

Date November 24, 1963

MAHLON P. TOBIAS, SR., 602 Elsbeth (Apartment 7), Dallas, Texas, advised he and his wife manage apartments at 602 and 604 Elsbeth, which apartments are owned by MARTIN JUREK.

TOBIAS was requested to review a 5x8 card containing an application for rent of Apartment 2 at 604 Elsbeth, Dallas, by one L. H. OSWALD. Mr. TOBIAS's attention was called to the fact that the face of the application bore the handwritten date "Nov 3/62", handwritten name of the applicant, "L. H. OSWALD," the handprinted word "Wife" immediately below the name of the applicant, and the handwritten word "Service" immediately below the word wife and in the space provided for "Last Address." His attention was also called to the fact the application bore the handwritten figure "2" as the number of adults who would be residing in such apartment as well as the handwritten "1" as the number of persons under 21 who would be residing in such apartment. TOBIAS observed all of the above handwritten and handprinted notations were in blue ink, and he said such handwriting and handprinting were prepared by L. H. OSWALD in his presence and in the presence of his wife, MANNIE TOBIAS, on November 3, 1962. He said he could testify, therefore, that such handwriting and handprinting were prepared by OSWALD in his, TOBIAS's, presence.

TOBIAS identified a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD (New Orleans, Louisiana, No. 112 723, 8/9/63) as being the individual who submitted the above application for rental of Apartment 2 at 604 Elsbeth, Dallas, Texas.

TOBIAS advised that on one or two occasions during the time the OSWALDS resided in the above apartment, he was told by one or more of the other tenants in the apartment building that OSWALD had "beaten up" his wife. He said that on at least one occasion he observed Mrs. OSWALD with some blue and black marks about her face which indicated Mrs. OSWALD may have been beaten.

He further recalled that after the OSWALDS had been occupants of the above apartment for one month, an

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individual whom Mrs. OSWALD referred to only as "George" came to the apartment at 604 Elsbath and furnished transportation for Mrs. OSWALD and her small child to leave the apartment. He recalled that Mrs. OSWALD took with her certain clothing and personal effects at the time she left the apartment on this occasion. She said either Mrs. OSWALD or "George" mentioned that Mrs. OSWALD would be gone for about a week. He stated Mrs. OSWALD was gone approximately one week before returning to the apartment, and he did not know how or exactly when she returned to her apartment.

TOBIAS described GEORGE as a white male, about 40 years of age, 6', 190 lbs., dark hair and dark complexion. He recalled GEORGE was driving a convertible which may have been a Chevrolet, but he was unable to remember whether this car had Texas license plates or some out of state plates.

Mr. TOBIAS said he never learned any information as to where OSWALD worked during the time he was residing in the above apartment but observed OSWALD left the apartment each morning and returned each afternoon during week days, indicating he may have been leaving for and returning from work.

TOBIAS recalled having been inside the above apartment on two occasions during the time it was occupied by the OSWALDS. He stated that he observed a number of books at the head of the bed in the bedroom of the apartment, which books appeared to be "Russian or refer to Russia in some manner." He stated that he did not observe any firearms in OSWALD's apartment on either of the occasions he was inside the apartment during the time it was occupied by that family.

He volunteered the OSWALDS did not have a phone in their apartment and from time to time asked to use and did use the telephone in their (TOBIAS's) apartment. He stated that on each of the occasions that OSWALD or OSWALD's wife used the telephone, they always spoke in a foreign language.

He advised Mrs. OSWALD spoke very little English but expressed the opinion that she "understood more English than she let on like." He recalled Mrs. OSWALD stated on at

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least one occasion that her husband had told her to say that she was of Czecho-Slovakian descent rather than of Russian descent. He further recalled that Mrs. OSWALD stated that her husband told her to do this as he, OSWALD, felt people might not be friendly to her if they knew she was of Russian descent.

TOBIAS placed his name and the date November 23, 1963, on the OSWALD rental application referred to above for future identification purposes.

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