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Mr. CLIFFORD H. SHASTEEN, 2214 Fairfax, (BL 3-6181), Irving, Texas, operator of Clifford's Barber Shop, 1821 South Story, Irving, Texas, advised that since the assassination and the appearance of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television, he had identified OSWALD as an individual who had been appearing at his barber shop for purposes of obtaining a haircut for the past two or three months, usually on a Friday evening or on Saturday morning early.

His first recollection of OSWALD was when he appeared at the shop on a Saturday two or three months ago at 6:30 AM, when he had just opened. He remembers him particularly because at this time he was wearing house shoes which SHASTEEN considered out of the ordinary. He had commented to OSWALD concerning the house shoes and suggested that they must be quite expensive. OSWALD said, "No, not where I bought them". Then, he stated he had purchased the shoes in Old Mexico for only \$1.50.

SHASTEEN described the house shoes worn by OSWALD as being of a light or brilliant yellow leather embossed with a design which he could not further describe and as having one metal fastener which SHASTEEN described as being of the type used on the slickers (raincoats) in the years past.

Mr. SHASTEEN said that OSWALD usually wore a fatigue-type clothing or Army or khaki trousers with pockets which he described as being "straight down in the front".

In all, SHASTEEN said that OSWALD had obtained seven or eight haircuts at that shop and that he never had liked any of them. He described OSWALD as a hypercritical and disgruntled person. He said he never had had a customer before whom he would have preferred not patronize his business.

The only time OSWALD had ever conversed in any way with SHASTEEN was when they had discussed the shoes. Initial attempts by SHASTEEN to start a conversation with OSWALD by asking him where he worked received the response only of "downtown". It was evident from this, Mr. SHASTEEN said, that OSWALD preferred not to talk at all.

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SHASTEEN stated that at times OSWALD came to the shop apparently on foot. Occasionally, however, he would drive to the shop, driving a car which SHASTEEN had identified as belonging to Mrs. PAINE, a station wagon which he had seen parked in the PAINE's driveway.

On occasions, upon leaving the barber shop, SHASTEEN said that he had seen OSWALD cross the street to enter Hutch's Grocery Store.

On several occasions, SHASTEEN said that OSWALD came to the shop in the company of a fourteen-year-old boy, whom he described as a white male, short hair, not a flat top, dark brown in color. He described him as a little bit freckled with brown eyes and stated he usually wore blue jeans. On one occasion when this boy came into the shop for a haircut alone, not accompanied by OSWALD, he had made some statements which had astounded SHASTEEN, and it was for this reason that he had asked him his age and he was told that the boy was fourteen. SHASTEEN stated that the topic in the shop at the time was foreign aid and that most in the shop had agreed that the United States could not buy friends. The boy, who up to that time had had nothing to say, volunteered something to the effect that, "We will only be free when everyone has the same, when everyone is equal". The boy continued in this vein, SHASTEEN said, espousing what he considered to be Communist doctrine. He said he had never been able to establish the identity of the boy and only knows that he had been associated with OSWALD.

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