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Dear Lou,

After my March trip to New Orleans I instituted searches for a number of things in which I knew you had interest.

I have just received from the National Archives this copy of the FBI report of the interview with Jacob Lechner.

A also asked for any with Gallo. There was no answer to this, but also no interview report with Gallo. Perhaps that indicates he might have something interesting to say?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed
Date November 25, 1963

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JACOB LEICHER residence, 918 City Park Avenue, part time library assistant, advised he remembered LEE OSWALD when he recognized his photograph on television on the evening of November 22, 1963. On the following morning, November 23, he telephonically contacted an assistant librarian at the Napoleon Avenue Branch of the Library and requested that she check her applications under the name LEE OSWALD, after which the assistant librarian advised him that OSWALD had a library card at that branch. Mr. LEICHER identified the original application executed by OSWALD for a library card and advised that he furnished the application to OSWALD at the Napoleon Avenue Branch and observed that OSWALD completed the application in his own handwriting with the exception of the number N 8640 and the word Orleans which appear at the top of the application and the inked notation on the lower right hand corner of the card. Mr. LEICHER stated that he himself wrote the number N 8640 and the word Orleans and that the inked notation at the bottom "Public Service Receipt R. J." were noted by a page named RAYMOND JACOBS who observed that OSWALD had exhibited a New Orleans Public Service receipt as identification.

He said JACOBS was a student at Louisiana State University, New Orleans, and that he no longer is employed at the library.

LEICHER further recalled observing OSWALD in the Napoleon Avenue Branch of the library on several occasions. He was unable to recall any specific books in which OSWALD was interested, but did remember that OSWALD appeared to be interested in books in the sociological and political fields and was definitely not interested in fiction. Mr. LEICHER recalled that on one occasion his, LEICHER's mother, who was born in Russia, was in the Napoleon Avenue Branch of the library. She overheard OSWALD and his wife in a conversation and mentioned to him, LEICHER, that the couple was speaking in the Russian language. LEICHER also recalled that on several occasions OSWALD did come to the Napoleon Avenue Branch with his young baby.

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He said that it appeared odd to him that a person who listed his occupation as a mechanic would choose the type of books which OSWALD read, and said the books were definitely of a higher type than those which the ordinary mechanic would read. Mr. LEICHNER stated that there are no books in the Napoleon Avenue Branch dealing with firearms or ballistics.

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