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Statement of Lawrence Roberts taken December 5, 1963 X
 Copy of Employment Application at Leslie Welding Co., Fort Worth; X
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 Copy of Employee Identification Questionnaire dated 10-12-62 for Jagers-Chiles-Stovall, Inc., Dallas X
 Copies of 26 payroll checks issued to Oswald by Jagers-Chiles-Stovall, Dallas X
 Copy of Claim and correspondence, Texas Employment Commission. Claim dated 4-12-63 X
 Copy of Application for Employment made by Oswald 5-9-63 at the William B. Roily Co., New Orleans X
 Copy of Employee's Withholding Certificate (W-4) dated 5-10-63 X
 Copy of Safety Instructions to Employees dated 5-21-63 X
 Copy Form D-11, Texas Employment Commission, dated 5-10-63 X
 Copies of 7 documents from the Louisiana Department of Employment Security X
 Copy of Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated 10-16-63 X
 Statement of Gary E. Taylor taken December 11, 1963. X

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

On 12/3/63, NY T-1 made available a Post Office Form 3578 addressed to "Worker", Box 28, Madison Sq. Station, NY 10, NY, which reflected a new address for subject. Information received from files of Big Brothers Inc., NYC, re subject set forth. Information set forth re CP correspondence pertaining to subject and furnished by JOHN J. ABE, NY attorney.

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DETAILS:

On December 3, 1963, NY T-1 made available a Post Office Department Form 3578, unstamped, addressed to "Worker", Box 28, Madison Square Station, New York 10, New York. The reverse side of this card reflected a new address for LEE H. OSWALD, dated November 5 (year not indicated), and showing OSWALD's new address as Post Office Box 6225, Dallas, Texas, but same did not indicate his old address. NY T-1 also made available an Addressograph type label bearing an address for "Lee H. Oswald, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, 2-20-64-MR-W CR". The code indicates OSWALD had a twelve month subscription to the "Worker" expiring February 20, 1964.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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Date 12/4/63

Mr. HOWARD KIEVAL, Executive Director, Big Brothers Inc., 223 East 30th Street, New York, New York, furnished the following information:

On November 28, 1953, Big Brothers Inc. received a referral from the Domestic Relations Court, Bronx, New York. The subject of this referral was LEE HARVEY OSWALD and Mr. KIEVAL stated that the case worker who handled this matter was Mr. WILLIAM E. GROTE, 99 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, who is presently retired.

Mr. KIEVAL furnished a copy of their record pertaining to LEE HARVEY OSWALD which reflected the following:

"OSWALD, LEE "12335

"REFERRED: Bronx Children's Court - 12/1/53. See Court papers for details.

"12/1/53 Received telephone call from Mr. Carro, Probation Officer, referring Lee Oswald of 825 East 179th Street for Big Brother supervision. Requested that Mr. Carro send us a copy of the Court papers. WEG

"12/15/53 (Delay due to illness). Called at the home of Lee Oswald. Not finding anyone there, left card in door. WEG

"12/17/53 Received telephone call from Mrs. Oswald who stated that she found our card on returning home from work and wished to know the reason for our contact. Explained to her that Mr. Carro, Probation Officer of the Children's Court had asked that we become interested in her son Lee. She seemed quite disturbed stating something to the effect that how long was this thing going to last because since the boy had returned from Youth House, he had been attending school each day and from all accounts was doing well. Could sense that Mrs. Oswald was rather disturbed about this matter and tried to give her an idea of what the Big Brother program was. She seemed to calm down

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by SA ROGER H. LEE:rlh Date dictated 12/4/63

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"considerably and suggested that Lee stop in at the office sometime during the Christmas holidays. She did not take too kindly to this idea and advised that we would stop in at the home some evening as soon as possible. WEG

"12/23/53 Called at the home of Lee Oswald but no one was at home. Will call again. WEG

