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WILLIAM MCEWAN DUFF, 1211 Tedford Way, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that since the date of his previous interview on January 24, 1964, with SA CHESTER J. WILLETT at Lawton, Oklahoma, he had been discharged from the U. S. Army, divorced from his wife PEGGY MARIE DUFF, and had moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as of June 2, 1964.

At the outset of the interview, Mr. DUFF was informed of the purpose of the current interview and informed of the identities of the interviewing agents. He was told by SA DAVID H. BARRY that he did not have to respond to questioning; that anything he said might be used against him in a court of law; that he had the right to consult an attorney before proceeding.

With regard to his current status, Mr. DUFF said that he had been discharged from the U. S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on June 2, 1964 under Section 606, Fraudulent Enlistment, for the reason he had failed to disclose on his enlistment that he previously had served in the Air Force from which he had been discharged for failure to adapt. His wife, he said, had filed for divorce at Lawton, Oklahoma in February, 1964, a divorce effective June 2, 1964.

A week before moving to Oklahoma City, DUFF said he had visited General CLYDE WATTS, an Oklahoma City attorney, who is counsel for General EDWIN A. WALKER by whom DUFF had been employed in 1962 and 1963 at Dallas, Texas. He said he had met Gen. WATTS when the General had visited with Gen. WALKER in Dallas.

It had been through Gen. WATTS that he had obtained temporary living quarters with MARION W. OSBORNE at 1211 Tedford Way, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OSBORNE being a friend of Gen. WATTS. With the same recommendation, he had obtained temporary employment at a firm managed by Mr. OSBORNE at the Paul T. Blakeney Company, 330 Northeast 38th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a firm which distributes and repairs lawn mowers of commercial and home type. Mr. DUFF said that he anticipates Gen. WATTS will find employment for him as a heavy equipment operator in road

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construction at Oklahoma City by reason of his former association with Gen. WALKER.

Mr. DUFF said that the information that he previously had related to SA WILLETT and would now relate, was based on that gained in connection with his employment by Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER from November, 1962 to April, 1963. He said he had been employed by Gen. WALKER as his "batman". He defined batman as a British military term for an orderly, valet, or personal aide, stating he previously had had such experience in England. Mr. DUFF said he had applied for the job on impulse as one day he had passed the residence of WALKER in Dallas, a house which he had identified by the flags of the United States and Texas flying in front of the house, along with the name of the General. He said he had known nothing of WALKER until he had gone to Dallas; that he had learned of Gen. WALKER through newspaper accounts of the activities of the General. He said he had applied for the job in a personal contact with General WALKER who had been summoned by a volunteer aide when DUFF had appeared at the door; that he had supplied no references; none were asked.

Mr. DUFF said that his duties at the WALKER residence largely concerned looking after the personal needs of the General, including cooking and chauffeuring for him. He said his day started each morning with the raising of the two flags in front of the house and concluded when the house was locked and the General retired. DUFF said that he was quartered upstairs, the front room to the left. He received no remuneration only room, board and other personal requirements. Though he had access throughout the house, General WALKER and his volunteer workers would use care that DUFF saw no correspondence nor overhear conversations of a business nature.

DUFF said that during this period and in performance of his duties, he observed that WALKER had numerous visitors.

When photographs of JACK RUBY appeared in the newspaper in November, 1963 after his shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Mr. DUFF said he believed him to be one

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of two individuals who had visited at the WALKER residence once each month in December, 1962, January and February, 1963. Mr. DUFF said that he is "not sure" of his identification; that there is "doubt in his mind"; that he "would not swear definitely" as to his identification of this individual as JACK RUBY. He said there are a lot of men who look like RUBY, adding "I saw one (of RUBY's likeness) in Oklahoma City the other day."

Mr. DUFF said that what identification he had made was on the basis of personal appearance only, a likeness which he had noted upon seeing the photographs of RUBY in the newspapers; that never had he heard Gen. WALKER or anyone else in WALKER's household mention RUBY in any respect nor had he any other basis which would indicate an association between JACK RUBY and Gen. WALKER.

Mr. DUFF stated that to his knowledge the two individuals in question had visited on these three occasions only, each time in the late afternoon at about 4:30 p.m. In December and January he had not observed their arrival but had only seen their departure, observing them as they stood at the doorway conversing with Gen. WALKER for several minutes after emerging from the sitting room where they had conversed behind the closed French doors. Mr. DUFF stated that he had heard none of the conversation. He said WALKER always conducted his business in this manner, not wishing to be disturbed. On the occasion of the third visit of these individuals in February, 1963, DUFF said he had seen them arrive, parking a 1958 Ford at the corner. Mr. DUFF was not able to provide further description of the Ford vehicle. Mr. DUFF said his view of the man whom he thought to be JACK RUBY was only a profile and view of the man's back only.

Mr. DUFF described the man whom he had considered might be JACK RUBY as follows:

White male American, 40 to 50 years of age, 5'8", 125 pounds, grayish white hair, wearing a business suit. DUFF described this individual as being very thin in appearance.

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The second individual DUFF described as a white male American, in his late 40s, 5'11" to 6', 210 pounds, with an evident paunch. This man had very black hair and was believed to have been of Italian or Mexican descent according to DUFF. He was described as wearing a dark business suit. Neither man carried brief cases or dispatch cases of any type.

Mr. DUFF stated that he previously had not informed of this possible association between JACK RUBY and General WALKER based on his personal identification because on the occasion of his interview in January, 1964, he had been interviewed at the hospital at Fort Sill and was more concerned about his personal welfare and physical condition than the matter which he reported.

Mr. DUFF reiterated that while he cannot now be certain that the individual who visited WALKER actually was JACK RUBY, in his view, this possibility alone was sufficient to require his reporting it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He volunteered to take a polygraph test concerning the matters which he had reported.

Mr. DUFF was asked whether or not he was acquainted with one **ANDRE ANGELES**. Mr. DUFF said he was not acquainted with such an individual and knew of none in his acquaintanceship who had traveled to Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

DUFF stated that never had he seen nor had he been in any association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD; that he has never seen anyone of OSWALD's description at the residence of Gen. WALKER.

Mr. DUFF stated that he had left the employment of WALKER because of friction between himself and several women of the office staff. He said he was supposed to have time off from his present duties when the General was away but the women on the staff became very demanding of him instructing that he make coffee, tea and expecting him to do other chores for them. He said he finally had had enough of this and left.

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Mr. DUFF stated that in the event a later interview might be required, he would advise of any change of address in order that he might be located readily.