

*Re: I never talked
to a John Dale Thomas
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*Then: to Chairman
Oswald file*

July 9, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ALVENE MAGEE, 4360 CLAYTON DRIVE,
BATON ROUGE, PHONE: 357-3630

Yesterday I talked to MRS. MAGEE in reference to LEE HARVEY OSWALD answering her ad in the paper regarding a garage apartment for rent. MRS. MAGEE said that it was definitely in the late part of October, 1963, when she ran the ad in the paper for the garage apartment for rent. A person whom she positively identifies as LEE HARVEY OSWALD called her on the phone and told her that he would be out to look at the apartment. That afternoon around 1:00 or 2:00 he drove up to her residence in a light colored station wagon, approximately 4 to 5 years old, with his wife and baby in the front seat. There was a bassinet in the back seat of the car that she noticed. He got out of the car and introduced himself as HARVEY LEE OSWALD. Mrs. MAGEE said that while he was looking at the apartment, he volunteered a lot of information about himself. He told her that he was from New Orleans and that he had worked for a coffee company in New Orleans. He told her that he had spent three years in Russia and that he was married to a Russian girl and that they had a baby. He said his wife did not speak English. He looked around the apartment and wanted to know if she had good locks on the apartment because he had a collection of guns, that he didn't want stolen. He even mentioned that one of the guns had a telescopic sight on it and she remembers not really knowing what a telescopic sight was. He told her he was looking for a job in Baton Rouge and she recommended that he try one of the coffee places in town since he had mentioned to her that he had already worked for a coffee company in New Orleans. He also told her that he was a Marxist and he had to explain what a Marxist was to her. He told her also that he had friends or relatives in Ft. Worth. While they were looking at the apartment and talking Mrs. MAGEE said that his wife got out of the car and also looked at the apartment. She did not enter into the conversation and all she said was hello. After she looked at the apartment she went back into the car. Mrs. MAGEE said she was pregnant at the time and looked very close to having the baby. Mrs. MAGEE said that OSWALD was getting back into the station wagon and said to her, "I hear that Kennedy's going to make a tour down to the Southern States." She just listened to him. The last thing that he told her was that he was going to look around. She didn't know if he meant for another apartment or for a job. He then drove off in the station wagon with his wife and child.

She said that her uncle and a colored maid were in the house at the time and they also saw what happened. Her uncle, JAMES MONAHAN, is dead but the colored woman, Mrs. VERNICE MARTIN, was still in Baton Rouge and she lives at 1302 N.E. 36th Street, phone No. 343-4680.

Mrs. MAGEE said that OSWALD had either a jacket or a coat on that was light in color, either blue or gray. He said he had medium brown hair, thinning in the front, and he was very clean-cut.

looking. She described him as around 5'8" or 5'9" and medium build. She said she immediately recognized his picture on TV after the assassination and contacted the FBI. She said she has already talked to the FBI about this and also NED TOUCHSTONE.

On showing her pictures, she could not identify anybody but LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She looked at the picture of THORNLEY and said that THORNLEY looks a lot like OSWALD but that his face is too thin. She definitely picked out the picture of OSWALD as the one that came to her apartment and signed her name on the back of the picture.

She said what she remembers most about his wife was that she was wearing maternity clothes and was pregnant and very big and she had straight dark hair and big, pale blue eyes.

She said she did not ask many questions but that OSWALD just seemed to volunteer the statements that he made. She also asked if we had talked to a JOHN DALE TOWERS, an attorney from Clinton, Louisiana, who said that he had talked to Jim Garrison. TOWERS' address is 101 St. Ferdinand Street in Baton Rouge, phone No. 348-0950.

I will check with the newspaper in Baton Rouge to get the exact dates that Mrs. MAGEE's ad ran in the paper.