"1/4/54 This evening about 7:30 called at the home. Met Mrs. Oswald and Lee. Was cordially received by both the mother and boy. Mrs. Oswald stated that inasmuch as Lee was attending school and doing well and had been so ever since his return from Youth House, she could see no reason why there should be so much investigation. Again explained to Mrs. Oswald the nature of Big Brother work and learned that, as suggested by the probation officer, she had taken out a membership for Lee at the West Side Y. M. C. A. and he spent every Saturday there. She also stated that he was not the type of boy who cared for group activities, preferring to remain at home watching TV, working on his stamp collection, etc. Lee was friendly, although it was apparent that he was also displeased with the idea of being forced to join various "Y" organizations about which he cared little. During the conversation, Mrs. Oswald stated that she had quit her job and planned to return to her former home down in New Orleans. Advised Mrs. Oswald that before she took this step, that she contact Mr. Carro by phone the following morning to get his advice as to what she should do about getting a release from the Children's Court. She said that Mr. Carro had agreed that she could move to New Jersey and she could see no difference between moving to New Jersey or New Orleans. Explained to Mrs. Oswald that there was a right way and a wrong way of doing things and that under existing circumstances, felt that she should notify Mr. Carro at once of her decision to move. WEG

"1/5/54 - Received telephone call from Mrs. Oswald who stated that she had contacted the Children's Court as suggested and that Mr. Carro was on vacation and she talked with Mr. Dunn who was handling Mr. Carro's cases while he was away. She stated that Mr. Dunn advised her that the Court had supervision over the boy and that she should bring the boy

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"to the Court on Monday morning 1/11 when Mr. Carro was expected to be back in his office. She stated that she would be glad to go down there alone, but hesitated to take Lee with her because she felt that if she did they would probably remand him or in some way not allow him to return home and inasmuch as her rent is paid up to the 15th of the month, she wanted to move some day before that time. Later on in the day talked with Mr. Dunn about this and he stated that the boy must appear before the Court before permission is granted for him to leave the city. WEG

"1/ 6/54 - Called at the home of Mrs. Oswald. Explained again to her what Mr. Dunn had advised should be done, but she was most skeptical about taking Lee before the Children's Court. Suggested to her that inasmuch as she felt this way, that she contact Mr. Carro upon his return, as the boy was on parole to Mr. Carro and be guided by what suggestions he made. Suggested to Mrs. Oswald that we would be nappy to hear from her if she wished to write when she got located and settled in New Orleans. WEG

"1/10/54 - Learned from Mr. Carro, Probation Officer of the Bronx Children's Court that he had written to Mrs. Oswald so that the boy could be brought in for a hearing and that the letter was returned to him marked 'moved - left no address.' This evidently means that Mrs. Oswald carried out her intentions which were told to the writer on 1/5. At that time she said that she would not report to Mr. Carro because he might take Lee away from her and all her plans would be upset. Please CLOSE. WEG."

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On December 4, 1963, Mr. WILLIAM E. GROTE, 99 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, advised SA ROGER H. LEE that he was employed by Big Brothers Inc. from 1917 to 1955. He stated that in 1953 or 1954 for a period of approximately six weeks he was the Big Brothers case worker assigned to LEE OSWALD at the request of the Domestic Relations Court, Bronx, New York. He stated that he vaguely recalls the boy but because of the brevity of their association he did not get to know the boy or his mother well. He stated that he did recall that the mother was very much against exposing her boy to psychiatric care or commitment to a boy's school or training institution. GROTE stated that the record of his contact with the OSWALDS would be in the custody of HOWARD KIEVAL, Executive Director, Big Brothers Inc., 223 East 30th Street. GROTE stated that he had no contact with the OSWALDS after they left New York in January, 1954, and that he could furnish no additional information concerning them.

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On December 2, 1963, JOHN J. AET, New York Attorney, telephonically contacted the New York Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised SA JOHN J. DANAHY that his client, ARNOLD JOHNSON, referred to below, had located certain correspondence from OSWALD which JOHNSON claimed he had just received and that JOHNSON desired to make this material available to the FBI at his, AET's, office. The information obtained is hereinafter set forth.

