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MICHAEL PAYNE, 2327 Malvern, Grand Prairie, Texas, was interviewed at the Dallas Police Department, concerning his association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised as follows:

Approximately Spring of 1963, he and his wife, RUTH HYDE PAYNE, from whom he is presently separated, but with whom he visits frequently, had met LEE OSWALD and his wife, MARINA, at a party through a mutual friend, one EVERETT GLOVER, who resides in Dallas, Texas. At that time, his wife RUTH had indicated she wanted to meet a real Russian and subsequently he and his wife had OSWALD and his wife over to their house for supper on a few occasions. PAYNE advised he is a research engineer at Bell Helicopter, Hurst, Texas, and has attended Harvard University and Swarthmore College, and on one occasion had taken OSWALD to a party and to a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union, of which PAYNE is a member. He alleged that in discussions with OSWALD, OSWALD had indicated to him to have read extensively of Communism and various subjects and appeared to him to have Communistic ideas. He described OSWALD as a mixed-up type person who always took the opposite side of free enterprise in any political discussion. At one party OSWALD attended with him, he got into a discussion with another individual who PAYNE described as a colleague of his, at his place of employment, whom he did not identify and after the discussion stated he, OSWALD, thought this colleague was a Communist. He stated he had taken OSWALD with him to a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union to, as he stated, show him the correct side of Democracy; however, OSWALD apparently was not impressed with the organization and showed little interest.

In approximately July, 1963, OSWALD and his wife were driven to New Orleans, Louisiana, by his wife, RUTH PAYNE, where OSWALD found work as PAYNE recalled, working as an engraver in New Orleans. He stated due to numerous quarrels that OSWALD and his wife had, returned to Dallas approximately 6 weeks ago and at that time OSWALD's wife, MARINA, moved into the residence of his wife, RUTH HYDE

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PAINE, in Irving, Texas. PAINE stated during this time he usually would visit his wife at her residence in Irving on the weekends and saw OSWALD there and stated OSWALD was very disrespectful to his wife at times, acted extremely angry at her and insulted her frequently.

At the time OSWALD and his wife moved to his wife's residence in Irving, OSWALD had numerous belongings which he placed in the garage located at the rear of his wife's residence in Irving. Among these items PAINE stated were, as he recalled, two duffle bags and a blanket which he subsequently identified in the possession of officers at the Dallas Police Department and which blanket PAINE had occasion to lift off other articles in the garage and contained what he thought were camping supplies. He stated during the time of the residence of MRS. OSWALD with his wife, RUEK, LEE OSWALD was residing somewhere in Dallas and he would visit the residence in Irving usually on the weekends. He stated the last time he saw OSWALD at the residence of his wife, in Irving, was approximately two weeks previous and PAINE stated he had never seen a rifle or other weapon in the possession of OSWALD. PAINE did advise, however, in previous discussions with OSWALD, OSWALD had told PAINE that he had been a member of a gun club or rifle club in Russia when he resided there, however, PAINE could not recall the name of the club of which OSWALD was a member. He did recall, however, that OSWALD's wife was from Leningrad and their first baby had been born in Kiev.

He described their children as JUNE OSWALD, age 2, and RACHEL OSWALD, age 4 weeks.

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