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Mr. TEOFIL MELLER, 5930 $\frac{1}{2}$  LaVista Drive, an employee of Sanger-Harris Department Store, Preston Center, stated he had never seen OSWALD except on one occasion. Mr. MELLER said he never formally met OSWALD but had OSWALD pointed out to him at a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN FORD in Dallas.

MELLER said his wife requested that he contact Mrs. HELEN CUNNINGHAM of the Texas Employment Commission for the purpose of securing a job for OSWALD. He contacted Mrs. CUNNINGHAM and she was successful in getting him work with a printing shop in Dallas. MELLER did not know the name of the printing shop or its exact location.

Mr. MELLER was acquainted with Mrs. OSWALD and remarked that she had stayed at his apartment at 5930 $\frac{1}{2}$  LaVista Street in Dallas with his wife and himself. On one night she called from a filling station stating her husband had beaten her and that she was penniless. Mrs. MELLER invited Mrs. OSWALD to come to their residence which she did in a taxi, the taxi fare being paid by the MELLERS. MELLER said that on one occasion he asked Mrs. OSWALD why she ever married OSWALD in the first place and Mrs. OSWALD answered that it had been her dream to have a room of her own. In Russia, she explained to Mr. MELLER, several persons usually slept in one room sharing a kitchen and housing conditions were poor. She at no time gave MELLER any of the details concerning her coming to this country with OSWALD but MELLER did remember that OSWALD had been a resident of the Soviet Union for some time. He said Mrs. OSWALD is well educated and believed her to be a pharmacist by occupation. During the time he knew her she was never known to possess one penny, he related. It was MELLER's understanding that OSWALD was aloof and did not want to become acquainted with anyone. Insofar as MELLER knew, OSWALD had no friends and from what he could gather from persons who did know OSWALD he concluded that OSWALD was a "know all" type of person. Mrs. OSWALD never mentioned guns or firearms during her stay at their apartment and they did not discuss Communism or politics.

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