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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, Lt. MARTELLO said he examined identification papers furnished him by OSWALD and which OSWALD had removed from his wallet. At the conclusion of the interview, OSWALD was returned to his cell. Lt. 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.

At about 3:00 p.m. November 23, 1963, Lt. MARTELLO informed he was interviewed by Mr. ADRIAN G. VIAL, U. S. Secret Service, at the First District, as Mr. VIAL desired to secure from him any information he possessed regarding his, Lt. MARTELLO's, interview of OSWALD on August 10, 1963. At the outset of this interview, Lt. MARTELLO stated 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. Upon going through this folder, Lt. MARTELLO said he discovered a small piece of white paper containing handwritten notes in English and in some writing which appeared to him to be a foreign language that he could not identify and which had inadvertently become misplaced in the folder following interview with OSWALD. This piece of paper was turned over to Mr. VIAL, but before doing so, Lt. MARTELLO said he made a longhand copy of the information contained thereon.

Lt. MARTELLO made available the original longhand copy of the information which he had copied from the above-described small piece of white paper which was found in the possession of OSWALD at the time of his arrest at New Orleans, on August 9, 1963.

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