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But this theory was thrown out because OSWALD was "broke" and had "no connections in the United States, and Russia did not allow their Agents to be in this predicament in the United States. This was not like the Russian Government according to Mrs. RAY.

Mrs. RAY also said that the thought had arisen in her mind that since the Russian people had not apparently accepted OSWALD that he had been given an assignment in the United States by the Russian Government so that when he returned he would be accepted and that would probably explain his reason for wanting to return to Russia. However, Mrs. RAY said that after giving more consideration to OSWALD, she finally decided that he was a mental case, but she cannot get out of her mind that you cannot trust the Russian Government and that they are capable of doing anything.

Mrs. RAY said that she felt sorry for Mrs. OSWALD at the party and since this was the only time she had ever seen her she knew that some of the others felt the same way because several had said that OSWALD really mistreated MARINA and they were trying to help her. Mrs. RAY said that GEORGE BOHNE seemed to have some very definite opinions on the OSWALD family and that she felt that he would be very glad to discuss them with the FBI.

Mrs. RAY finally closed her remarks by saying again that she could not understand how OSWALD and his wife had so little trouble, if any, in leaving Russia, and she knew that several of the other guests felt the same way about it. She also said that she was sorry that she could not recall any more, but explained that this was the only time she had seen these people and that much of the details had been forgotten until she saw OSWALD's picture on television at the time of his arrest in Dallas, Texas and many of the remarks made about him had come back to her. She said the FBI could talk to her at any time it was necessary.

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Commission Exhibit No. 1860

Date December 7, 1963

CHARLES EDWARD HARRIS, JR., 304 E. 12th, Georgetown, Texas, partner, Troy Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 303 W. 6th, Georgetown, Texas, furnished the following information:

Between Christmas and New Years Day, about December 28, 1962, he and his wife attended a party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN FORD at Dallas, Texas. The party was attended by about fifty people, some of whom had an interest or background in Russia - either Russian born or married to a Russian born person. Others present at the party were friends of the FORDS, without any apparent Russian connection or interest. He stated that his wife, Mrs. HARRIS, and Mrs. DECLAN FORD were both Russian born and it was that mutual interest that initiated their acquaintance.

HARRIS recalled that the first night they were in Dallas they attended the party at the FORD residence. During the party he met and conversed with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose photograph he observed and recognized. He could not recall the specific topic of their casual conversation and did not recall any comments made by OSWALD concerning political ideology, foreign travel or activity. HARRIS recalled that he judged OSWALD as a "nut" but could not specify the exact basis for this judgment other than that he may have pre-judged OSWALD since he had been informed by Mrs. FORD prior to the party that OSWALD had recently returned from Russia and had married a Russian girl. He stated that he had not met OSWALD before the party and did not see him again afterwards.

HARRIS stated that the day following the party, he and his wife attended an open house or afternoon party in Dallas at the residence of ANNA MELLER, another Russian born acquaintance of Mrs. HARRIS. She stated that to the best of his recollection, neither OSWALD or OSWALD's wife were at the MELLER residence.

HARRIS added that in the evening, the day following the party, he and his wife attended another smaller gathering

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at the home of the FORDS; however, the OSWALDS were not present. On the third day in Dallas, HARRIS and his wife attended another open house at the residence of GEORGE BEUHE, who is interested in the welfare of newcomers to the Dallas area who have Russian backgrounds. HARRIS stated that OSWALD was not at the BEUHE residence; however, BEUHE was acquainted with OSWALD and was also a friend of Mrs. HARRIS and Mrs. FORD.

HARRIS added that Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS RAY, who were from Blossom, Texas, which is near Paris, Texas, were at the party at the FORD residence the night that OSWALD was there. Mrs. RAY is Russian born, according to HARRIS.

HARRIS stated that another couple, present at the party at the FORD residence was Mr. and Mrs. FRANK RAY of Dallas, no relation to the THOMAS RAYS, above. HARRIS advised that after he returned to Georgetown, Texas, his wife stayed an additional day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK RAY at Dallas.

HARRIS also recalled that a man named ALLEN JACKSON of Dallas was at the party at the FORD residence which was also attended by OSWALD; however, he did not believe that JACKSON had any Russian background but was merely a friend of the FORDS.

HARRIS stated that he married his wife, who was a Russian refugee, in Iran in September, 1946, after he had been discharged from the U.S. Army and while he was employed by TWA. He added that his wife became a naturalized United States citizen in the summer of 1963 and that they have two daughters, aged 8 and 12.

Mrs. CHARLES EDWARD HARRIS, 904 E. 12th, Georgetown, Texas, furnished the following information:

On December 28, 1962, she and her husband attended a party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN FORD at Dallas, Texas. The party was attended by about forty or fifty people, some of whom were Russian born as Mrs. FORD (first name KATSHA - phonetic) and Mrs. HARRIS, and others who had no apparent Russian background.

Mrs. HARRIS stated that at the party she met and conversed in Russian with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose photograph she observed and recognized. She advised that OSWALD asked her why she left Russia and what was wrong with Russia. Her reply was something to the effect that she left because everything was wrong and she countered OSWALD by asking him why he left Russia if everything was so good over there. Upon her query, OSWALD was annoyed with her and was obviously upset by her remark, whereupon she ignored him and joined in the singing of Russian songs with a group of other guests.

She recalled that about an hour after her brief encounter with OSWALD, she was sitting on a sofa with ALLEN JACKSON with whom she was conversing when LEE HARVEY OSWALD's wife walked by and JACKSON made some remark to Mrs. OSWALD which Mrs. OSWALD apparently ignored. When JACKSON asked what was the matter with Mrs. OSWALD, Mrs. HARRIS advised him that Mrs. OSWALD did not speak English. Mrs. HARRIS then proceeded to act as an interpreter for Mrs. OSWALD and JACKSON as they conversed for several minutes. Mrs. HARRIS added that she tried to teach Mrs. OSWALD some English words and was telling her about American customs when LEE HARVEY OSWALD came over to where they were talking and chided Mrs. HARRIS, in strong Russian language, for telling his wife anything of the English language or of local customs. He asserted that his wife had no need of learning anything of either subject and escorted Mrs. OSWALD from the presence of Mrs. HARRIS.

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