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KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY, 1824 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, voluntarily appeared at the New Orleans Office at 12:30 PM, November 26, 1963, and advised that he would like to offer his services in any way to determine the guilt or innocence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THORNLEY stated that he was formerly in the U. S. Marine Corps, 9th Marine Air Control Squadron, stationed at El Toro Marine Base, California. He stated for approximately four months he was associated with LEE HARVEY OSWALD during 1959. He advised that his association with OSWALD was terminated when he, THORNLEY, was transferred overseas, being assigned to the First Marine Air Control Squadron, stationed in Japan, the Philippines, and Formosa area.

THORNLEY stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been assigned overseas in Japan and had returned to the United States prior to the time he had met him and it was his recollection that OSWALD had become interested in Russia and had studied the Russian language while living in Japan. THORNLEY stated that it was his opinion that OSWALD was not a Communist while he was assigned to the El Toro Marine Base.

THORNLEY stated that through news media he had learned that OSWALD had gone to Russia to live and through the same news media, had learned that he had returned to the United States, disillusioned about Communism. THORNLEY stated that he had not seen or talked to OSWALD since 1959 and his knowledge of OSWALD since that time has been from news media. He stated that he has been interested in OSWALD as a person and is planning to make him the central figure of a fictional book he is writing, using OSWALD's background as a theme for the book.

THORNLEY stated that he was not aware that OSWALD was in New Orleans and had no contact with him. He stated that on May 1, 1963, he took a six day trip to California and approximately July 25, 1963, he took a six day trip into Mexico, to Mexico City, and returned. He advised that this trip was a sight-seeing trip and he returned to New Orleans about August 1, 1963. He stated that upon returning to New Orleans, he did not meet LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no knowledge that OSWALD was living in New Orleans until he read the news

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reporter after GERALD was implicated in the murder of President Kennedy.

TROBARTY furnished the following personal information regarding himself:

He stated that he had made no report that he was not particularly disturbed over the death of President Kennedy, although he does not approve of assassination nor does he support any form of the subjugation methods of GERALD. He stated that the view that he was in California in the U. S. Marine Corps, he adopted an extremely liberal point of view regarding the Los Angeles Dalmerian Church with a girl named SYLVIA BERTINI who was a student at the CGMA. He stated that he understood that she is now married to a man named VINCE (phonetic), who is now residing and residing in Havana, Cuba. He stated that he and SYLVIA BERTINI formed the same Communist social view. He stated that SYLVIA BERTINI went to Mexico, exact date he does not recall, and when she returned, he heard that she had accepted the Communist philosophy. He stated that while he himself was liberal when he left the United States, his expectations over-estimated caused him to change his opinion and at the present time he would term himself to be somewhere between the Communist Left and John Birch Right.

TROBARTY advised that GERALD, as he recalled, rarely left the Marine base and had no close personal friends. He stated that a Captain WERT (phonetic) or BUD WERT, who was in the 8th Marine Air Control Squadron in 1953, might have some personal information regarding GERALD. He advised that while GERALD was in the Marine Corps he subscribed to a Havana Evening Newspaper and this fact aroused the suspicion of a lieutenant, whose name he does not recall, and there may have been an investigation regarding this incident.

TROBARTY advised that at no time was he ever aware that there was a Communist Party cell or Communist group within the U. S. Marine Corps. He stated that generally regarding the opinions of members of the Marine Corps directed to the main day to day procedure of the men rather than any broad political opinion such as Communism. TROBARTY advised

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that in the time he associated with GERALD, he exhibited no evidence of homosexual tendencies, nor at the same time did he exhibit any interest of social affairs outside of the Marine Corps.

TROBARTY advised that during the time that he was in Mexico City, he was eight-weeks staying in Mexico City approximately two days and then returning to the United States. He stated that he had no knowledge of any consular offices of any Government in Mexico.

TROBARTY advised his Marine Corps Serial Number was 167334.

Photograph of TROBARTY obtained.

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