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GARY E. TAYLOR, 4115 Falls Drive, telephone FE 7-8130, advised that in the fall of 1962 when he was living at 3519 Fairmont Street, Apartment 12, Dallas, with his wife, ALEXANDRA TAYLOR, they received a telephone call from GEORGE or JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT who asked ALEXANDRA if they wanted to meet a nice couple. He said he believed at the time the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs furnished background information concerning a Russian girl and a U. S. citizen who had married the girl in Russia and who eventually brought her to the United States. He said shortly afterwards he drove to Fort Worth and met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife, MARINA. Present in this meeting were GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, GEORGE BOUHE, OSWALD's mother, one JOHN HALL from Midland, Texas, and a woman who intended to marry HALL. He said this meeting occurred shortly after VAN CLIBURN had a recital in the area. He said GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT asked him and his wife to take MARINA into their home and that he subsequently moved MARINA from Fort Worth, Texas, to Dallas. He said he did not care for LEE HARVEY OSWALD because of his poor personal habits and his unkempt condition so LEE stayed at the YMCA which arrangements were handled by GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT. He said he believed that MARINA OSWALD had stayed with them prior to the time she lived with a PAINE woman in Fort Worth. He said he had a difficult time understanding MARINA but that his wife although she could not speak Russian fluently had a knowledge of same through her parents, GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

TAYLOR advised that the first discussion he had with LEE HARVEY OSWALD was the first day MARINA moved into their apartment. He stated LEE visited them that night and stayed quite late at which time they discussed philosophies of government. He said that OSWALD appeared to be looking for a Utopia and what OSWALD thought of as a good government was impractical. He said no matter how much he tore down OSWALD's logic he doggedly held on to same and was quite hard-headed in his convictions. OSWALD also professed that the Russian type Government was not his ideal either because the people were suppressed by the rulers. TAYLOR advised OSWALD stated he believed people should have as much power as Presidents and Heads of State. People should live on an equal basis and receive the same amount of money for wages and live in the same size houses. Most of these discussions were quite long and drawn out and usually ended up exactly where they started.

TAYLOR advised that DE MOHRENSCHILDT and GEORGE BOUHE as mentioned previously were instrumental in getting OSWALD in at the YMCA in Dallas and DE MOHRENSCHILDT called the YMCA from the apartment.

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He said that either DE MOHRENSCHILDT or BOUHE paid OSWALD's bill at the YMCA because OSWALD was in a destitute situation. He said OSWALD had very poor clothing and was making a minimum wage where he was employed. He said MARINA moved back to Fort Worth when the PAINE woman had a serious automobile accident. He said about three or four days later he picked OSWALD up at the YMCA and they drove to Fort Worth where they met MARINA, obtained OSWALD's furnishings, and he drove them back to Dallas. He said he believed they then moved into an apartment near Zangs and Davis Streets and he did not see very much of them after this move except for an occasional phone call and a visit. He believed this was some time in October, 1962. He thought that ALEXANDRA, his wife, did not see the OSWALDs after this time. He said he saw LEE OSWALD in November, 1962, for the last time but bumped into MARINA on the street in November, 1962, and he learned they were living in another apartment near the first one he had moved them into. He said he talked to MARINA with the use of the Russian-English dictionary. He said during this brief conversation MARINA mentioned LEE was studying at Crosier Tech and going to night school. He said he believed GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT later mentioned OSWALD was studying photography at Crosier Tech. He said during this brief talk with MARINA he promised to visit the OSWALDs but he never saw LEE again.

TAYLOR advised he last saw MARINA in June, 1963, when they had a brief talk on the street and afterwards he left town in July, 1963, touring Texas taking films for a travelogue concern for a two month period. He said he was shocked when the President was shot and that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been implicated in the shooting. He said in his opinion OSWALD did not appear to be the vicious type and was more of a milk toast, mild-mannered individual with the only indication of his violence being in the treatment he had given MARINA. He said in this regard he had observed MARINA with black and blue marks on her person and had learned that OSWALD had beaten her up.

