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JOHN G. FLOBECK, 647 South Grape Street, Denver, Colorado, advised that he specifically recalls a party held in March, 1962, sponsored by the Cliff Dwellers at the Petroleum Club, Denver.

While FLOBECK and a friend, H. GREGORY AUSTIN, Jr., Denver attorney, and HENRY OXNARD were drinking and conversing, they were joined by a man who identified himself as HARRY NIER. OXNARD and NIER, with assistance of FLOBECK, engaged in discussion and argument for approximately one and one-half to two hours.

FLOBECK stated that as HENRY OXNARD, the son of a sugar company executive, had some knowledge of the situation in Cuba, OXNARD and NIER argued over the seizure of Cuba by CASTRO. OXNARD at that time was attending the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and appeared to have either known NIER or had knowledge of NIER's connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). NIER made statements that CASTRO was a patriot, that people in the United States misunderstood him, and NIER blamed the American press for falsehoods pertaining to Cuba.

FLOBECK stated that NIER and OXNARD argued vehemently about Cuba. FLOBECK recalled that he asked NIER if he were a communist and NIER replied that he was not a communist, but a Marxist. During this discussion, NIER had with him newspaper clippings and numerous papers which he referred to during the discussion. NIER admitted leadership of the Denver Chapter, FPCC. The discussion included labor unions, agricultural problems and foreign policy.

FLOBECK stated that NIER, when he was pinned down, would change the subject and it was difficult to argue or reason with him. FLOBECK recalled that NIER stated that he either had been to Cuba or was going to Cuba and perhaps Mexico to get more information about the Cuban situation.

FLOBECK stated he cannot say that the name OSWALD was mentioned by NIER, although he recalls that NIER mentioned the

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names of numerous individuals which were unfamiliar to FLOBECK. FLOBECK stated that when he learned of the President's assassination and heard a rebroadcast of a radio interview of LEE OSWALD, at which time OSWALD stated he was a Marxist and had connections with the FFCC, FLOBECK then recalled his conversation with NIER as NIER had made the approximate same statements. FLOBECK stated that the name OSWALD was not recalled during this incident. FLOBECK stated he was not present during the entire discussion between OXNARD and NIER so it is possible that NIER could have made a statement mentioning a man named OSWALD.

FLOBECK stated that OXNARD has an excellent mind and, because of his intense interest in politics and the intense concentration by OXNARD with NIER during the conversation, it is possible that OXNARD would recall a name mentioned by NIER.