

Date December 16, 1963

JOHNNY O'DELL, home address 1123 Belew Street, Irving, Texas, and employed at Lone Star Mill and Lumber Company, 600 North Wildwood Road, Irving, was interviewed at his place of employment. He advised he had been employed at his present job for the past seven years.

O'DELL stated he had disagreed with the KENNEDY administration's policy on integration and that "he may" have made statements in connection with this disagreement which could have been misinterpreted to indicate that he held personal animosity toward the President, but that he did not.

Prior to the opening of deer season, O'DELL stated he and two of his friends went to his uncle's farm located at Keller, Texas, where he fired his .30 caliber Winchester rifles, a 30.06 sporting rifle and a 7.65 mm. rifle, sighting in all of these guns for the purpose of hunting deer. On his return to work the following Monday, he stated he "may" have made statements about his shoulder being sore from rifle shooting, but he definitely did not mean that he had been practicing with this rifle for anything but hunting deer.

O'DELL stated that he had served in the U. S. Army from May 8, 1951, to April 23, 1953, when honorably discharged at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He further stated that he had not even had a fist fight since the age of approximately nine years and that he was not a person who would even wish harm to anyone, particularly the President. O'DELL stated that he was working at his job in Irving, Texas, when he received news by radio of the President's assassination and that he was "shocked and dumbfounded" and also that he "could not believe what he heard."

O'DELL stated he did not know either OSWALD or JACK RUBY and that the only thing he had ever even heard

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concerning OSWALD was some newspaper writeup which had appeared sometime before concerning OSWALD's return to the United States from Russia.

The following description was obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name	JOHNNY O'DELL
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	1/7/30
Height	5'9½"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown (parts on left side)
Marital status	Married
Identification record	States never arrested and has only received one traffic ticket in his life.
Military service	2 years in U. S. Army under Serial No. US 54 053 407