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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

TWENTY-TWO, LAST, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DALLAS AND MOBILE

NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST.

RE EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, COUSTN OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MR. EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, SJ, SCHOLASTIC, JESUIT HOUSE

OF STUDIES, SPRINGHILL COLLEGE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ADVISED SA

JOHN J. SWEENEY ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST, THAT HIS MOTHER

AND THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ARE SISTERS/ THAT HE IS

THIRTY-ONE YEARS OLD AND ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLDER THAN OSWALD/

THAT OSWALD LIVED WITH THE MURRETT FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY

ONE YEAR SHORTLY AFTER OSWALD/S FATHER DIED WHEN OSWALD

A VERY YOUNG BOY.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD/S MOTHER WAS A SALESLADY AND W IN VARIOUS CLOTHING AND DEPARTMENT STORES THROUGHOUT THE

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UNITED STATES/ THAT HE RECALLS OSWALD HAVING LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK CITY AND DALLAS AND FT. WORTH, TEXAS, AND POSSIBLY OTHER PLACES, BUT TIMES NOT KNOWN.

MURRETT SAID HE AND OSWALD WERE NOT CLOSE, AND HE KNEW
VERY LITTLE CONCERNING OSWALD/S BACKGROUND/ THAT OSWALD
COMPLETED ABOUT TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND ENLISTED IN
THE U. S. MARINE CORPS, YEAR UNKNOWN/ THAT HE LAST SAW OSWALD
WHEN HE VISTED THE MURRETT FAMILY IN NEW ORLEANS ON LEAVE
FROM THE USMC PRIOR TO GOING OVERSEAS/ THAT THIS WAS BEFORE
NINETEEN FIFTY-NINE WHEN MURRETT ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS.

MURRETT SAID HE HEARD FROM HIS PARENTS SOME TIME AFTER
THIS THAT OSWALD AGAIN VISITED THEM IN NEW ORLEANS/ THAT HE
DID NOT RECALL IF OSWALD TOLD THE MURRETT FAMILY HE WAS GOING
TO RUSSIA AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, IT SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED
THIS WAS JUST PRIOR TO THE TIME HE LEFT THE UNITED STATES.

MURRETT SAID HE AGAIN LEARNED FROM HIS FAMILY IN THE

LATTER PART OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO THAT OSWALD HAD RETURNED

TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING IN RUSSIA ALMOST THREE YEARS/

THAT HIS FAMILY HAD TOLD HIM OSWALD AND HIS WIFE WERE PRESENTLY

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LIVING IN NEW ORLEANS/ THAT AFTER DISCUSSING OSWALD/S TRIP TO
RUSSIA WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND FELLOW STUDENTS, HE WROTE OSWALD
A LETTER INVITING HIM TO COME AND ADDRESS THE STUDENTS AT A
SEMINARY IN MOBILE/ THAT HE ADDRESSED LETTER TO OSWALD TO
FOUR NINE ZERO SEVEN MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA/
THAT LETTER WAS WRITTEN ABOUT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TIME OSWALD
CAME TO MOBILE ON JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE,
LAST/ THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR OSWALD TO TRAVEL TO MOBILE
WITH THE MURRETT FAMILY TO SAVE EXPENSES, AND THAT OSWALD
RECEIVED NO REMUNERATION FOR HIS TALK HERE.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD SPOKE TO ABOUT TWENTY STUDENTS AND TWO
PRIESTS AT THE SEMINARY IN MOBILE ON ONE OF THE EVENINGS LISTED
ABOVE/ THAT OSWALD TOLD OF TRAVELING TO RUSSIA, BUT MURRETT WAS
UNABLE TO RECALL HOW OSWALD SAID HE REACHED THERE/ THAT UPON
ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, OSWALD APPLIED FOR WORK AND PERMISSION TO
REMAIN IN RUSSIA/ THAT HE WAS SENT TO MINSK WHERE HE WORKED
IN A FACTORY ON ASSEMBLY LINE TYPE WORK/ THAT HE JOINED A HUNTING CLUB THERE AND ON SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING OSWALD INDICATED
THIS WAS A FACTORY SPONSORED CLUB/ THAT HE MADE WEEKEND
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HUNTING TRIPS REGULARLY AND STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE HOMES OF PEASANTS/ THAT HE MET HIS WIFE IN MINSK AT A FACTORY DANCE.

