

- (Q) When did you move from New Orleans?
- (A) She says Mrs. Payne came after her in October, approximately one month before her baby was born, and she took her to Irving to live with her.
- (Q) What was the lady's name?
- (A) Mrs. Payne, Ruth Payne.
- (Q) And when was this?
- (A) In October this year.
- (Q) Did Lee come back with you?
- (A) No, he did not come back with her. He remained in New Orleans for another two weeks in hopes that he would find another job, and then he came to Dallas.
- (Q) When would that put him in Dallas?
- (A) She said two weeks after she left New Orleans. She said she left in October and he stayed two weeks later and she thought that he came back here in November.
- (Q) First part of November?
- (A) She thinks so, but unfortunately she does not remember dates because she did not know she would be asked questions.
- (Q) How did Lee get back from New Orleans?
- (A) By bus.
- (Q) You said Mrs. Payne brought you back from New Orleans - also she took you to New Orleans - did she stay in New Orleans with you when you stayed in New Orleans?
- (A) No, Mrs. Payne did not live with me in New Orleans. She simply took me to New Orleans in May and came back after me in October during her vacation time.

- (Q) Did you or Lee ask Mrs. Payne to come to New Orleans to pick you up.
- (A) Mr. Gregory: Repeat.
- (Q) Did either Lee or herself ask Mrs. Payne to come to New Orleans to pick her up?
- (A) She said she asked Mrs. Payne to come get her because Lee was out of a job.
- (Q) Did you write to Mrs. Payne or call her on the telephone?
- (A) She said she wrote her a letter.
- (Q) When Lee arrived in Dallas from New Orleans, where did you and Lee live?
- (A) She said she lived with Mrs. Payne while Lee lived in Dallas where he found a job.
- (Q) Do you know where he lived in Dallas?
- (A) She said she does not know the address where he lived in Dallas. He gave her his telephone number so that she could contact him in case she needed him.
- (Q) Were you and Lee getting along all right at this time? Were there any ill feelings between you?
- (A) Yes, they got along beautifully and he called her every day.
- (Q) Where did Lee work when he got this job in Dallas?
- (A) He worked in the School Book Depository in Dallas.
- (Q) How did he come about finding this job?
- (A) She says that they visited their neighbors and the brother of their neighbor, who worked in the Book Depository in Dallas mentioned to him that there was a vacancy.

- (Q) Are they the neighbors who live next to Paynes?
- (A) Yes, they are the neighbors who live next door to the Paynes.
- (Q) Was it a couple who lived next door?
- (A) (Condensed) Husband and wife, and another neighbor was visiting this neighbor whose brother was working in the Book Depository.
- (Q) What was the neighbor's name?
- (A) She does not know. The woman is called "Dorothy."
- (Q) Was it her brother or the man's brother?
- (A) The brother of the woman whose name is "Lenny" is the man that told Lee about this vacancy.
- (Q) Do you know the man's name?
- (A) She said she does not know.
- (Q) He said he worked at this book store?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) When was this, when did Lee first start working at this book store?
- (A) He started working there on October 15 of this year, 1963.
- (Q) Did he enjoy his job, what type of work was he doing?
- (A) She said that his job was to compile the books according to the requirement list for different schools. He did not particularly enjoy it but it was a job that he had to have.
- (Q) Do you know the location of this book store?

- (A) She said that at the time Mrs. Payne took her to see her doctor, Mrs. Payne pointed out the building where Lee worked but she is not sure which of the two buildings it was. She thought that Mrs. Payne thought that that was the building where Lee worked.
- (Q) How did Lee get to work? Was Lee still living in Dallas all this time or was he living in Irving?
- (A) He lived in Dallas and he commuted to his job on a bus and he would come to Irving for week-ends.
- (Q) Did he at any time live in Irving while working there in Dallas?
- (A) No, he did not live in Irving but he would come to see his wife in Irving over the week end.
- (Q) Did you maintain your residence at the Payne's residence?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) Was Lee and Mr. Payne good friends?
- (A) Repeat.
- (Q) Was Lee and Mr. Payne good friends?
- (A) They were polite to each other. She couldn't say they were friends. They did not know each other that well but she has never seen them quarrel but they did hold discussions. Beginning they would only meet each other at the table.
- (Q) At the Payne's house?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) She said sometime ago that Lee, while living in Russia, was a member of a hunting club.
- (A) While he was a member of this hunting club, he never attended any meetings. He simply had a card that showed his membership. She said Lee enjoyed nature and as a member of the club he was entitled to free transportation in an automobile which enabled him to go out of town.

