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RUDOLPH RICHARD DAVIS, JR., who resides at 2901 Briarhurst, Apartment 31, furnished the following information:

DAVIS has at no time had any association with any organization known as the Minutemen and to his knowledge he has never known anyone who was associated with that organization. DAVIS has no information regarding any association with any Minutemen organization on the part of Lee HARVEY OSWALD.

DAVIS, in the fall of 1963, met LEE HARVEY OSWALD on two occasions at New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with anti-Castro activities in which DAVIS was active at that time in the New Orleans area. In connection with these meetings with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVIS stated that he met OSWALD at the time that OSWALD was passing out pro-Castro leaflets on Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Shortly thereafter, DAVIS contacted OSWALD at OSWALD's apartment in New Orleans in an effort to obtain any information concerning OSWALD's pro-Castro activities. OSWALD refused to have anything to do with DAVIS.

DAVIS was born September 9, 1934 at New York, New York. At the age of two he moved to Cuba from New York with his parents as his father owned a sugar mill in Cuba.

DAVIS left Cuba in January, 1961, entering the United States on January 31, 1961 at Miami, Florida. He proceeded to New York City where he worked as a sugar broker. He remained in New York City until October, 1961 when he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana to join his parents and sister who were residing there.

Shortly after his arrival at New Orleans, he became associated with an anti-Castro group. DAVIS was then employed as an insurance salesman.

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Through his business connections and his anti-Castro activities, DAVIS became acquainted with members of the John Birch Society at New Orleans. With the assistance of John Birch Society members, Davis set up a training site for exiled Cubans on the DeLaBarre Estate, Lacombe, Louisiana, which is near New Orleans. Occasionally prominent and wealthy John Birch Society members would be afforded a demonstration of the training activities at the training site after which DAVIS would receive a financial contribution for the continuance of the training program. DAVIS advised that the training of the exiled Cubans was not for the purpose of setting up an invasion force but was to keep the exiles busy while in the United States. DAVIS envisioned through association with John Birch Society members obtaining one million dollars which he felt necessary to set in motion any plans to overthrow the Castro government in Cuba. However, any plans along these lines were immediately halted upon the disclosure of a cache of bombs located approximately three miles from DAVIS's training site and the subsequent "invasion" of the area by federal, state and local authorities. To avert any association between the cache of bombs and DAVIS's training site, DAVIS immediately arranged for transportation for the Cuban exiles to Miami, Florida. DAVIS had no further contact with the Cuban exiles.

DAVIS emphatically denied any association between the cache of bombs and his, DAVIS's, training camp. It is DAVIS's understanding, a gambler who formerly had ties in Cuba and Las Vegas was responsible for the bomb cache which DAVIS supposed had been accumulated for eventual use against Cuba.

DAVIS volunteered that approximately two months ago two representatives of District Attorney JIM GARRISON's office, New Orleans, contacted him at Houston in an effort to elicit information concerning DAVIS's training camp and anti-Castro activities in New Orleans.

DAVIS obtained the services of an attorney and upon advice of counsel, refused to discuss these matters with GARRISON's two assistants, one of whom was named GUERVICH.

DAVIS further volunteered that approximately four months ago he was paid \$500.00 and expenses by Time-Life Corporation, to accompany representatives of this corporation to New Orleans, Louisiana to locate and identify the training site on the DeLaBarre Estate. More than 190

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photographs were taken of the training site which according to DAVIS are to be used in a detailed article on the current GARRISON probe at New Orleans. DAVIS is unaware of the date that the article will be released.