AND LATER MARRIED HER, APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY RUSSIAN OBJECTIONS.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD DISCUSSED HIS LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA, BUT HE DID NOT RECALL WHAT OSWALD SAID/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION ATTENDING ANY SCHOOLS THERE, BUT MENTIONED THAT NUMEROUS SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY VARIOUS RUSSIAN OFFICIALS TO THE WORKERS OF THE FACTORY/ THAT OSWALD BECAME DISILLUSIONED WITH LIFE IN RUSSIA AND SAID THAT COMMUNISM WAS TOO OPRESSIVE TO THE PEOPLE THERE, AND THEY WERE DOMINATED BY ROUGHNECKS/ THAT OSWALD GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS A POLICE TYPE STATE WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO/ THAT OSWALD WAS VAGUE ABOUT LEAVING RUSSIA, HOWEVER MENTIONED THE RUSSIANS HAVING NO OBJECTION TO MRS. OSWALD LEAVING, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE U. S. GOVERNMENT INDICATED THAT OSWALD DID NOT LEGALLY LOSE HIS U. S. CITIZENSHIP/ THAT OSWALD EVADED THE SUBJECT OF RELIGION AND WHENEVER ASKED A QUESTION CONCERNING RELIGION, OSWALD WOULD PASS IT UP/ THAT OSWALD DEFINITELY END PAGE FOUR



LEFT THE IMPRESSION OF NOT BELIEVING IN A SUPREME BEING AND OF BEING AN ATHEIST.

MURRETT SAID THAT OSWALD, OSWALD/S WIFE, AND THE MURRETT FAMILY STAYED IN MOBILE ONLY ONE NIGHT/ THAT HE BELIEVED THEY ALL STAYED AT THE PALMS MOTEL IN MOBILE/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PROSPEROUS AND DID NOT MENTION WHERE OR IF HE WAS EMPLOYED/ THAT OSWALD WAS ONLY WEARING A SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS DURING HIS VISIT.

MURRETT ALSO SAID HE WROTE TO OSWALD SHORTLY AFTER HE
LEFT MOBILE AT THE SAME NEW ORLEANS ADDRESS/ THAT OSWALD
DURING HIS SPEECH MENTIONED HE DID NOT APROVE OF SPECULATION
OR THE OPERATIONS OF THE STOCK MARKET AND CONSIDERED IT GAMBLING/ THAT OSWALD ALSO INDICATED THAT NO ONE WAS CONCERNED WITH
THE WORKING CLASS.

MURRETT STATED THAT HE POINTED OUT IN HIS LETTER TO OSWALD
THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS DEFINITELY CONCERNED WITH THE
WELFARE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, AND SENT OWSALD A COPY OF THE
ENCYCLICAL OF POPE JOHN THE TWENTY-THIRD, QUOTE MATER ET
MAGISTRA-UNQUOTE/ THAT HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM OSWALD BUT
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OSWALD DID NOT INDICATE HE RECEIVED THE ENCYCLICAL OR READ IT/ AND THAT THIS WAS THE LAST TIME HE HEARD FROM OSWALD.

MURRETT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF OSWALD/S FRIENDS

OR ASSOCIATES, AND OSWALD NEVER MENTIONED THEM/ THAT OSWALD

NEVER MENTIONED THE COUNTRY OF CUBA OR THE FACT THAT HE

BELONGED TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS/ THAT OSWALD NEVER MADE ANY

REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS OR APPEARED PRONE TO VIOLENCE.

FATHER MALCOLM P. MULLEN, SJ, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY,

AND FATHER JOHN F. MOORE, SJ, PROFESSOR OF LOGIC AND EPISTOMOLOGY

JESUIT HOUSE OF STUDIES, MOBILE, WERE INTERVIEWED ON NOVEMBER

THIRTY, INSTANT, BY SAS HARRY J. DEGNAN AND JOHN J. SWEENEY.

THEY ADVISED THEY ATTENDED THE TALK OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD THERE

IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE/ THAT OSWALD WAS A

COUSIN OF EUGENE MURRETT, A SCHOLASTIC THERE, WHO ARRANGED

THE TALK. THEY SAID OSWALD APPARENTLY WENT TO RUSSIA AFTER

READING WORKS OF KARL MARX, TO SEE EXACTLY HOW PEOPLE

LIVED THERE/ THAT ON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, OSWALD APPLIED FOR

