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TO : Major P. J. Trosclair Jr. DATE November 27, 196

FROM : Sgt. H. Austin & Det. R. Frey

SUBJECT: Relative to Oswald Case - Interview with one

Sam Newman, this date.

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The undersigned officers respectfully report that at about 2:20 P.M., Wednesday, November 27, 1963, they arrived at 4114 St. Charles Avenue, an apartment house managed by Mr. Sam Newman, a WM, residing 1337 Mithra Street. Mr. Newman is also the owner of the offices at 544 Camp Street, and the purpose of this interview was to learn of the leasing of one of the offices at 544 Camp Street by the organization known as the Fair Play for Cuba Comittee.

Upon being questioned about the above, Mr. Newman stated that about fifteen months ago he leased an office at 544 Camp Street to an organization known to him as the Cuban Revolutionary Society. Mr. Newman stated that this group was run by young Monteleone of the Monteleone Hotel. Newman also stated that Guy Banister was well acquainted with this organization.

When asked if he knew either Lee Oswald or a man named Hidell, Mr. Newman stated that He did not know anyone by name associated with this group. Mr. Newman did state however that this organization was in this office for only about 4 or 5 months, and since they fell behind in their rent, he put them out. He also stated that after this, someone who had the key came into this office and when he, Mr. Newman, asked them what they were doing there, this man stated that he was taking over the office. Mr. Newman stated that he took the key from this man and put him out. Mr. Newman described this man as a white male, blond hiar, and red complexion. When asked, Mr. Newman stated that he knew nothing of the organization, Fair Play for Cuba.

Mr. Newman showed the officers a page in a small notebook which he took from his pocket. On this page were the following two names: Louis Rabel, who Mr. Newman stated headed the Cuban Revolutionaly Society.(a telephone number appeared by this time and was recored by the officers as WH7-5544). The other name on this page was: Mr. Grimmader, who Mr. Newman stated had an auditing firm in the Audubon Building.(telephone number by this name was 524-2338) Mr. Newman received a check for the rent of office from Mr. Grimmader.

Mr. Newman stated that he had given all this information to the F.B.I and the Secret Service.

This interview was completed at about 2:30 P.M..

Respectfully,

Horace J. Austin Jr.

Sgt. Horace J. Austin Jr. Det. Robert M. Frey

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FROM : Sgt. H. Austin & Det. R. Frey

SUBJECT: Relative to Oswald Case - Interview with one

Sidney Edward Voebel, this date.

The undersigned officers respectfully report that at about 11:45 A.M., this date, Wednesday, November 27, 1963, they entered the Quality Florists, located 4916 Canal Street, for the purpose of meeting with and interviewing Sidney Edward Voebel relative to his knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sidney Voebel identified hirself to the officers and stated that he is 23 years of age, D.O.B. 4/24/40. He stated that he was born in New Orleans and has resided at 4916 Canal Street, the Quality Florists, owned by his parents, since that time.

Voebel stated that he attended Beauregard Junion High School until 1955, and that he met Oswald while at this school as Oswald attended school there also. Voebel stated that he joined the Civil Air Patrol Cadets at Moisant Airport in 1954 or 1955 (not sure). Voebel asked Oswald to join also and Oswald did join a short time after Voeble, but only stayed about one month. Voebel stated that Oswald bought his uniform and that he, Voebel, believes Oswald received his membership card.

Voebel further stated that he first met Oswald in 1954 or 1955 and knew him for about 1½ years. Voebel stated that he took music lessons at Werleins on Canal Street and would go to Oswalds home at 126 Exchange Place to see Oswald on these dates. Voebel also stated that Oswald had mentioned distributing advertising circulars while in school. When asked if Oswald ever expressed political views to Voebel, Voebel stated that Oswald had not, and that he, Voebel, beleived Oswald had no leftist political views until later in his life. Voebel stated that he believed Oswald attended a party (not sure) at the home of Dave Ferrie (Captain) right after the members of the C.A.P.C. received their stripes.