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On December 3, 1963, JOHN J. ABT, an attorney with offices at 320 Broadway, New York City, acting as attorney for ARNOLD S. JOHNSON, furnished SAS JOSEPH V. WATERS and ROBERT G. OPTEDAL with items of correspondence between LEE H. OSWALD and the Communist Party (CP) and "The Worker". JOHNSON was present during the interview with ABT.

ABT stated that the items which he was making available to the Special Agents represented all of the material which JOHNSON could locate in the way of such correspondence. He requested that the material be returned to him when it had served its purpose and he also stated that any questions which might arise concerning this correspondence should be referred to him for reply.

The items of correspondence made available are set out as follows:

"L.H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"The 'Worker'
23 W. 26th St.

"Dear Sirs:

"As a long time subscriber to the Worker I know I can ask a favor of you with full confidence of its fulfillment.

"I have formed a 'Fair Play for Cuba committe' here in New Orleans, I think it is the best way to attract the broad mass of people to a popular struggle.

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"I ask that you give me as much literature as you judge possible since I think it would be very nice to have your literature among the 'Fair Play' leaflets (like the one enclosed) and phamplets in my office.

"Also please be so kind as to convey the enclosed 'honorary membership' cards to those fighters for peace Mr. Gus Hall and Mr. E. Davis.

"Yours Paternally,
/s/ Lee H. Oswald
June 10, 1962"

The date at the end of the above letter appears to have been written as 1962, but because it is in handwriting it is possible 1963 was written.

This letter contains notations in a different handwriting, evidently made on receipt "send catalog and limited supply" and another notation, "Lit. sent".

Apparently in response to this letter there was sent the following communication which was made available in the form of a carbon copy:

"July 31, 1963

"L.H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"Dear Mr. Oswald:

"Your letter to the WORKER has been referred to me for reply.

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"It is good to know that movements in support of Fair Play for Cuba has developed in New Orleans as well as in other cities. We do not have any organizational ties with the Committee, and yet there is much material that we issue from time to time that is important for anybody who is concerned about developments in Cuba.

"Under separate cover we are sending you some literature.

"Sincerely Yours
Arnold Johnson, Director
Information and Lecture Bureau"

This typed letter has a handwritten notation, "Lit. sent".

"August 13, 1963

"Arnold Johnson
23 W. 26th St.
New York 10, N.Y.

"Dear Mr. Johnson:

"I wish to thank you for the literature which you sent me for our local branch of the 'Fair Play for Cuba Committee', of which I am the secretary-president.

"As you can see from the enclosed clipping I am doing my best to help the cause of new Cuba, a cause which I know you approve of also.

"Would you from time to time send us literature? any at all will be greatly appreciated.

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"Please accept an honorary New Orleans branch membership card as a token of esteem.

"Thank You
/s/ Lee H. Oswald

"P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La."

Apparently as an enclosure to this letter was a printed handbill:

"HANDS OFF CUBA!

"Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee

"NEW ORLEANS CHARTER MEMBERSHIP BRANCH

"Free Literature, Lectures

"LOCATION:

(blank)

"EVERYONE WELCOME!"

On the back of this handbill appears the rubber stamped legend:

"Write
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La."

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"Central Committee
CP, U.S.A.

"Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"August 28, 1963

"Comrades:

"Please advise me upon a problem of personal tactics.

"I have lived in the Soviet Union from Oct. 1958 to July 1962.

"I had, in 1959, in Moscow, tried to legally dissolve my United States citizenship in favor of Soviet citizenship, however, I did not complete the legal formalities for this.

"Having come back to the U.S. in 1962 and thrown myself into the struggle for progress and freedom in the United States, I would like to know weather, in your opion, I can continue to fight, handicapped as it were, by my past record, can I still, under these circumstances, compete with anti-progressive forces, above ground or weather in your opion I should always remain in the background, etc. underground.

