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The Dallas Office advised on December 17, 1963, that on an application for employment with William B. Riley and Company, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, LEE HARVEY OSWALD listed as a reference Sergeant ROBERT HEIDELL, active U. S. Marine Corps.

The Dallas Office also stated that the Records Locator at Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Arlington, Virginia, failed to reveal any record of a person named HEIDELL, but did show a JOHN R. HEINDELL, Marine Serial No. 1543855, who was assigned to the Marine Corps First Wing Aircraft, from August 13, 1958 to October 5, 1958, during which time OSWALD was assigned to this unit. The Marine Corps records at St. Louis, Missouri, reveal JOHN RENE HEINDELL was born February 1, 1938, at Monroe, Louisiana and was discharged on January 28, 1962. The parents of JOHN RENE HEINDELL were listed as GEORGE M. and NELLIE R. HEINDELL, 806 Belleville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana..

On December 18, 1963, Mrs. GEORGE M. HEINDELL, 806 Belleville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that her son, JOHN RENE HEINDELL resides at 812 Belleville Street, New Orleans and is presently employed by the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad.

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JOHN RENE HEINDELL, 812 Belleville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he served in the U. S. Marine Corps from July 15, 1957 until July 15, 1961 and subsequently served in the inactive Marine Corps Reserve until January 28, 1962.

He advised that while in the First Marine Corps Aircraft Wing, Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron no. 11 at Atsugi, Japan, LEE HARVEY OSWALD was also attached to the squadron.

HEINDELL said that everyone in the squadron knew OSWALD, inasmuch as in Marine Corps terminology, OSWALD was not "squared away". He explained that by this he meant that OSWALD was constantly in trouble for failure to adhere to rules and regulations and gave the impression of disliking any kind of authority.

He stated that while at Atsugi, Japan, OSWALD was court-martialed for a reason not recalled and at about the same time, a member of the squadron named OVAL JONES, a Marine whose home was originally West Virginia, was also court-martialed. HEINDELL expressed the opinion that because OSWALD and JONES probably served in the "brig" at the same time, JONES might be in a position to furnish information concerning OSWALD.

According to HEINDELL, a friend of his by the name WILLIAM GEORGE PICOU married a JUNE OSWALD in 1956 and he attended the wedding. He said that while stationed at Atsugi, Japan, he heard from home that Mrs. PICOU, the former JUNE OSWALD, had died while giving birth to a child. He stated that his only personal contact with OSWALD occurred when he asked him if he was related to a JUNE OSWALD and in answer to this question, OSWALD replied that he was not and did not know her.

HEINDELL could furnish no information concerning OSWALD's reading habits or political beliefs.

HEINDELL stated that he had never associated with

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OSWALD in New Orleans and that he had no connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He stated that he had no information concerning A. J. HIDELE, ALEK HIDELE, ALEX HIDELE or THOMAS HIDELE. He did say that while in the service he was often called HIDELE and obtained the rank of Corporal E-4, which is now equivalent to Buck Sergeant. He said that no one had ever contacted him as a reference for LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he denied ever having used the name Sergeant ROBERT HIDELE.