT: Oswald's Marksmanship

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The following statement was made by Nelson Delgado, a former Marine buddy of Oswald, on December 13, 1963, on page 3 of Commission No. 458:

"DELGADO advised that because of the nature of their assignment at Santa Ana, the Marines were required to fire the rifle only once a year and that sometime in the spring of 1959 the whole group, including OSWALD, went to a nearby rifle range, which he believed belonged to the National Guard or the United States Army. He said feelings among most of the Marines ran high as to who would be the best shot and a "pool" was started for the Marine getting the highest score. OSWALD and all others joined this "pool". The subject did not come close to winning. As a matter of fact, since all the Marines attending had to qualify, OSWALD just about did qualify, and it has always been DELGADO's opinion that OSWALD "penciled in" his qualifying score. It was DELGADO's further opinion OSWALD was not a good shot while he was with the Marines at Santa Ana, California; that OSWALD never showed any unusual interest in rifles or guns and appeared less interested in weapons than the average Marine."

cc: Mail Room Files ✓
Mr. Rankins' Chron File
Mr. Slawson