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HIRAM L. CONWAY, Division Manager, Leslie Welding Company-Louz-R-Pac Division, 200 E. North Vasek, with home office Leslie Welding Company, Inc., 11241 W. Malrose Street, Franklin Park, Illinois, furnished the following information:

A LEE OSWALD was employed for this company by TOMMY BARRAS, Shop Foreman. CONWAY said he knew OSWALD as an employee only and only talked to him on a few occasions which conversation would have been concerning his work in the shop. CONWAY said he does recall that OSWALD never talked unless he was asked a direct question.

CONWAY said he knew absolutely nothing concerning OSWALD's background or his life outside of the plant other than what appeared on his employment application. CONWAY said he actually did not know OSWALD well.

CONWAY said further he closed the plant on November 22, 1963, at about 3:00 p.m. due to the assassination of President KENNEDY. However, CONWAY said he remained at the office and that at about 3:30 p.m., ELLIOTT BARRAS telephoned him at the office saying he had been watching television at home and believed the person arrested by the Dallas Police Department in Dallas, Texas, had formerly been employed by the company. CONWAY said upon reaching his home and observing television that he saw a picture of LEE OSWALD on television as the person being arrested in Dallas and this was the same person who was formerly employed by this company. CONWAY said he could again identify OSWALD in the event it should be necessary.

Mr. CONWAY made available for review the personnel file for LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Contained in the file was an application for OSWALD dated July 15, 1962, with address 1501 7th Street, telephone No. PE 2-3243. OSWALD indicated that he had Social Security Number 433-64-3937, a citizen, born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a male, weighing 130 pounds, 5'9", married, and had one child, age five months. He listed as other dependents his wife. The file reflected that he was applying for sheet metal work having had two and one half years experience; that he was employed by this company through Texas State Employment Commission, and he had no relatives working for this company. Under the item Military Service Records, he indicated he had service in the Armed Forces from 1956 to 1962. The branch of the service was

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the U. S. Marine Corps and his duties were that of sheet metal worker and machinist. His rank was that of private at time of enlistment and rating at time of discharge was sergeant. He was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces with no disability.

Under the item Education, he indicated that for the period 1950 through 1953 he attended school at Ridglea West, Fort Worth, Texas, taking a general course and from 1953 to 1956 he attended the Jackson School in New Orleans taking a general course.

Under the item Experience, he listed active duty with the U. S. Marine Corps as a machinist and sheet metal worker.

Under the item references, the following were listed:

PETER P. GREGORY, Consultant, Oil Engineering,
Continental Life Building

ROBERT OSWALD, Junior Executive, Acme Brick Company

The aforementioned application for the most part is handprinted and in pencil.

CONWAY advised he received an undated letter directed to Leslie's Welding Company, from OSWALD asking that his last paycheck for the period October 1 - 8 be forwarded to LEE H. OSWALD, P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas.

Photostat of Internal Revenue Form W-4 in file reflected LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 1501 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas, Social Security Number 435-54-3937, with three dependents, dated July 17, 1962, and signed by OSWALD. The personnel records further reflected that OSWALD was employed July 17, 1962, at an hourly rate of \$1.25. He had Social Security Number 433-54-3937, three dependents, and resided at 1501 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas. His job was that of sheet metal helper until he terminated approximately October 8, 1962.

Inquiry was made of Mr. CONWAY regarding the Social Security numbers for OSWALD, 433-54-3937 and 435-54-3937. He stated that one is wrong due to a possible typographical error and he assumes that the Social Security Number appearing on OSWALD's Form W-4 which is 435-54-3937 is correct.

Mr. CONWAY made available the aforementioned application for employment and handwritten letter to the company from OSWALD.

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