- (Q) Did he own any type of a gun at this time?
- (A) Yes. Lee and his wife had a hunting gun but she said he never used it.
- (Q) Was it a rifle or a pistol?
- (A) It was a gun, not a pistol.
- (Q) When he came to the United States from Russia, did Lee bring that gun with him or bring any gun with him?
- (A) She said she does not know because Lee is the one who packed their belongings. She said she thinks that when they were crossing the border they checked their luggage but she said they hardly looked at it.
- (Q) She does not know if Lee brought a gun from Russia?
- (A) No, she does not know to her knowledge.
- (Q) Did Lee purchase any type of a gun while living in the United States?
- (A) She says that she knew that there was a rifle in the house. She says that she saw the gun in the house in New Orleans and in Dallas.
- (Q) This gun, was it a rifle or a pistol or just what type of gun? Can she answer that?
- (A) It was a gun.

Mr. Gregory asked: Can you describe it?

NOTE: Subject said: I cannot describe it because a rifle to me like all rifles.

Gregory translation: She said she cannot describe it. It was sort of a dark rifle just like any other common rifle.

(Q) Ma'am, would you know what a rifle looks like? Do you know the difference between a rifle and a pistol?

NOTE: Subject answered in Russian: Yes, a pistol is a small one.

(Q) Can you describe this rifle that you saw?

(A) Mr. Gregory in Russian: Same size as they are showing to you?

Subject: I think so, but,

Gregory translation: She says that a rifle approximately the same length as you are showing her; however, the stock was longer.

Subject in Russian: It was a hump (or elevation) but I never saw through the telescope, but it was the same kind of hump (or elevation).

Gregory translation: She says there was an elevation on the rifle but there was no scope - no telescope.

(Q) Would you recognize a rifle scope if you saw one?

(A) Yes. She says that now she knows the difference between a rifle with a scope and one without a scope. She says until she saw the rifle with a scope on TV the other day she did not know that rifles with scopes existed.

(Q) When did Lee purchase this gun or when did he first come into possession of this gun - this rifle?

(A) Mr. Gregory to Agent: May I ask you about your question before I ask her? Which rifle are you talking about?

Agent: The one she saw in New Orleans.

Mr. Gregory: Repeat question.

(Q) When did this rifle first come into possession of Lee?

- (A) She said that she did not ask him when he acquired this rifle. She knew that he had that rifle.
- (Q) Did Lee have this rifle prior to his going to New Orleans?
- (A) She said that when they lived in Dallas the first time before going to New Orleans, she did not see a rifle in the house in Dallas but she saw that rifle in New Orleans and also in Dallas when they came back from New Orleans.
- (Q) Did Lee own a pistol?
- (A) She said she never saw a pistol that Lee owned.
- (Q) Did he ever have any in his possession - not necessarily owned, but in his possession?
- (A) She said that she saw the rifle but she has never seen a pistol on Lee or on his possession or in the house.
- (Q) How did Lee get this rifle?
- (A) Which rifle?
- (Q) The one that he had in New Orleans?
- (A) She said she does not know because she never asked him when he acquired it because she was never interested in the rifle.
- (Q) Did he own another rifle besides the one he had in New Orleans?
- (A) No, she saw only one rifle which always stood in the corner of the room in New Orleans.
- (Q) Did she see that rifle again when she returned to Dallas?
- (A) She said that she saw the rifle wrapped in a blanket in the garage.
- (Q) Where was this at, the garage?
- (A) In Irving.