TAYLOR said OSWALD did not appear to be too educated but did read a lot and he had never heard OSWALD mention the KENNEDYS or CONNALLYs or their administrations or policies. He said he never heard OSWALD say he intended to or had given up his U. S. citizenship or that the Russians wanted him to do so. He advised OSWALD had mentioned he had trouble getting out of Russia with MARINA and had mentioned he had worked as a sheet metal worker in an electronics

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factory in Minsk. He advised OSWALD never mentioned JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN in his presence.

TAYLOR advised he had read in the newspaper that LEE OSWALD had traveled to New Orleans and to Mexico. He said he had no knowledge of these trips personally but was wondering where OSWALD obtained money to make these journeys. He said OSWALD was not paid very well when he worked and as he previously mentioned, OSWALD received a minimum wage and OSWALD did not remain on any one job or position very long. He said he worked for the welding company in Fort Worth a few months and later worked for a printing company which he believed to be Jaggars in Dallas for about five or six months. He said his clothing when he transported them from Fort Worth to Dallas was very poor, in a run down condition, and OSWALD often went four or five days wearing the same clothes without bathing. He added however that when photographed in New Orleans which photograph was in the paper, OSWALD was wearing a white shirt, tie, and what appeared to be form fitting trousers giving the appearance he had obtained some money. He said he had never seen OSWALD dressed up before or in decent wearing apparel until he saw him in this photograph. He said the only person he knew of that would have provided OSWALD with money would have been GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD who took a great interest in OSWALD. He said that from his relationship with the two he thought OSWALD would do anything that DE MOHRENSCHILD told him. He said if DE MOHRENSCHILD had told OSWALD to move to Houston OSWALD would have gone. He said he knew of no other person who had more influence over OSWALD than DE MOHRENSCHILD.

He said in regard to his former father-in-law, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD, that DE MOHRENSCHILD preferred the Russian form of Government over the United States and stated so in his presence on a number of occasions. He also had indicated a desire to return to Russia but not because it was his home land. He said he did not believe DE MOHRENSCHILD had any living relatives in Russia. He said the financial status of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD also varied. He said by this he meant at times DE MOHRENSCHILD appeared to be scrimping and scraping to make ends meet and then all of a sudden DE MOHRENSCHILD and his wife would have enough money to do as they pleased. He said he could not understand how they could travel throughout Mexico, the Caribbean, and Guatemala for fourteen months if they had been in such dire need financially. He advised that although JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILD, also known

as Jon Le Gon, Jean Le Gon, had worked for IKE CLARK as a fashion designer in the late 1950's and for Sanger-Harris more recently. He did not believe she made enough money to finance any trip to Mexico, Caribbean, and Guatemala. He said it was while JEANNE was working for the CLARKS that they went to Guatemala and Mexico. He said they stayed on the plantation of an acquaintance of theirs whom they had met in Tubac, Arizona. He said they met these people through ALEXANDRA's cousin, NANCY TILSON. He said he did not know how long they stayed in Guatemala on this plantation before they went to the Caribbean and eventually to Haiti but it was about 14 months before they returned to Dallas. He said when they returned DE MOHRENSCHILDT bought a new car from Ben Griffins Ford Agency. He said he thought DE MOHRENSCHILDT paid cash for the car and he felt this was certainly more money than DE MOHRENSCHILDT had when he left town on the trip.

In regard to the last trip or permanent trip, he said that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was working for Sanger-Harris when they decided to leave for Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He said they had been scrimping and saving allegedly for this trip but he could not understand how they could manage to outfit themselves so well prior to departing for Haiti. He said they went to Haiti via Miami, Florida, some time in May or June, 1963. He said he did not get along too well with his former father-in-law so his former father-in-law corresponds with his mother and in this regard his mother received a letter from JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in care of the American Embassy, Port-au-Prince which he thought was some time in June, 1963. He advised that three weeks ago his mother received a letter from GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT with a return address Box 575-1, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He said he believes that DE MOHRENSCHILDT was arranging to operate a plantation of some kind in Haiti, for a group of financiers. He said the last letter received by his parents was within the week and it was from JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT with a return address in care of American Embassy, Port-au-Prince.

