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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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## Synopsis:

JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY ordered 50 IBM type blank checks drawn on account of Trade Commission, Commonwealth of Great Britain, World Trade Center, Houston, Texas, printed at Dover, Pa. After picking up checks on 12/10/63 arrested by Pennsylvania State Police, York, Pa., on charge of forgery. RODDENBERRY admits checks were false and intended to pass them in Dallas, Texas, area using false identification of Britain Consular employee. Also admits passing true name checks on banks in Dallas and San Antonio, Texas, at York, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, all Pennsylvania, during period 12/7/63 to 12/10/63. Stated released from Federal Prison at Seagoville, Texas, 7/63 after serving 17 months of two-year sentence for impersonation. Presently on probation from local court, Philadelphia, Pa., on check charge. Probation expires 7/10/65. RODDENBERRY stated while in Dallas, Texas, 7/63 met LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Ramona bar and later same evening OSWALD came to his home. OSWALD stated OSWALD criticized U.S. form of government and stated other governments, unspecified, were better. OSWALD also suggested RODDENBERRY attend "discussion groups" in Dallas but RODDENBERRY declined. States he is and was opposed to OSWALD's principles and theories and never saw him again. Denies any information re associates and/or activities of OSWALD.

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Synopsis: JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY re-interviewed, 12/13/63. States he met individual named LEE whom he has identified as subject at Ramous Bar, Dallas, Tex., on 7/24/63. Recalls that this individual spoke in Spanish or Mexican dialect with a waitress at the bar, and when questioned as to employment stated he was "going into the construction work." RODDENBERRY stated that he is "almost 100% certain LEE is identical to subject."

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