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EDWARD VOEBEL, 4916 Canal Street (rear of Quality Flower Shop), was recontacted. VOEBEL stated that he had just been advised by BILL SLATTER of WDSU Television that DAVE FERRIE, who was commander of a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Unit at New Orleans in which VOEBEL was a member, was a homosexual. VOEBEL stated that now that he thinks about this situation, he recalled that FERRIE seemed to be an "odd ball" who rode a motorcycle and appeared very emotional. VOEBEL recalled that on one occasion FERRIE cried while listening to some music.

VOEBEL stated that during the 1955 school year at Beauregard Junior High School he joined the CAP. He stated that a fellow student, ROBERT ESTAVE (PH), LL wore a CAP Uniform to school and told VOEBEL about the CAP and invited VOEBEL to join. VOEBEL remembered that he went with ESTAVE to Moisant Airport in Kenner, Louisiana, to a CAP meeting in the Eastern Airlines Hangar. VOEBEL stated that the meetings were held in a room located upstairs in the hangar. He stated that DAVID FERRIE was not commander of this CAP Unit at that time, and he was unable to recall the identity of the commanding officer of this unit. He recalled having to fill out an application and having it signed by his mother but could not remember whether he was given an oath when he joined.

VOEBEL stated that the unit held meetings on Sundays and sometimes on a week night. As best he could recall, the meetings were held about once a week. He said there were two "wings" which totalled roughly 20 to 25 members, including a section for girls. He said he could not remember what the official designation was for the unit other than being the Moisant Airport Group. VOEBEL said he remained in this group for about one year and quit while he was attending Fortier High School sometime in 1956. He recalled that they attended classes in Meteorology, Engine Mechanics, Flight Instruction, Aerodynamics, Reading of Weather Reports, and Drills. He stated that the group never received any firearms training of any kind while he was a member.

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He recalled that after he had been a member for approximately six months Captain DAVE FERRIE took over command of the unit. VOEBEL stated that FERRIE was reportedly very intelligent with several degrees, including a PhD in English, and was either a pilot or co-pilot for Eastern or Delta Airlines. He believed FERRIE resided in Airline Park, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, at this time. VOEBEL stated that the people giving instructions in this unit prior to FERRIE taking command taught their classes like regular school teachers. He said that under Captain FERRIE the training became more severe and drills were intensified and on occasion Captain FERRIE used strong language. VOEBEL stated that he began to lose interest when FERRIE took command as they began to drill in rifle squad formations using regular wooden drill rifles and he felt that this instruction had no bearing on the activities of the CAP. VOEBEL stated that he persuaded LEE HARVEY OSWALD to join this same CAP Unit and took OSWALD with him one time on the bus to attend the meeting. VOEBEL assumed that OSWALD completed an application for membership at this time but could not say he did so for sure. He stated that OSWALD attended two or three drills and possibly four drills at the most. He stated that it seemed funny, but he could remember OSWALD joining the unit but could not remember him as ever being there. He said OSWALD had a knack for being there and not being noticed. He said that OSWALD told him that the trip to Moisant Airport was too far to go to attend meetings and he had decided to join a CAP Unit which met at New Orleans Municipal Airport on the Lake Front.

VOEBEL stated that he later had a discussion with DAVID VERRETT, who was a member of the CAP Unit at New Orleans Municipal Airport, and VERRETT told him OSWALD had never attended meetings at that unit. VOEBEL stated that he was acquainted with VERRETT as VERRETT was taking music lessons on the saxophone and clarinet with the same instructor at Werlein's Music Store, that VOEBEL took lessons from. VOEBEL identified this music instructor as HOWARD VORRHIES who is now the band

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leader for Post 125 of the American Legion.

VOEBEL stated he believes that OSWALD never intended to remain in the unit at the New Orleans Municipal Airport and used this as an excuse to get out of the CAP. VOEBEL explained he did not believe OSWALD liked authority nor did he like drilling and he did not really want to be a member of the CAP but he, VOEBEL, talked OSWALD into joining. VOEBEL stated that he could not recall if Captain DAVE FERRIE was commander of the unit at the time OSWALD attended meetings or whether OSWALD attended meetings prior to Captain FERRIE taking command.

VOEBEL stated that the only other person he could recall as a member of the CAP Unit at Moisant Airport was (First name unknown) RONDELL (PH), who was a radio man. He recalled that RONDELL's father had a radio license and expected that his son through code training at the CAP would get a license, too. VOEBEL stated he had no contact with FERRIE other than at meetings with the CAP. He stated that FERRIE never indicated to anyone that he was fond of guns and appeared to be a music lover of sorts. LC

VOEBEL recalled that one time there was a big meeting scheduled for the CAP at Alexandria, Louisiana, and in order to get some training for the unit before going to this meeting, Captain FERRIE arranged for a one night bivouac. As best as VOEBEL can recall, this bivouac was held on a farm in Kenner, Louisiana, near Jefferson Highway, which belonged to a father of a member of the unit. He stated that they set up bunks in a barn. He recalled that Captain FERRIE told them they were going to have some rifle shooting practice and requested each member bring his own gun. VOEBEL stated he took his own personal .22 caliber rifle with him but it rained and they did not shoot. VOEBEL stated that OSWALD was not along on this bivouac as OSWALD had quit the unit sometime before this outing occurred.

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VOEBEL stated that after he quit the CAP in 1956 he learned that the Patrol was meeting in Kenner, Louisiana, near Williams Boulevard and Third Street. He recalled that he attended one meeting and noted there was an old fighter plan nearby which was property of the CAP. He stated that this was also during 1956, exact date unrecalled; and Captain FERRIE was no longer commander of this unit. He stated this was the last time he attended CAP meetings.

During the interview with VOEBEL, he received a crank-type telephone call from an unidentified woman who admonished him for giving information over television which tended to bring a bad reputation to New Orleans and Beauregard Junior High. VOEBEL stated that he had also been frightened by a visit from someone who led him to believe he was from Associated Press but acted very suspicious. VOEBEL was advised of the jurisdiction of the FBI and that the FBI was not in a position to offer him any protection. He was advised that should he feel he needed protection he should contact the New Orleans Police Department.