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The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Dallas, Texas, made available by Mrs. BIRDIE SUE BELCHER to SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN on March 9, 1964, reflect **DECLAN P. FORD** has had a record at this Association since February 17, 1960. His present address is listed as 14057 Brookcrest and his prior addresses as 6448 Dunston Lane, 5625 Daniels, 4717 A North Central Expressway, all Dallas, Texas. These records reflect that his last known employment was for DeGolyer and MacNaughton, Consultants, 5625 Daniels Street, Dallas, Texas, beginning in 1953 as a **geologist**. These records reflect he was born March 10, 1923, in Los Angeles, California. A personal statement by Mr. FORD in this file dated February 1960 reflects he had previously resided in Ventura, California; that he owned unnamed stocks and bonds and had life insurance in the amount of \$10,000. This statement reflected he had military service from 1942 to 1945 in the U. S. Navy. He owned a 1959 automobile, free and clear.

As of February 1960 Mr. FORD had only one listed account at a clothing store and this was satisfactory. A check revealed he had a **sizable checking account** at a local bank in Dallas. Since his file was opened, there have been approximately twenty-one inquiries, mostly from retail merchants in Dallas. There were also four inquiries from banks and one inquiry from the Metropolitan Savings and Loan Association concerning a mortgage. This inquiry was on March 8, 1963. This file reflects his wife as KATHRYN or KATHYN. Mrs. BELCHER was not sure of the spelling of this name.

Mrs. BELCHER advised further this association has a record concerning one STANLEY L. SKOTNICKI and his wife KATHERINE. This record was opened on November 15, 1947. He was last known to be employed as of June 1958 with Sears-Roebuck and Company on Ross Avenue in Dallas as a salesman. His last known address was listed as 2221 North Fitzhugh and a previous address as 6448 Dunston, both Dallas.

This file reflects SKOTNICKI was from Stephenville, Texas, and he was born in Thurber, Texas, on October 15, 1919.

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He and his wife were parents of two children. The file reflects that in October 1958 SKOTNICKI sued his wife KATHERINE for divorce. On October 23, 1961, KATHERINE FORD sued STANLEY SKOTNICKI for a debt.

On March 9, 1964, Mr. J. G. VICKERY, Identification Division, Dallas Police Department, and Mr. JAMES KITCHING, Identification Officer, Dallas Sheriff's Office, advised SA HEITMAN they had no record concerning DECLAN P. FORD or KATHERINE FORD in their respective files.

On March 9, 1964, Miss HELEN ST. JOHN, Secretary, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised SA HEITMAN there is no record at this office for Mrs. DECLAN P. FORD or Mrs. STANLEY L. SKOTNICKI.

From the period of February 25, 1964, through March 11, 1964, Special Agents ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV and WALLACE R. HEITMAN have had opportunity to converse with Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN P. FORD in connection with interviews which were being conducted with MARINA OSWALD. On these occasions both Mr. and Mrs. FORD furnished information concerning themselves. Mr. FORD advised he is a geologist by profession and formerly lived in California, where he has several brothers who are attorneys. He stated he, at the present time, is in business for himself and works out of his home. He said he does not have an office at any other place, nor is he connected with any other firm.

KATHERINE FORD advised Special Agents BOGUSLAV and HEITMAN she was an interior decorator by profession. She stated she had been married previous to her present marriage and her previous married name had been SKOTNICKI. She said her two older children, a daughter approximately sixteen years of age, and a son approximately twelve years of age, were the children of her previous husband, Mr. SKOTNICKI. Another small child was observed at the house. This child, a boy, is named GREGORY, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. FORD. He is about two years old.

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It was observed that the home in which the FORDS lived is in the \$40,900 to \$45,000 class, and is located in the extreme northern part of the City of Dallas, Texas.

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