Voebel was questioned about his knowledge of David Ferrie and stated that he knew very little. Voebel stated that Ferrie took over the C.A.P.C. at Moisant Airport about 6 months after he, Voebel, had joined. Voebel stated that Ferrie seemed like a "character", that he rode a motorcycle, and Voebel stated that he had heard that Ferrie was a brilliant man with many degrees. When asked if Ferrie had organized any flying group other than

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the C.A.P.C., Voebel stated that he did not know of any. When aksed if had ever heard of the Eagle Squadron, Voebel stated that he had hot. When asked if he, Voebel, had ever flown with Dave Ferrie, Voebel stated that he had not, but other boys had made local flights with him. When asked if he knew of Ferrie flying on long trips, out of this country, Voebel stated that he did not.

Voebel gave the name of one other person, a member of the C.A.P.C. in 1955, as John Rondell (not sure of the spelling of the last name). Voebel stated that Capt. Ferrie wanted Rondell to get a radio license for use in the C.A.P.C..

Voebel stated that he remained a member of the C.A.P.C. about one year.

Other facts obtained from Voebel relative to himself are as follows:

Voebel was graduated from Fortier High School in 1958. He then attended the Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama, in 1959 and 1960. He then served six months in the U. S. Army, taking his basic at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, and serving the remained time and being discharged from Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Voebel presently resides at 4916 Canal Street, where he assists in the operation of the Quality Florists at that address. Voebel is presently in the Reserves, Unit 7515, at Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans.

Voebel also stated that he has been interviewed by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service and by members of the news media. Voebel was also interviewed publicly on WWL-TV a day or after the arrest of Lee Oswald in Dallas, Texas.

This interview was concluded at about 12:10 P.M..

Respectfully,

Horace J. Austin Jr.

Sgt. Horace J. Austin Jr.

Det. Robert N. Frey

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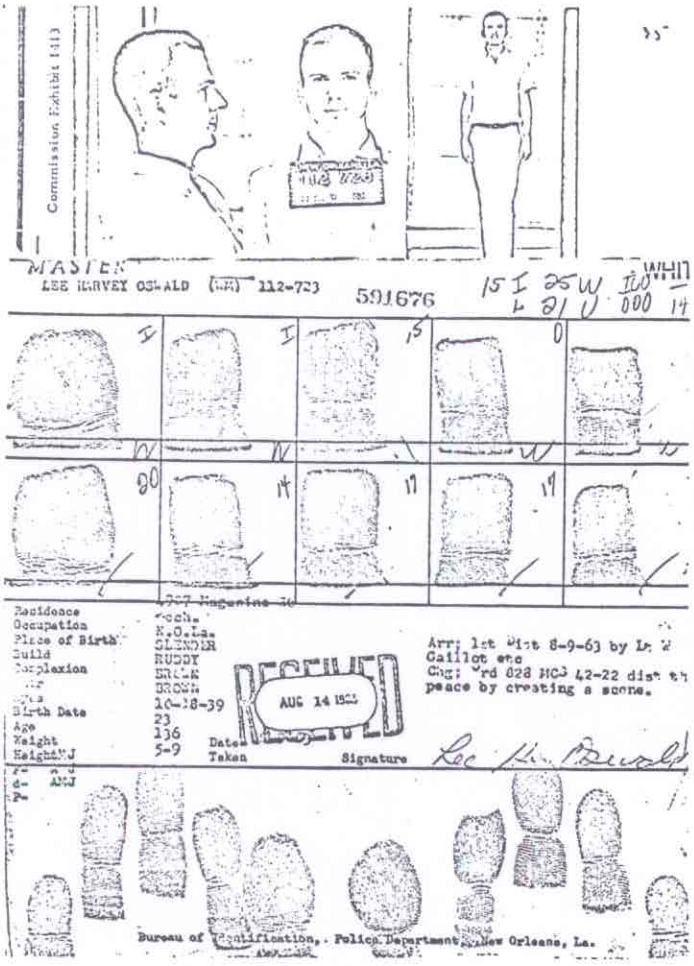

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