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at Atsugi, Japan.

While on ship en route to Japan, OSWALD and POWERS played chess and POWERS got to know OSWALD quite well. He recalls that OSWALD read a lot on board ship including such books as "The Leaves of Grass" by WALT WHITMAN and another book entitled "Age of Reasoning." He recalls further that OSWALD stated on board ship that the Marine Corps teaches only to kill and that one could be a good gangster later on in life. On board ship OSWALD played cards occasionally, played poker, gambling for small stakes but POWERS recalls that OSWALD was not particularly interested in this type of activity preferring to remain alone and reading.

After their arrival at Atsugi, POWERS played football while the rest of the squadron including OSWALD went to the Phillipines on maneuvers.

In January, 1958 POWERS rejoined the squadron which included OSWALD at Cubi Point in the Phillipines and according to POWERS it was here that MARTIN E. SHROUD was shot while on guard duty. POWERS stated that actually from firsthand information he knows nothing of this but was advised from other individuals that there was some question concerning the shooting of SHROUD. He recalls that Marines assigned guard duty utilized a pump shotgun and were given three slugs for the gun. The instructions were that the chamber of the gun was to be kept empty until necessary. He stated that it was his understanding that Marine SHROUD was shot through the left side of the chest, the bullet piercing the body and coming out on the opposite side. He also recalled that the squadron's gear was kept in an airplane hangar which housed the plane, the nature of which he did not know at that time, but which he now knows to be a U-2. He stated that he does not know whether Marine SHROUD was assigned the specific duty of guarding hangar which housed the U-2 and he is not aware as to the circumstances surrounding SHROUD's death, learning this only from hearsay the following day.

POWERS recalled that OSWALD and the squad were then put aboard a Phillipine LST en route to Corrigidor where they