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Room 415-B, Old Civil Courts Building
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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 7-8, 1964

Testimony of
PHILIP GERACI, III

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New Orleans

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THERE WERE PRESENT:

WESLEY J. LIEBELER, Esq.,
Staff Counsel;

MRS. HELEN R. DIETRICH,
Reporter.

1 Q. Now is it correct that on the day ~~or one~~
 2 ~~of the days~~ that you came into the Casa Roca to give this
 3 money to Carlos, ~~was that the time~~ that you met Lee Oswald?

4 A. I don't know if I turned in the money or
 5 not. No, I don't think I turned in money, but I couldn't
 6 be sure. I remember I went there, and that is the time the
 7 last guy, Vance Blalock, came along with me. It was his
 8 first time and everything. And we went in there -- I might
 9 have turned it in, I am not too sure. Maybe I did, maybe I
 10 didn't. I can't remember too much, but I was in there
 11 anyway talking to him and that is when I met him.

12 Q. That is when you met Oswald? I don't

13 A. Yes. You want me to tell all that?

14 Q. Yes, tell me all the circumstances of how
 15 Oswald --

16 A. Everything I know?

17 Q. -- met you and everything you know about it,
 18 what the conversation was, who was there.

19 A. Well, we were -- Vance and me went in there,
 20 Vance and I, we went into there, I introduced Vance to Carlos,
 21 and Carlos started talking to him about, you know, freedom
 22 and all that, democracy and everything. Then later on while
 23 we were talking, Lee Oswald came in, you know, while we were
 24 talking, and he came in a little while later. He was by
 25 himself and he seemed a little nervous. I remember he was

1 was to wrap chain around the ties of the track and then lock
 2 it with a padlock and the train would derail. He said the
 3 thing he liked best of all was learning how to blow up the
 4 Huey P. Long Bridge. He said you put explosive at each end
 5 on the banks and blow it up, and that leaves the one column
 6 standing. And he said how to make a homemade gun and how to
 7 make gunpowder, homemade gunpowder. He just went into those
 8 real simply. He didn't really, you know, tell us how to do
 9 it or anything, just said like if you want to make a homemade
 10 gun, you know, do something like -- you know, the thing you
 11 pull back (demonstrating) and it goes forward, like on one
 12 of the pinball machines. He just said something like that.
 13 He didn't really go into detail or anything. We didn't ask
 14 him.

15 And by this time Carlos came back from the other
 16 guy, and came back, and he was listening, and, well, that is
 17 about all.

18 Oh, there was one important thing. Oswald said
 19 something like that he had a military manual from when he was
 20 in the Marines, and he said he would give it to me, and I said,
 21 "That is all right. You don't have to. ^{you can give it to Carlos.} He said, "Well, O.K.,
 22 he will give it to Carlos next time he comes."
 23 And after that -- well, everybody left. That is
 24 as far as I can make out.

25 Q. Do you remember --