"Our opponents could use my background of residence in the U.S.S.R. against any cause which I join, by association, they could say the organization of which I am a member, is Russian controled ect. I am sure you see my point.

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"I could of course openly proclaim, (if pressed on the subject) that I wanted to dissolve my American citizenship as a personal protest against the policy of the U.S. government in supporting dictatorship, ect. But what do you think I should do? which is the best tactic in general?

"Should I dissociate myself from all progressive activities?

"Here in New Orleans, I am secretary of the local branch of the 'Fair Play for Cuba Committee', a position which, frankly, I have used to foster communist ideals. On a local radio show, I was attacked by Cuban exile organization representatives for my residence ect., in the Soviet Union.

"I feel I may have compromised the FPCC, so you see that I need the advice of trusted, long time fighters for progress. Please advise.

"With Ferternal Greeting
Sincerely
/s/ Lee H. Oswald"

Written on the face of the first page of this letter in a different handwriting is a notation "Arnold - please reply E" and another notation in still another handwriting "Fair Play is a broader comm".

On the back of the last page of this three page letter is the name in handwriting, "Arnold".

The following is a carbon copy of a letter of acknowledgement:

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"September 19, 1963

"Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"Dear Mr. Oswald:

"Your letter of August 28th to Elizabeth G. Flynn was turned over to me for reply. Since I received your letter of September 1st indicating that you are moving to Baltimore, I suggest that when you do move that you get in touch with us here and we will find some way of getting in touch with you in that city.

"While the point you make about your residence in the Soviet Union may be utilized by some people, I think you have to recognize that as an American citizen who is now in this country, you have a right to participate in such organizations as you want, but at the same time there are a number of organizations, including possibly Fair Play, which are of a very broad character and often which is advisable for some people to remain in the background, not underground. I assume this is pretty much of an academic question now, and we can discuss it later.

"Sincerely yours
/s/Arnold Johnson"

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"The Worker
26 W. 23 ST.
New York 10, N.Y.
August 31

"Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"Dear Mr. Bert

"As a commercial photograher I have, in the past, made blow-ups, reverses and other types of photo work for the 'Worker'.

"Mr. Weinstock, in December 1962, expressed thanks for my modest work in a letter.

"Mr. Tormey, of the Gus Hall-Ben Davis defense committee also has commended some photos I did for his committee.

"I am familiar with most forms of photo and art work, and other fazes of typographie.

"I am sure you realize that to a progress person with a knowlege of photography and printing, the greatest desire inadubable is to work directly for the 'Worker'. However, I understand that there might be many loyal comrades who want the same thing, i.e. to work for the 'Worker'. So if you say there is no opening's I shall continue to hope for the chance of employment directly under the 'Worker'.

"My family and I shall, in a few weeks, be relocating into your area.

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"In any event I'm sure you shall give my application full consideration. Thank you.

"Sincerely
/s/ Lee H. Oswald"

This letter was transmitted in an airmail envelope addressed:

"Mr. E. Bert
The Worker
26 West 23 St.
New York 10, N.Y."

with the return address:

"P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La."

This envelope bears a Post Office stamp "Addressee Unknown".

Among the items furnished was a photographic reproduction of a poster:

"READ

"THE WORKER

"If You Want to Know About

"PEACE

"DEMOCRACY

"UNEMPLOYMENT

"ECONOMIC TRENDS".

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JOHNSON was unable to say when this poster was received or by what means, and he stated he did not know what had become of the wrapper in which it was presumably mailed.

"Communist Party
23 W. 26th St.
New York 10, N.Y.
September 1, 1963

"Lee H. Oswald
P. O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

"Dear Sirs,

"Please advise me as to how I can contact the Party in the Baltimore-Washington area, to which I shall relocate in October.

"Fraternally
/s/ Lee H. Oswald"

"Mr. A Johnston
c/o Worker

"Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 6825
Dallas, Texas

"Dear Mr. Johnson;

"In September I had written you saying I expected to move from New Orleans, La., to the Philadelphia-Baltimore area. You advised me that I could contact you when I had gotten settled there and the party would contact me in that area-

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11.

