

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: JIM ALCOCK, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: NICK J. MATRANA
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On April 17, 1967, Louis Ivon and I interviewed NICK J. MATRANA in my office. MR. MATRANA is the Produce Manager for Schwegmann Brothers Supermarket on the West Bank. He has been employed by Schwegmann since the fall of 1960. MR. MATRANA goes to work early in the morning and usually does not return home until about 8 or 9 P. M. The MATRANAS have lived at their present residence for about two and one half years. This home is owned by MR. MATRANA. Prior to going with Schwegmann Brothers, MR. MATRANA worked for Levitan's Furniture Company on Dryades Street as a collector. MR. MATRANA worked for the Hotel Coffee Company as a route salesman from 1959 to the early part of 1960. This company was owned by the Standard Coffee Company which is also owned by the Rely Coffee Company. However, MR. MATRANA did not know any of the employees working for Rely Coffee Company at the time nor did he know ADRIAN ALBA. Prior to his working for the Hotel Coffee Company, MR. MATRANA owned and operated Little Joe's Restaurant at 701 Camp Street. This restaurant is located across the street from the old Federal Building and Post Office. Most of MR. MATRANA's customers worked for the Federal Government at these locations.

As he and his wife recalls, they resided at 4915 Magazine Street for approximately three years. They left that location for 7041 Magazine Street just prior to OSWALD's moving into 4907 Magazine. Living with them at the Magazine Street address were two boys and a girl who attended Referprovisu High School. During the year 1963, MRS. MATRANA worked at Tony's Restaurant located in the 3800 block of Magazine Street. Neither MR. or MRS. MATRANA ever recall having seen any of the following people: GURSON NOWEL, SERGIO ARCOCHA SMITH, AL BEAUBOUFF, DAVE FERRIE, CLAY SHAW, JULIAN BUZNEDO, CARLOS QUIROGA. Pictures of all of these individuals were shown to both MR. & MRS. MATRANA.

While living at 4915 Magazine Street, the only people the MATRANAS recall being friendly with were MR. & MRS. JESSIE GARNER and DR. LEGGIO, a dentist who lived across the street from the GARNER's. As MR. MATRANA recalls, the owner of the residence 4915 Magazine Street belonged to a man living in New York. He paid his rent to someone at the City Furniture Store located at 2616 Magazine Street. MR. MATRANA also stated he did not know anyone working at the International Trade Mart.

Both MR. & MRS. MATRANA were very cooperative. They asked if they could leave the city for two weeks to visit MRS. MATRANA's mother who has a terminal case of cancer. We told them it would be perfectly all right and if we should need them again we would give them a call.