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Date June 19, 1964

ED BUCK, a resident of 115 A West Santa Fe Avenue, and an employee of the State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was interviewed at the State Land Office.

He was shown ten photographs of white, male individuals approximately 30 to 40 years of age, with dark hair, among which was a photograph of MICHAEL RALPH PAINE. He selected the photograph of PAINE as being definitely a picture of the man with whom he had talked in Luby's Cafeteria in Dallas, Texas, during April or May, 1963. He stated he was positive of his identification. He was unable to recall this individual's name, though he felt certain that they had exchanged names.

BUCK related that he had been giving this matter a great deal of thought since having been interviewed on June 4, 1964. He recalled that BETTYE MANN had been with him at Luby's when he spoke to this individual. He stated that BETTYE was at that time attending Southern Methodist University (SMU) and has since transferred to New Mexico State University (NMSU) at Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he believes she is still residing. He stated she was from Wichita Falls, Texas, and that he had talked to her on the telephone at the dormitory of NMSU during May, 1964. He related that she had been present during the entire period of conversation he had at Luby's.

He stated he could not recall the exact Sunday when he had met this individual at Luby's, but felt certain it was during April or May, 1963, and recalled that three or four days thereafter an article appeared in the Dallas newspaper which referred to the ex-Marine named OSWALD who had recently returned from Russia with a Russian wife and was residing at Ft. Worth, Texas.

He stated that he met the individual at Luby's on a Sunday about 12:00 noon and that this man struck up a conversation while they were standing in line. He stated they sat together and continued their conversation during lunch for about one hour. He was unable to recall the opening text of their conversation, but after they had been talking for a few minutes, this man commented that he thought the United States was being too tough on Cuba and expressed a

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by SA WILLIAM V. CURRAN/dac Date dictated 6/18/64

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favorable attitude toward the Castro regime in Cuba. He believed this individual also made some comments about the Prisoners of War (POW) in the Korean conflict but could not recall what he said in this regard.

He could not recall that this man made any reference to JOHN F. KENNEDY, but believed that some mention was made by him of the Bricker Amendment, but could not recall what was said in this regard.

BUCK stated that this man asked him if he had met an ex-Marine who had lived in Russia and married a Russian girl and was now living in Ft. Worth. BUCK told him he had not met this individual and he believed that the ex-Marine was identified by this man as OSWALD. This man told BUCK that he had talked to OSWALD and that OSWALD had told him about life behind the Iron Curtain, but BUCK was unable to recall what comments were made by this man with regard to life behind the Iron Curtain. He stated that he now recalled that this man told him that he had been introduced to OSWALD by a Russian couple, who BUCK believed were residing in the Ft. Worth area. He could not recall whether the name of the Russian couple had been mentioned and can not now recall it.

BUCK stated that this man told him he resided in Ft. Worth and came to Luby's Cafeteria in Dallas because of the interesting conversations he engaged in with students of SMU and residents of Highland Park area. He stated this man told him he was employed as a designer at the Bell Helicopter Plant and he believed that this fellow also indicated he had been working with educational materials.

BUCK stated that he had given this matter considerable thought and could not specifically recall whether this man had told him he had been employed in a book depository and further could not recall whether this man told him OSWALD was taking a job in a book depository or whether this recollection came from having read of OSWALD's employment in the newspapers.

BUCK stated this man had not given him any indication as to how long or how well he had known OSWALD and he could

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not recall this man mentioning whether or not he had met OSWALD's wife. He could not recall whether this man said he was single or married. He stated he believed that this man had inquired whether or not he had been in military service and he told him he had not. He further recalled that this man intimated he had been in the military service.

He stated he could not recall having seen this man prior to the Sunday they had their conversation, but recalls seeing him on two or three occasions on Sundays after the date of their conversation. He stated he always saw him at Luby's and related that they had not conversed but the one time. He stated this man was always alone when he saw him and could not recall having seen him conversing with any of the other patrons.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

On June 19, 1964, a review was made of the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Student Directory for the 1963-1964 academic year. BETTYE J. MANN is listed as residing at Rhoades Hall, Women's Resident Center, is a junior in the school of teacher education and comes from Wichita Falls, Texas.

PHIL AMBROSE, Dean of Students, NMSU, advised June 19, 1964, that Rhoades Hall is closed, that MANN had a summer reservation in Kent Hall, but that is also closed. He caused a check to be made in the card index of the Dean of Women's Office, and determined that BETTYE J. MANN did not register for summer school. Her current whereabouts is unknown. Her home address is recorded as in care of parents, Mr. and Mrs. EDGAR MANN, 3503 Cumberland, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Inquiries failed to locate women students currently on campus who know MANN since all regular students are now home on vacation.