WORK AND WAS SENT TO MINSK TO WORK IN A FACTORY/ THAT HE

JOINED A HUNTIN CLUB®AND SPENT MANY WEEKENDS HUNTING/ THAT

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HE CAME TO KNOW THE PEASANTS VERY WELL THIS WAY, AS HE S IN THEIR HOMES/ THAT OSWALD CLAIMED HE LIKED THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND WAS TREATED WELL BY THEM, EVEN WHEN THE U-TWO INCIDENT WAS PUBLICIZED/ THAT OSWALD BECAME DISILLUSIONED AFTER ABOUT THREE YEARS SINCE COMMUNISM DID NOT MEASURE UP TO HIS IDEA OF MARXISM/ THAT OSWALD SAID HE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION FOR HIS WI FE AND HIMSELF TO LEAVE RUSSIA AND IT WAS APPROVED, BUT THEY DID NOT RECALL IF OSWALD SAID SPE-CIFICALLY HOW/ THAT OSWALD EVADED THE SUBJECT OF RELIGION, AND THEY RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION HE WAS AN ATHEIST/ OSWALD WAS JUST AN AVERAGE SPEAKER/ THAT HE DID NOT APPEAR PROSPEROUS, BUT WAS NEAT AND CLEAN THAT HE DID NOT MENTION ANY REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS OR INDICATE ANY VIOLENT TENDENCIES, AND THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION ANY SCHOOLS HE ATTENDED THERE OR ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH HE BELONGED IN THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY OF HIS FRIENDS. THEY SAID THAT OSWALDZS TALK AND SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING PERIOD LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR.

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MR. ROBERT OF FITZPATRICK, SJ, SCHOLASTIC, JESUIT SEMINARY, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, INSTANT, ADVISED SAS HARRY J. DEGNAN AND JOHN J. SWEENEY THAT HE RECALLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HE SAID HE WAS STUDYING THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LEARNED THAT EUGENE MURRETT, ANOTHER SCHOLASTIC, HAD A COUSIN WHO SPENT THREE YEARS IN RUSSIA/ THAT MURRETT ARRANGED FOR OSWALD TO SPEAK TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS THERE.

DAUGHTER CAME TO MOBILE, ALABAMA ON SATURDAY, JULY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PARENTS OF MURRETT. HE SAID
THAT THEY WERE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY MURRETT/S BROTHER AND SISTER,
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSES. FITZPATRICK SAID HE DID NOT ATTEND
OSWALD/S TALK, BUT STAYED WITH MRS. MURRETT AND OSWALD/S WIFE,
MARINA, BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO SPEAK RUSSIAN. HE SAID MRS.
OSWALD WAS A VERY FINE WOMAN, HOWEVER COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH/
THAT MRS. MURRETT WAS ANXIOUS TO TALK TO MRS. OSWALD WITHOUT
OSWALD BEING PRESENT, SINCE SHE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
BEFORE, AS OSWALD HAD TO TRANSLATE FOR HER.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD TOLD HIM SHE WAS RAISED IN THE

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX FAITH UNTIL SHE WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD WHEN
HER RELATIONS DIED/ THAT SHE HAD ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT OF WHAT
COULD BE CONSIDERED A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED
STATES/ THAT SHE WAS NOT A COMMUNIST AND LOVED RUSSIA AND
THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE/ THAT SHE HAD NO LIVING RELATIVES THERE/
THAT MRS. OSWALD SAID THERE WERE MANY INCONVENIENCES IN RUSSIA,
BUT PEOPLE HAD NO DIFFICULTY LIVING THERE/ THAT SHE MET OSWALD
AT A FACTORY DANCE IN MINSK AND THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE LIKED THE UNITED
STATES VERY MUCH, AND THERE APPEARED TO BE NO CONFLICT WITH
THIS AND HER LOVE FOR RUSSIA/ THAT SHE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN ENGLISH, SINCE OSWALD KEPT HER COMPLETELY AWAY FROM
OTHER PEOPLE/ THAT SHE SEEMED HAPPY WITH OSALD/ HOWEVER
OSWALD WAS DEFINITELY THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY/ THAT OSWALD
DID A GREAT DEAL OF READING, HOWEVER, IT WAS SCATTERED AND
HAD NO DIRECTIN OR PLANING.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD ONLY MENTIONED RESIDING IN
NEW ORLEANS, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
OSWALDS LIVED IN OTHER CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES/ THAT
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MRS. OSWALD SAID OSWALD WAS OUT OF WORK AND THEY WERE HAVING
A DIFFICULT TIME FINANCIALLY/ THAT OSWALD WAS AWAY FROM HOME
A LOT, AND SHE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES OR ACTIVITIES/ THAT MRS. OSWALD WAS DRESSED NEATLY, BUT NOT EXPENSIVELY/
THAT OSWALD, ALTHOUGH NOT SHABBILY DRESSED, DID NOT APPEAR
TO KNOW HOW TO WEAR CLOTHING PROPERLY/ THAT MRS. OSWLAD SAID
IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT GETTING OUT OF RUSSIA, BUT DID NOT
EXPLAIN THIS RMARK.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. MURRETT HAD HIM ASK MRS. OSWALD

IF SHE WOULD CARE TO GO TO MASS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, SUNDAY/
THAT MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO VERY MUCH, BUT COULD NOT
BECAUSE OF OSWALD/ THAT ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS IN HIS TALK
WITH MRS. OSWALD, SHE SAID OSWALD WAS QUOTE WITHOUT GOD UNQUOTE/
THAT MRS. OSWALD INDICATED SHE HAD NEVER BEEN TO MOBILE PREVIOUSLY.

