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Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 W. 5th, Irving, Texas, furnished the following information:

She arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LEE OSWALD on Magazine Street in the late afternoon of September 20, 1963. She stated that she fixes this date in her mind by referring to a cancelled check in her possession payable to the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, in the amount of \$25, signed by Mrs. PAINE which she knows she wrote on the day before she arrived in New Orleans. She stated she was at Birmingham on that date and that the date of the check is September 19, 1963.

She stated that on the night of September 19, 1963, she stayed under the name RUTH PAINE at the Holiday Inn on the Bypass in Meridian, Mississippi, and the following day went to New Orleans arriving before dark and staying at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. LEE OSWALD.

She recalls LEE OSWALD was either there when she arrived or came in a very short time later. She remained at the OSWALD home until the morning of September 23, 1963, when she and MARINA and the OSWALD baby departed New Orleans leaving LEE OSWALD there. She recalls going to a service station about a block and a half from OSWALD's residence and located on the same side of the street, where she purchased a new tire for her car, a 1955 green Chevrolet station wagon with 1963 Texas license NK 4041.

She stated that on leaving New Orleans they drove to a small town in Texas where she and MARINA spent the night on September 23, 1963, and on September 24, 1963, she arrived with MARINA at Irving, Texas. She fixes this date because she had made a notation on her household calendar.

Mrs. PAINE stated that while in New Orleans on one occasion, possibly Saturday night or Sunday night, she and MARINA toured Bourbon Street with their children looking at the burlesque shows from the sidewalk although they did not go into any of the "joints." Mrs. PAINE recalled that on this occasion LEE OSWALD did not join them expressing no interest in the matter. When they returned to the house they found that LEE had washed the dishes and straightened up the apartment.

Mrs. PAINE recalls talking to an older man who was cutting the grass in front of the house in which the OSWALDs were residing

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and this man asked her where she was from. She told him Texas and answered several other questions. Thereupon, LEE OSWALD speaking in Russian to Mrs. PAINE told her to quit furnishing so much information.

Mrs. PAINE supposes that the reason for this was that LEE did not want the landlord to know he was moving.

During the time that Mrs. PAINE was in New Orleans from the late afternoon of September 20, 1963, to the morning of September 23, 1963, LEE OSWALD was not away from his residence for any appreciable period. He was not working and while he did not appear to have a lot of money she recalls him spending \$3.00 or \$4.00 for groceries. There was nothing said to indicate that LEE OSWALD had been out of New Orleans and it was her impression that he and MARINA had not been out of New Orleans since May 14, 1963, when she left them in New Orleans.

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