"Since than my personal plans have changed and I have settled in Dallas, Texas for the time.

"Through a friend, I have been introduced into the American Civil Liberties Union Local chapter, which holds monthly meeting on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

"The first meeting I attended was on October 25th, a film was shown and afterwards a very critical discussion of the ultra-right in Dallas.

"On October 23rd, I had attended a ultra-right meeting headed by General EDWIN A. Walker, who lives in Dallas. This meeting preceded by one day the attack on A.E. Stevenson at the United Nations Day meeting at which he spoke.

"As you can see, political friction between 'left' and 'right' is very great here.

"Could you advise me as to the general view we had on the American Civil Liberties Union? and to what degree, if any, I should attempt to highten its progressive tendencies?

"This Dallas branch of the A.C.L.U. is firmly in the hands of 'liberal' professional people, (a minister and two Law professors conducted the Oct.25th meeting.) However, some of those present showed marked class awareness and insight.

"Respectfully Yours
/s/ Lee H. Oswald"

This letter is undated and envelope is postmarked at Dallas, November 1, 1963. JOHNSON said it was received in mail on November 29, 1963.

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JOHNSON explained that it has been the practice of the CP,USA to answer inquiries concerning the CP by letter and by the transmittal of a group of pamphlets descriptive of CP activity. He made available a packet of such literature, stating that in all probability the items contained in the packet were the same as those in the packet of literature sent to OSWALD. These items are as follows:

"HORIZONS OF THE FUTURE FOR A SOCIALIST AMERICA" by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.
Published by CP,USA, December, 1959;

1961 Catalogue of New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York 3, New York, dated Fall, 1960;

"FREE AMERICANS FROM THE MC CARRAN ACT DANGER!" by GUS HALL. This bears no date, but the text describes the contents as obtained "from speeches by Gus Hall". Issued by the Gus Hall-Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York;

"BEN DAVIS on the MC CARRAN ACT at the HARVARD LAW FORUM". Issued by the Gus Hall-Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee;

"Main Street to Wall Street: END THE COLD WAR!" by GUS HALL.
Published by New Century Publishers, June, 1962;

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A characterization of The Gus Hall-Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee appears in the appendix section of this report.

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"The Only Choice Peaceful Coexistence" by GUS HALL, Published by New Century Publishers, March, 1963;

"3 BRAVE MEN Tell How Freedom Comes to an Old South City-Nashville, Tenn." by JAMES E. JACKSON, Published by Publishers New Press, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, July, 1963;

"THE ULTRA-RIGHT, KENNEDY, AND ROLE OF THE PROGRESSIVES For People's Unity Against Big Business Reaction and the War Danger" by GUS HALL, described as General Secretary, CP, USA. This six page folder bears no date nor name of a publisher. It is indicated to be an address by HALL, prepared in 1962 or earlier;

Two blank subscription cards to be used for the receipt of payment for subscription to "The Worker" for varying terms.

During this interview of ABT and JOHNSON, the latter was not identified as an officer or member of the CP in any way.

On November 27, 1962, the Subversive Activities Control Board filed an order to JOHNSON to register under and pursuant to Section 8 (a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the CP, USA, a Communist action organization. This order followed a hearing held on a petition of the Attorney General of the United States for such order to JOHNSON to register. The order is on appeal.

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I.APPENDIX

THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (H-DDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise \$100,000 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS.

GUS HALL
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

HALL and DAVIS were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1962, charging them with violations of Sections 786 (h) and 794, Title 50, United States Code, in that they, as General Secretary and National Secretary, CPUSA, respectively, and as members of its National Board, willfully and unlawfully failed to register for and on behalf of the CPUSA with the Attorney General.

A second source furnished information on February 12, 1963, that the H-DDC had received a total of \$41,799.18 in contributions for defense as of February 12, 1963.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of April 16, 1963, page 1, carried an appeal by the H-DDC, Room 1225, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, asking for funds.

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