TAYLOR advised that for background information concerning GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT he advised he married his last wife, JEANNE, also known as Jon Le Gon, in May or June, 1959, in Dallas. He was born in Russia in the Georgian section; claimed that if the feudal system were still in effect he would have the title of Baron. He claimed he studied in Prague and taught geology at the University of Texas in 1939. He had an office in the Republic National Bank building

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at one time in the last five years although he did not know him to have worked very much. He said he traveled a bit and had made numerous trips to Houston, Texas, allegedly to promote work for himself and supposedly had seen GUS BROWN on these trips prior to BROWN's death. He said GUS BROWN was a partner in Brown and Root Construction Company. He said that DE MOHRENSCHILDT claimed to have worked as a consulting geologist for JAMES P. NEIL about four years ago. He said NEIL has offices in the Exchange Bank Building, Dallas. DE MOHRENSCHILDT also claimed he had a brother who is a professor at the University of Princeton and his name is believed to be VON MOHRENSCHILDT. He advised in this regard he understood GEORGE to say that his brother and he changed their name. He stated that DE MOHRENSCHILDT claimed he had worked for the State Department in the mid 1950's and in this regard DE MOHRENSCHILDT exhibited to TAYLOR photographs of the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs which photographs the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs stated were taken in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

He advised that one LOUIS McNULTON, Jr., a younger individual, more so than DE MOHRENSCHILDT, was an associate of DE MOHRENSCHILDT and a constant guest in the DE MOHRENSCHILDT residence. He stated he thought possibly DE MOHRENSCHILDT had worked for BEN GRIFFIN, a Ford dealer, where DE MOHRENSCHILDT had obtained his car. He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT claims he can speak sixteen foreign languages and can write thirteen of this sixteen. Included in this group are Chinese and Russian fluently. He said he believed DE MOHRENSCHILDT's first wife who may live in Boston had DE MOHRENSCHILDT followed by a detective agency during a custody case of one of his daughters by their first marriage. He said the woman won the suit. He advised that JEANNE was DE MOHRENSCHILDT's third wife. He advised he first met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in the fall of 1958 when DE MOHRENSCHILDT lived in the Maple Terrace Apartments. He said afterward they moved to a house within a block of the apartment building believed on Dickens Street and that after their return from their fourteen month trip mentioned previously they moved back to another area on Dickens Street.

He described DE MOHRENSCHILDT as a white male, 50-54 years old, 6'-6'2", 190 pounds, brown hair, dark olive complexion, robust, and athletic build, very intelligent who loves to play tennis. He stated DE MOHRENSCHILDT also had a 1962 white Ford convertible, two tone blue interior with a blue stripe inside the chrome molding on the outside of the car. He said as previously mentioned

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DE MOHRENSCHILDT obtained this car from Ben Griffin Ford dealer which is now defunct.

TAYLOR advised he had dated CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA, who is the step-sister of ALEXANDRA DE MOHRENSCHILDT. He said at the time he was dating CHRISTIANA, ALEXANDRA, his former wife, was living in Paris with her mother. He said that when he met ALEXANDRA he fell in love and married her in Oklahoma in November, 1959. He said that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, also known as Jon Le Gon, insofar as background information is concerned, was born in China, is a white female, athletic in nature, 5'2-3", 130 pounds, light brown hair, dark olive complexion, spoke with a decided French accent, and speaks and writes Russian fluently, and also is believed to speak Chinese as well. He said he does not know where she was educated but she appears to be very literate. He said she was a fashion designer for IKE CLARK in Dallas at which time she used the name, JON LE GON and also was a fashion designer for Sanger-Harris. He believed she used the name DE MOHRENSCHILDT at the time. He stated her daughter, CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA, attended UCLA and he thought CHRISTIANA's real father, first name unknown BOGOVALLENSKIA, had been in California in a state mental hospital where CHRISTIANA used to visit him quite frequently while attending UCLA. He thought the mental hospital might be near Los Angeles in view of the above information. He stated CHRISTIANA's presently is married to an individual called RAGNAR, last name unknown, who he believes is a Russian and that at present CHRISTIANA and her husband are en route to Port-au-Prince to visit the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs.