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KATHERINE E. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas 40, Texas, voluntarily appeared at the Dallas Office and advised she is a friend of MARINA OSWALD, the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mrs. FORD stated she was born in Russia and came to the United States over twenty years ago. She stated she became acquainted with MARINA OSWALD and her husband because of the fact they were both from Russia. She stated she first met the OSWALDs in the fall of 1962 through one GEORGE BOUHE, who resides in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. FORD stated that in November, 1962, LEE OSWALD and his wife separated. Their separation was caused by the fact LEE OSWALD used to frequently beat his wife. She left OSWALD and contacted GEORGE BOUHE and he arranged for MARINA OSWALD and her child, JUNE OSWALD, to reside at the FORD residence. Mrs. FORD stated she had been able to determine the exact dates that MARINA OSWALD stayed at their house as from November 11 to November 17, 1962. Following this, MARINA OSWALD went to the residence of FRANK H. RAY, who lived at 4524 Alta Vista Lane. On November 18, 1962, LEE OSWALD contacted his wife and they made up and she went back to live with him.

Mrs. FORD advised the next time she met LEE OSWALD was on December 28, 1962, when she and her husband had a party and LEE and MARINA OSWALD came to this party with some other friends.

Mrs. FORD advised one of the closest friends that MARINA OSWALD had while in this country was GEORGE DE MORENSCHILD, who is a prominent Russian-born geologist, who is now in the Republic of Haiti. GEORGE DE MORENSCHILD tried to help MARINA and also to help her husband get a job. Mrs. FORD stated MARINA liked the Russian people but was not interested in politics, and further, that she was glad to leave Russia because of the poor living conditions. On the other hand, she remarked to Mrs. FORD that she married OSWALD so she could leave Russia. Mrs. FORD stated that OSWALD always talked to his wife in Russian so he could keep up his proficiency in the Russian language, and for this reason MARINA OSWALD never learned too much English language. Mrs. FORD stated that LEE OSWALD was not liked by any of the Russian-born people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and they only tolerated

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him because of his wife. At one time MARINA OSWALD told Mrs. FORD that LEE OSWALD stated that he hated his mother. MARINA OSWALD also stated that LEE was not liked by many persons in Russia.

Mrs. FORD stated MARINA OSWALD met LEE OSWALD at a dance in Minsk, Russia, and that she was visiting him in a hospital in Minsk where he was a patient when he proposed to her. MARINA OSWALD, according to Mrs. FORD, worked as a pharmacist in Minsk, Russia. MARINA OSWALD told her her husband went to Moscow, Russia, in 1959 where we had an exhibition and worked for exhibition, then defected to the Russians at this time. He worked in a factory of some type in the Soviet Union in the City of Minsk. He liked to debate with students in the Soviet Union and associated mostly with the workers. According to Mrs. FORD, the reason MARINA OSWALD stated that her husband came to the United States was that he did not think the living conditions were good enough and he stated he could not stand another of the hard Russian winters. LEE OSWALD also stated that he had wanted to get out of Russia before his daughter JUNE was born but the American Embassy held him up.