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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Lieutenant Francis L. Martello, Platoon Commander, First District, New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department, on September 9, 1964, advised that on August 10, 1963, he interviewed a prisoner, Lee Harvey Oswald, at the First District, who had been arrested on August 9, 1963, for creating a disturbance while distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature on Canal Street, New Orleans.

At the time Oswald was questioned, Lieutenant Martello said he examined identification papers furnished him by Oswald which Oswald had removed from his wallet. At the conclusion of the interview, Oswald was returned to his cell. Lieutenant Martello stated he then placed his notes, along with several copies of the Fair Play for Cuba literature, in a file folder and placed the folder in a file cabinet.

Lieutenant Martello further advised that at approximately 3 p.m., November 23, 1963, he was interviewed by Mr. Adrian G. Vial, United States Secret Service at the First District, as Mr. Vial desired to secure from him any information he possessed regarding his, Lieutenant Martello's, interview of Oswald on August 10, 1963. Lieutenant Martello stated that at the outset of this interview he secured the original file folder on Oswald and turned over to Mr. Vial all the literature which had been secured from Oswald at the time of his arrest on August 9, 1963. Lieutenant Martello said that upon going through this folder he discovered a small piece of white paper which contained handwritten notes in English and some writing which appeared to him to be in a foreign language which he could not identify. He added that such paper had inadvertently become misplaced in the folder following his interview with Oswald. This piece of paper was turned over to Mr. Vial, but before doing so, Lieutenant Martello said he made a longhand copy of the information contained thereon. A Xerox copy of the original piece of paper, on which Lieutenant Martello recorded these notes, is attached to this memorandum.

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