FITZPATRICK SAID HE TALKED WITH OSWALD FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES AFTER HIS SPEECH IN THE PRESENCE OF MRS. OSWALD AND THE MURRETT FAMILY/ THAT OSWALD SEEMED TO BE A VERY INTENSE AND HIGH STRUNG PERSON/ THAT OSWALD NEVER SMILED AND WAS NOT END PAGE TEN

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AT ALL FRIENDLY/ THAT OSWALD SPOKE FAIRLY GOOD RUSSIAN,
HOWEVER IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT AS SMOOTH OR CORRECT AS
HIS WIFE/\$/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION POLITICS TO HIM AND
EVADED QUESTIONS AS TO HOW HE MANAGED TO LEAVE RUSSIA WITH
HIS WIFE/.

FITZPATRICK SAID WITH MRS. OSWALD/S PERMISSION, HE WROTE HER A LETTER IN RUSSIAN WHICH HE MAILED ABOUT AUGUST EIGHT, LAST/ THAT HE ADDRESSED IT TO FOUR NINE ZERO SEVEN MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS, AND PLACED HIS RETURN ADDRESS ON IT. HE SAID MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO CORRESPOND WITH HIM AND WOULD CORRECT AND RETURN HIS LETTERS WITH HER OWN. HE SAID HE NEVER RECEIVED AN ANSWER FROM MRS. OSWALD, AND HIS LETTER WAS NEVER RETURNED TO HIM.

HE SAID HE LATER LEARNED THAT OSWALD HAD MOVED FROM

FITZPATRICK SAID THAT AS SOON AS HE HEARD THAT OSWALD
HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON THE SUSPICION OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT
KENNEDY, HE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED SEVERAL OF THE SCHOLASTICS
WHO HEARD OSWALD/S SPEECH. HE SAID HE OBTAINED THESE
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INDIVIDUALS/ IMPRESSIONS OF OSWALD AND SOME OF OSWALD/S

REMARKS. FITZPATRICK SAID HE TYPED UP A SUMMARY OF THESE

IMPRESSIONS IMMEDIATELY AND RECONTACTED THESE SAME INDIVID
UALS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE CORRECT. HE SAID AFTER MAKING

A FEW ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS, HE SUBSEQUENTLY TYPED UP A

FIVE PAGE SUMMARY OF OSWALD/S SPEECH AND THE ANSERES TO QUES
TIONS ASKED HIM. FITZPATRICK MADE AVAILABLE A COPY OF THIS

SUMMARY, WHICH SUMMARY WILL BE REPORTED VERBATIM IN HIS THREE

ZERO TWO.

MRS. BERT PHAREZ, PALMS MOTEL, THREE NINE NINE FOUR
GOVERNMENT STREET BOULEVARD, MOBILE, ALABAMA ON NOVEMBER
THIRTY, INSTANT, ADVISED THAT REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER FIVE
SEVEN FIVE ONE REFLECTS THAT MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MURRETT,
SEVEN FIVE SEVEN FRENCH STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
REGISTERED THERE AT THREE THIRTY P. M., JULY TWENTY-SEVEN,
LAST. THIS CARD INDICATED THAT THIS PARTY CONSISTED OF SIX
INDIVIDUALS, AND THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO ROOMS FOUR AND SIX.
THEY PAID SIXTEEN DOLLARS NINETY-SIX CENTS CASH FOR THESE
ROOMS AND WOULD HAVE CHECKED OUT PRIOR TO ONE P. M., JULY
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TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AS TO THE AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH THEY WERE TRAVELING, AND NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM THESE ROOMS.

MRS. PHAREZ ALSO MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION CARD

NUMBER FIVE SEVEN FIVE TWO REFLECTING THAT OSWALD, MAGAZINE

STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, REGISTERED AT THREE THIRTY P.M.,

JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST/ THAT HIS PARTY CONSISTED OF TWO

PERSONS, AND THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO ROOM TWENTY-FOUR. EIGHT

DOLLARS FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN CASH WAS PAID FOR THIS ROOM, AND

THE OCCUPANTS WOULD HAVE CHECKED OUT BEFORE ONE P. M., JULY

TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. THERE WAS AGAIN NO AUTOMOBILE INFORMATION

ON THIS CARD, AND NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM THIS ROOM.

NEW ORLEANS, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED, INTERVIEW MR.
AND MRS. CHARLES MURRETT BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED.
HEREIN.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, MOBILE,
ALABAMA, ADVISED SA JOHN J. SWEENEY HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED
ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST, BY U. S.
SECRET SERVICE AGENT FORRESTT GUTHRIE, CONCERNING HIS
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