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THOMAS RAY, resident of Northeast Blossom, Texas, telephone 384-5244, an employee of the Gulf Oil Company, Paris, Texas, appeared at the Paris, Texas, Resident Agency of the FBI and volunteered the following information:

RAY explained that he was married to a Russian girl in Germany in 1946, and he soon thereafter returned to the United States with her. She was subsequently naturalized and received her citizenship papers in Federal Court in Paris, Texas.

RAY stated that there is a group of former Russians throughout the State of Texas who try to keep in touch with one another from time to time and that because his wife was a native-born Russian she was invited to a party in Dallas, Texas, on December 28 - 29, 1962, in attendance at which were many other Russians. The party lasted two days and among those present was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mr. RAY stated that in view of OSWALD's presence he felt that the people at this party might have information concerning OSWALD and should possibly be contacted by the FBI in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

RAY advised that many of the people present at the party would have considerable information about OSWALD and his family.

RAY stated he did not pay too much attention to OSWALD at the party since OSWALD talked mostly to the Russian-speaking people at the party. He commented that OSWALD spoke Russian fluently and that Mrs. RAY had talked to OSWALD at length, and she expressed her amazement at OSWALD's understanding of Russian and his talk concerning the Communist Party line.

Mr. RAY stated that the party described above was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN T. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone AD 9-5842. He stated that Mrs. DECLAN T. FORD is a Russian.

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RAY stated that also in attendance was GEORGE BOUHE, 4740 Homer Street, Apartment O, telephone TA 7-2288, Dallas, Texas. RAY identified BOUHE as a bachelor who apparently keeps in contact with as many Russian-born people as he can.

Also at this party were Mr. and Mrs. TEOFIL MELLER, 5930½ LaVista Drive, telephone TA 3-2219, Dallas, Texas. Both of these people are Russian born.

Also present at the party was an individual named FRANK RAY and his Russian-born wife. FRANK RAY is no relation to THOMAS RAY, and THOMAS RAY stated he did not know their address and that they may now be separated.

RAY explained that a businessman, C. E. HARRIS, JR., 904 East 12th Street, Georgetown, Texas, telephone VN 3-3086, and his wife, who is Russian born, were also at the party.

When the party broke up at the FORD residence, many of the persons present, including the RAYs, went to a very lavish home somewhere in Dallas. The owners of this home, both American, were supposedly business people, and the husband is the son of a pioneer of Dallas. RAY stated that this man's wife remarked that her husband owned "ten acres of downtown Dallas".

RAY explained that BOUHE, the MELLERs and the FORDs befriended OSWALD, and one of these families had allowed Mrs. OSWALD to live with them for a long period of time. It was understood that OSWALD mistreated his wife a great deal and that he did not appreciate any help given to him for his ill-kept family.

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