- (Q) Was it at Mr. & Mrs. Payne's residence?
- (A) Yes, in the house where Mrs. Payne lived, but Mr. Payne did not live with Mrs. Payne. She said all their belongings, Oswald's belongings, were partly in the garage and partly in the room, and Lee took part of their belongings to his apartment or place where he lived in Dallas.
- (Q) Did he take the rifle with him to his apartment in Dallas?
- (A) When the police came to the place where she lived in Irving and asked her if they had a rifle, she said yes, it was in the blanket and when they opened the blanket the rifle was not there. The blanket lay in the same position as before but the rifle was not there.
- (Q) While the gun was at the Payne's residence in Irving, did you have an occasion to see this gun more than one time or on several occasions?
- (A) She looked inside the blanket once and she knew that the rifle was there. Now she does not remember that she looked at it again, whether she unwrapped the blanket again or not. She does not remember whether she did or did not because she was not interested. She simply knew that the rifle was in the blanket.
- (Q) Ma'am, you said you looked inside the blanket one time and saw the rifle was there. Now, when did you look into this blanket and see this rifle?
- (A) She did not quite answer this question. She made a side remark that she did not unwrap the blanket and that when she saw the rifle she simply turned a corner of the blanket and she saw the barrel of the gun in it. The gun was wrapped in the blanket. She opened the end of the blanket or part of the blanket and saw the barrel of the gun.
- (Q) When did you do this? When did you actually last see the gun?
- (A) She says she saw that rifle there two or three weeks ago for the last time. She saw that the rifle was wrapped in the blanket two or three weeks ago but she never opened the blanket again and she discovered that the rifle was gone when the police came and unwrapped the blanket.



(Q) Since that time you actually saw the rifle, had Lee been to your place where you were staying with Mrs. Payne? Let me repeat my question to you. You say that you saw the gun and it was wrapped in a blanket but you actually saw the gun itself. Now, did Lee return back or did Lee come back to Payne's house after you saw the rifle?

(A) She said yes, he came to see us afterwards on Thursday.

(Q) Was it last Thursday?

(A) Yes, he came this last Thursday. Today is Sunday, so he came three days ago.

Agent: That would be November 21 of this year.

(Q) How long did he come after he got off work? What time was this?

(A) She said she looked at her watch, it was 5:20 p.m., in the afternoon.

(Q) How long did he stay?

(A) He spent the night like he usually spends week-ends but, of course, that was not the week end.

(Q) But it was Thursday night, November 21?

(A) He woke up as the alarm clock went off at twenty minutes to seven but he got up at 7:00, which would be Friday morning, and he went to the kitchen, but she did not get up. He got dressed and left. She did not get up because she was feeding the baby, the new born baby.

(Q) Did you talk to him before he went to work?

(A) Yes, as usual, goodbye and so forth.

(Q) How did he get to work on this particular morning, Thursday morning on the 22nd of November? How did Lee leave Payne's residence to go to work in Dallas?

(A) She said that she did not see how or what sort of transportation he went to work on because she did not get up.

- (Q) Was Mr. Payne at home on this morning of November 22, Friday morning, was Mr. Payne at home?
- (A) No, he was not there that morning. He generally comes home she says to eat dinner on Friday after work, after 5:00 o'clock, but after work, after 5 o'clock in the evening.
- (Q) Do you know how your husband got to work this Friday morning?
- (A) No, she does not know. She said no, she does not know. She did not hear the sounds of an automobile or anything. Generally the neighbors also go to work about the same time and generally there is noise, starting automobiles and so forth.
- (Q) Did you see any package, did Lee have any package in his hand or was he carrying anything when he left the house?
- (A) She says that she did not see him take any object with him. They do not have any long objects in the house except a bag like the military carry.
- (Q) Duffel bag?
- (A) Yes, but she did not see him carry any.
- (Q) But he had a duffel bag. She did see him carry a duffel bag?
- (A) No she did not.

Subject added in Russian: They are always at home and they were always in the garage.

- (Q) OK, going back to Thursday, after he got to your house at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21, did he handle a gun? Did he have this rifle? Did you see him with this rifle?
- (A) She said she would recount in order what happened when Lee came home on Thursday evening after work:

He played with the baby. They were outside and the babies were outside and Lee played with the babies and then they walked into the house together and he greeted her. Then she fixed supper - Ruth Payne fixed the supper and while Mrs. Lee was busy with the children.