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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 aftended another open house at the residence of GEORGE BLUHE, 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 Hr. and Hrs. 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.

MARRIS 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 hrs. FRANK RAY at Dallas.

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

HARRIS stated that he married his wife, who was a Bussian 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 inglish 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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Mrs. MARRIS stated that she had never met either LEE HARVEY OSMALD or his wife at any time prior to the party at the FORD residence and did not see them subsequent to that evening.

She recalled that during her two short conversations with OSWALD she did not hear him express any political ideas, his travel or employment in Russia of his activities in the United States. She added that she did not believe OSWALD attended any of the other functions she and her husband attended at Dallas during the last week of December 1962.

Mrs. NARRIS stated that in addition to the party at the FORD residence, she and her husband attended an open house or afternoon party at the residence of ANNA N. MELLER, 5903 1/2 La Vista Drive, Dallas, Texas, on December 29, 1962. She did not believe that OSWALD was present at that gathering, however. Also at the MELLER residence was another Russian born woman, named LYDIA DYMITRUK, 4635 McKinny Avenue, Apartment 51-A, Dallas, Texas, however, Mrs. HARRIS did not know whether or not LYDIA was acquainted with OSWALD.

Mrs. HARRIS also stated that on December 30, 1962, she and her husband attended an open house or afternoon party at the residence of GEORGI BLUHE, 4740 Homer Street, Dallas, Texas. She stated that BLUHE was acquainted with OSWALD and Mrs. OSWALD since he takes an interest in recently arrived individuals of Russian background and is interested in their welfare.

She added that at the party at the BEUHE residence she met a man named JOHN HALL, whose wife, ELAINA (phonetic) was from Iran and was of Russian extraction. She recalled that the HALLS resided in Fort Worth but did not know whether or not they were acquainted with OSWALD.

Mrs. HARRIS also stated that Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS. FAY, Blossom, Bexas (near Paris, Texas) were in attendance at the party at the FORD residence on December 28, 1962. She stated that Mrs. THOMAS RAY is Russian born.

Hrs. HARRIS also stated that at the residence of AHKA MELLER in Sallas she met TATIANA BIGGERS, 2805 West Lane Drive, Houston, Texas, phone NO 50350. She did not know if SA 105-2909

TATIANA was acquainted with OSWALD.

Mrs. BARRIS added that ALLEN and MARGARET JACKSON, 3/35 West Bay Circle, Dallas, Texas, phone TA 4-0216 or TA 7-7165, were at the party at the FORD renidence on December 28, 1982; however, the believed that the JACKSONS were newly friends of the FORDS and did not believe that direr of the JACKSONS had any Russian background. It was Mr. JACKSON who conversed with Mrs. USWALD through the translation of drs. MARTIS

Mrs. HARRIS stated that Ars. OSMALD had come to the United States about six or seven months prior to the time of the party, or in the Spring or summer of 1962, to the best of her understanding. She stated that she understood that Ars. OSWALD had been living for several weeks with Ars. OSWALD had been living for several weeks with Ars. OSWALD had been living for several weeks with Ars. OSWALD had been living for phonetic) because OSWALD had beetened her. She added that she understood that Mrs. OSWALD has lived with ARMA SAY (Mrs. FRANK RAY) at Ballas, Toxas, for a shorter period of time.

Mrs. markIS added that it was a private joke between her and Mrs. FORD concerning the inability of OSWALD to obtain a job and they saw the humor in it when they considered the reaction of prospective employers where CSWALD would tall them that he was last employed in Minnak, Russia. They observed that me was last employed in Minnak, Russia. They observed that me turnelly, no one was going to mire someone who had and worked in Musnia. Mrs. MASRIS reported that she received the impression from OSWALD that ne wanted to impress people that he had been in mussia and that he had worked there. She added that he made it sound important that he had been in mussia and he appeared to feel that others should have been impressed by his adventure there.

Hrs. MARRIS added that she was unfavorably impressed by OSWALD and considered him an eccentric from the outset of their meeting. She stated that prior to the time she met OSWALD at the party, she had been informed by Mrs. FORD of OSWALD's recent stay in Russia and marriage to a Russian woman.