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Mr. LE BLANC stated he knew of no associate, friend or relative of LEE H. OSWALD and could furnish no information as to whether OSWALD owned a firearm. He did recall, however, that he had observed OSWALD looking at gun magazines maintained in the waiting room of the Crescent City Garage located next door to William B. Reilly Company, Inc. He explained that employees of the Reilly Company would go to the waiting room of the Crescent City Garage for soft drinks on their breaks and that someone in the garage apparently collected guns and maintained gun magazines on a coffee table which were available to employees. He stated he, however, had never discussed guns with OSWALD.

Mr. LE BLANC advised that the only other employee with whom OSWALD would have been in contact was ARTURO RODRIGUEZ, maintenance man.

Mr. ARTURO MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ, 323 Marais Street, Apartment U, New Orleans, Louisiana, voluntarily furnished the following information:

He stated that he recalled LEE OSWALD as a fellow employee at the William B. Reilly Company, 640 Magazine Street. He stated that as best as he can recall, OSWALD worked there about three months and he recalled that OSWALD was working there when he, RODRIGUEZ, took his vacation in June, 1963.

He emphasized that he was never closely associated with OSWALD and that his only contact with him was when OSWALD started working for the Reilly Company, in that he instructed him how to oil and clean the machines. He also stated that as far as he could tell, OSWALD was not friendly with any of the employees and he described OSWALD as a person who did not talk much, was very quiet and did not associate with any employees.

He stated that when the workers took a break, OSWALD always stayed by himself, sometimes he went to the driveway and smoked a cigarette, and sometimes he just sat in a chair and appeared to stare into space.

OSWALD never discussed his past and RODRIGUEZ knew nothing about his background. Shortly after he began working he did state that he had just gotten out of the military service and came to work for Reilly Company. RODRIGUEZ stated that he did not know that OSWALD was married and did not know where he lived. RODRIGUEZ said that to the best of his knowledge, he did not believe that OSWALD had an automobile as he sometimes saw him come to work on a bus.

RODRIGUEZ advised that he has never received any mail from OSWALD and did not know where he went when he quit working for the Reilly Company. He stated that he believed OSWALD did not quit his job voluntarily, but was asked to leave by the company. He informed he did not know anyone by the name of HIDEELL.

The following description of ARTURO MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ was obtained by personal observation and questioning:

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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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