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TOMMY (no middle name) BARGAS, Shop Foreman for Leslie Welding Company-Louv-R-Pac Division, 200 E North Vacek Street, advised that the home office for this company is Leslie Welding Company, Inc., 11241 West Melrose Street, Franklin Park, Illinois. BARGAS advised further that his home residence is 301 E. Drew Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. BARGAS furnished the following information:

A LEE OSWALD was employed by him, BARGAS, as a sheet metal helper on about July 17, 1962. BARGAS advised that he cannot recall if OSWALD was employed through an employment agency or if this person just appeared at the plant seeking employment.

Mr. BARGAS stated that OSWALD during his period of employment with his company carried out his work assignments and that he, BARGAS, considered OSWALD to be a good employee and one who always did his work as he was told to do.

BARGAS stated that OSWALD was a very uncommunicative type of individual and the type of person who kept strictly to himself. He said that OSWALD never talked to him or any of the other employees and that at no time did this person ever volunteer any type of information concerning himself or his background. BARGAS said further that OSWALD would "clam up" any time any person would ask him a question. In fact, BARGAS said that OSWALD did not associate with any of the employees; kept strictly to himself even to the extent of eating his lunch alone, away from the other employees in the plant.

BARGAS said that he knew OSWALD was married only because he noticed this fact on OSWALD's employment application.

BARGAS stated the only time OSWALD ever talked to him other than to ask questions concerning the work involved was that OSWALD would on occasions ask him how he was doing with his work.

BARGAS said he knows of no person employed at this plant with whom OSWALD associated during the period of his employment.

BARGAS said concerning OSWALD's termination with this

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plant which was about October 8, 1962, that he recalls that OSWALD did not appear for work one day. BARGAS said he thought at the time OSWALD was probably ill and did not try to contact him. He said that in about three days the company received a letter from OSWALD advising the company to forward his last week's pay check to a Dallas address stating he had moved to Dallas.

BARGAS said he has not seen or heard from OSWALD since that time.

However, BARGAS said this plant was shut down about 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, because of the death of JOHN KENNEDY. BARGAS said he went to his home and shortly after arriving home received a telephone call from his brother, ELLIOT BARGAS, who is also employed by this company, to the effect that he had just seen on television a person named OSWALD who had been arrested by the Dallas Police Department and felt sure this was the same person who was formerly employed at this company. BARGAS said he then turned on his own television set and observed a picture of OSWALD, a former employee of this company, who had been arrested by the Dallas Police Department.

BARGAS said he could definitely again identify LEE OSWALD in the event it should be necessary.

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