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Mr. DECLAN P. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas 40, Texas, advised that he first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife, MARINA OSWALD, sometime during the fall of 1962 through one GEORGE BOUHE of Dallas, Texas. Mr. FORD stated that his wife, KATHERINE FORD, was born in Russia and because of the fact MARINA OSWALD was also born in Russia they became acquainted as are most Russian-born people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He stated MARINA OSWALD stayed at his house from November 11, 1962 to November 17,1962, when she separated from her husband. He stated he is certain of these dates because he was out of town on a business trip on these dates and had been able to verify this through his expense voucher. On November 18, 1962, MARINA OSWALD went to stay with Mr. and Mrs. FRANK H. RAY, 4524 Alta Vista Lane, Dallas. She remained there until November 19, 1962, when her husband, LEE OSWALD, contacted her and they made up and she went back to live with him again.

Mr. FORD advised the next time he saw MARINA and LEE OSWALD was on December 28, 1962, when he and his wife had a party and OSWALD and his wife MARINA came with some other people.

Mr. FORD stated that none of the Russian-born people or their American husbands or wives liked LEE OSWALD and he only associated with them because of MARINA OSWALD. He stated that he had attempted to help LEE OSWALD get a job but that he was very odd in his behavior and when he asked where he was working, he refused to tell them.

He stated that when LEE OSWALD was around the Russian-born persons in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, he always talked in Russian, allegedly to keep up his proficiency in the Russian language, and this was the reason he, Mr. FORD, who does not speak Russian, was unable to converse with OSWALD at any great length. Mr. FORD stated he does know that FRANK H. RAY did have a long political argument with OSWALD and he would be in a good position to describe OSWALD's political beliefs. He said he remembered one occasion when OSWALD was visiting and he pointed out JUNE OSWALD to a Russian girl and OSWALD became incensed and stated she was just as much of an American as any other child in the room even though she was born in Russia. Mr. FORD stated the last time he saw OSWALD was on December 28, 1962.

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