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Name ARTURO MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ
 Sex Male
 Race White
 Date of Birth September 18, 1929
 Place of Birth Merida, Yucatan, Mexico
 Height 5'10"
 Weight 135
 Hair Black
 Eyes Black
 Build Medium
 Nationality Mexican
 Alien Registration A-11889286
 Occupation Oiler - mechanic
 Marital Status Married
 Relatives Wife - ANNA MARIA RODRIGUEZ;
 3 minor children
 Residence 323 Marais Street, Apartment U,
 New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. JOHN C. CLARK, Assistant Vice President in Charge of Production, William B. Reily and Company, Inc., 640 Magazine Street, advised that he knew LER H. OSWALD only while OSWALD was employed by that company and only because he was so employed. He continued that his only contact with OSWALD was to reprimand him a couple of times. He explained that OSWALD was not an aggressive worker and had to be reprimanded concerning this.

Mr. CLARK stated that he had no conversation with OSWALD concerning outside activities and that he did not know any of OSWALD's friends or associates nor any member of OSWALD's family.

Mr. CLARK stated that an inquiry of all employees of the plant revealed that only the following individuals employed by William B. Reily and Company, Inc., had had any conversation whatsoever with OSWALD.

EMMETT CHARLES BARBE, JR., maintenance foreman, OSWALD's immediate superior.

CHARLES JOSEPH LE BLANC, a maintenance man who worked with OSWALD."

ARTURO RODRIGUEZ, a maintenance man who worked with OSWALD.

Miss ROSE SCHAMBRA, a floor lady in the plant.

Mr. CLARK advised that OSWALD was actually employed by ALFRED A. CLAUDE, who was plant manager at the time. He continued that CLAUDE is no longer employed by this company, but he understands CLAUDE is presently employed by the Chrysler Aerospace Division in New Orleans.

He explained that Mr. CLAUDE had not necessarily had conversation with OSWALD.

He advised that the only other person who perhaps would have necessarily had contact and conversation with OSWALD would be JOHN D. BRANTON, 7937 Oak Street, New Orleans.

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Louisiana, who is believed to be presently employed by Boeing Aircraft Corporation. He explained that BRANYON would have worked with OSWALD while OSWALD was employed at the Reilly Company.

Miss ROSE SCHAMBRA, 5528 Catina Street, advised she is a "floor lady" at William B. Reilly and Company, Inc., 640 Magazine Street, and as such supervises the packaging of coffee.

She stated she has supervision over three coffee packaging machines which machines have to be greased regularly by maintenance men employed by the company. She continued that during the Summer of 1963, LEE OSWALD was employed as a maintenance man and as such would grease the machines under her supervision. She stated she found OSWALD to be a quiet and shy person who never seemed to converse with anyone. She recalled that when he did make his rounds to grease a machine, she would sometimes tell him which machine needed oiling and he would make no reply to anything she said. She recalled that on occasions she would tell him not to put too much oil in the fittings and he merely shrugged his shoulders without comment. Because of this shyness and quiet attitude, she felt sorry for him and one day approached him asking him his name. He merely replied "LEE", and kept walking.

Miss SCHAMBRA said that this more or less seemed to be typical of his attitude while he was employed at that company. She added that his mind seemed to be on something else instead of his work and never about conversation with employees. She stated she did not know any people with whom he might have been in contact and certainly none of his friends, associates, or members of his family. She added that she had had no contact with OSWALD away from the plant where they worked.

Miss SCHAMBRA advised that she knew no one by the name of HEDELL or name similar to that and certainly had never heard OSWALD speak of anyone by this name.

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