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MEMORANDUM

March 22, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: GARY SANDERS, Investigator
RE: A. P. EAMES III, 4915 Magazine St., 899-4382
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A. P. EAMES lived at 4903 Magazine Street during the Summer of 1963. EAMES was the nearest neighbor that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had during his stay at 4905 Magazine Street.

I interviewed EAMES at his home at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 1968. EAMES was cooperative and related the following incidents concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

FIRST ENCOUNTER:

EAMES first saw OSWALD when EAMES and his wife were relaxing on the front porch of 4903 Magazine Street. (House is on the corner of Magazine and Upperline Streets and 4903 is on the side of the house nearest OSWALD'S apartment) OSWALD, MARINA and the child were walking directly in front of the EAMES and MARINA looked at Mr. and Mrs. EAMES and smiled. Mrs. EAMES remarked to her husband, "That's the couple that just moved in next door." EAMES said that he and his wife returned the courtesy, but OSWALD frowned at the EAMES and turned his head away. At that point MARINA tugged on OSWALD'S shirt to try and get him to notice the EAMES. (MARINA had not seen OSWALD'S frown.) OSWALD never looked at Mr. and Mrs. EAMES. At that point the OSWALDS went up the driveway and into their house. EAMES said the best he can remember the first encounter occurred on a Friday evening at about 7:00 p.m.

EAMES said that OSWALD'S unfriendliness was quite annoying since the two families lived in relatively close proximity. In fact, the kitchen windows of both 4903 and 4905 Magazine Street look directly at one another. EAMES said that often while he was eating he would look across at OSWALD'S kitchen and OSWALD would be eating also. (OSWALD did not have a curtain over the kitchen window for a while and later used a sheet to cover the window.)

EAMES said that during the first few months that OSWALD lived next door, OSWALD seemed to keep regular hours as if he was holding a regular job.

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EAMES said he never heard the OSWALDS arguing or fighting, except on one occasion when OSWALD came home around 10:00 p.m. one night and there was loud talking between OSWALD and his wife. EAMES said that since the conversation was in a foreign tongue (Eames did not know it was Russian) no words were discernible. EAMES said that OSWALD might have been drinking but EAMES had never seen OSWALD drink or smoke. Often when OSWALD came home he would "bang" on the locked screen door and call to MARINA. Again EAMES said there was no way of knowing whether OSWALD was just greeting MARINA or was swearing because the screen was latched.

OSWALD was very affectionate towards the child and would play with her in the fenced-in yard often. OSWALD would sometimes put on a yellowbathing suit and lounge in the sun playing with the child.

OSWALD'S usual mode of dress was a clean white T-shirt and khaki pants or dungarees. OSWALD was always clean-shaven and kept his hair combed. EAMES said neither OSWALD nor MARINA ever appeared to be "dirty" in any way.

EAMES worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and his work took him out of town quite often so he was not always around to notice what was happening next door.

EAMES said that around the first part of July OSWALD began to keep irregular hours indicating to EAMES that OSWALD was no longer employed.

THE VISITOR:

By July, EAMES said that his curiosity towards OSWALD was quite raised because of OSWALD'S self-imposed isolation.

On a Saturday in July at about 11:00 a.m., OSWALD had the one and only visitor EAMES ever noticed (except for MRS. PAINE). OSWALD was sitting in the screened-in porch reading when a man parked his car (light colored) across the street in front of OSWALD'S house. The man crossed the street and walked directly up the driveway towards OSWALD. The man had the following description:

July 7

HEIGHT: 5'10" 5'10"
HAIR: Dark, cut short Dark, cut short
AGE: Late 20's or early 30's Late 20's or early 30's
WEIGHT: 150 lbs.
BUILD: Slender with a thin bony face.
COMPLEXION: Light
May have worn glasses.

The man was wearing a white T-shirt and carried nothing in his hands. The man appeared to know exactly where he was going and walked straight up the driveway and began talking to OSWALD through the porch screen. OSWALD did not rise to greet the visitor and he remained seated all during the conversation. The man appeared to know OSWALD, but EAMES said he got the impression that OSWALD did not know the visitor.

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*EAMES says that he never gets up before 9 or 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. EAMES also told me that his son had been playing at the back of Oswald's house and had seen the man talking to Oswald. The boy remembers that his mother was calling him to eat (lunch) at about the same time the man left. This would jibe with the 11:00 a.m. time given by EAMES.

A secret Service interview of Mr. and Mrs. EAMES dated January 10, 1964 says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Eames stated that Oswald had very few visitors; that they recalled one occasion when a representative of WDSU Radio Station visited Oswald at his apartment. This was about the time that Oswald had a radio debate with Carlos Briguier, an anti-Castro Cuban refugee; over this radio station."

When I showed the Secret Service report to EAMES, he said that he had not known who the man was that visited OSWALD and that the Secret Service agents had suggested that it might be BILL STUCKEY of WDSU.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1968, I visited EAMES at his home and showed him a picture of BILL STUCKEY. EAMES said that "STUCKEY is not the man he saw talking to OSWALD" in July of 1963.

I have also shown EAMES a copy of his FBI report dated November 23, 1963, in which EAMES is reported to have said that, "He (EAMES) recalls that OSWALD always seemed to receive an abundance of mail". EAMES told me that he told the FBI that OSWALD "MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED ONE OR TWO LETTERS DURING THE ENTIRE TIME OSWALD LIVED ON MAGAZINE STREET." EAMES said he cannot actually remember ever having seen a mailman deliver a letter to OSWALD's house.

Eames seems to be very sure about what he told the FBI and Secret Service and he is very certain that the man he saw visit OSWALD is not BILL STUCKEY. On one of my visits to see EAMES I showed him pictures from the Rogues gallery and EAMES said that the only person that looked like the man he saw talking to OSWALD is the picture taken in front of the Trade Mart during the leaflet episode (the man in a white shirt with his back to Oswald). I told EAMES that the "Trade Mart" picture was a blow-up of a frame of motion picture film, and that I would get a better view of the man in the "Trade Mart" Picture for him to look at and try and identify.

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GARY SANDERS