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Mrs. RUTH PAYNE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, phone Blackburn 3-1623, was interviewed at the Dallas Police Department and advised that she first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife MARINA OSWALD during the early part of 1963 at a party. Inasmuch as she is interested in the Russian language, and is a teacher of said language at the St. Mark's School, she became friendly with the OSWALDS. About May, 1963, she brought MARINA OSWALD to Irving, Texas, from New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of living with her while MARINA gave birth to a child. PAYNE stated that she has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD with a rifle and did not know that he had one in her garage at 2515 West Fifth. She stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD is employed at the Texas School Book Depository and usually visits his wife at her residence over the weekends on which occasion he rides from work with WESLEY FRAZIER and FRAZIER thereafter takes him back to work on Monday morning. PAYNE stated that on the night of November 21, 1963, OSWALD made no mention to her of curtain rods and she definitely had no plans to give him any.

She added that on November 22, 1963, OSWALD did not return back to 2515 West Fifth Street anytime during the day since leaving there early that morning.

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