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Mr. JOSEPH COLLARA, 15 East Chalmette Circle, St. Bernard, advised that he was the President of the St. Bernard Pistol and Rifle Range Association and that he knew of no member by the name of LEE H. OSWALD and/or A. J. HIDEELL or other similar phonetic sounding names.

COLLARA advised that the only other rifle associations in the area of which he knew were the Louisiana State Pistol and Rifle Association and the Crescent Gun Club.

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Mr. ALFRED A. CLAUDE, JR., 2905 Buffon Street, Chalmette, Louisiana, telephone number 271-3281, was interviewed at his place of employment Chrysler Aerospace Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Michoud, Louisiana.

Mr. CLAUDE stated that he recalled LEE H. OSWALD in that while he was in the personnel department of the William B. Reily and Company, Inc., 640 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, OSWALD answered an advertisement which was run in the local newspaper for maintenance employees. He stated that he could not recall the exact date but it was exactly four weeks prior to the time that he, CLAUDE, resigned his position with the William B. Reily and Company, Inc. which was on July 1, 1963. He stated that he did not have much contact with OSWALD but that he talked to him at the time he filed his application, checked over his application form, and noted that he had stated thereon that he had just recently been discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps. He stated that he was satisfied with the application filled out by OSWALD and his brief conversation with him and recommended that he be hired as an oiler. He stated that OSWALD's job as an oiler was to see that the machines were kept oiled and that he was also responsible for keeping the machines clean.

He stated that OSWALD did not associate with the other employees but seemed to stay by himself most of the time even during the coffee breaks and during the lunch period. He also advised that the only argument he ever had with OSWALD was when he put OSWALD on a late shift so that the machines could be oiled and cleaned after they had been used during the day and that OSWALD complained that he did not like to work on the late shift and he was advised by Mr. CLAUDE that he would see what arrangements could be made to again place him on a regular shift.

Mr. CLAUDE also advised that the work performed by OSWALD was very poor and that he had been on the verge of firing him on several occasions and the only reason he did not fire OSWALD was in view of the fact that the

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maintenance department was short of employees and he decided to keep OSWALD on the job until additional employees could be hired.

He stated he did not know who OSWALD associated with after working hours and also he did not know what his activities were after he left the William B. Reily Company, Inc. each day. He also stated that he had never heard OSWALD discuss owning a gun or contemplating purchasing a gun.

Mr. CLAUDE stated that he never saw OSWALD drive an automobile and believed that he came to work each day on the Magazine bus inasmuch as he resided on Magazine Street and believed that the number was in the 4900 block. He also stated that OSWALD was never visited by his wife and that OSWALD had never made any statements indicating that he had resided in Russia and had married a Russian girl.

Mr. JOHN D. BRANYON, 1316½ Short Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Boeing Aircraft Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Michoud, Louisiana.

Mr. BRANYON stated that he was acquainted with LEE H. OSWALD inasmuch as he was then working for the William B. Reily Company, Inc., 640 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, when OSWALD was hired in the maintenance department around June 1, 1963.

Mr. BRANYON stated that OSWALD was the "lone wolf" type always staying aloof from the other employees and never associating with them during the coffee breaks or lunch period. He stated that he had very little conversation with OSWALD but recalled that OSWALD told him that he was married, that he was an ex-marine, and that he was living with his folks. He stated that he did not recall if OSWALD furnished any address for his residence.

Mr. BRANYON advised that when OSWALD was hired he was turned over to him for instructions as to what he should do in the maintenance department in connection with his work as an oiler. He stated his job was to insure that the machines were kept oiled at all times and that he was also responsible for cleaning the machines after they had been used during the day. He stated that OSWALD was a poor worker and that he had to criticize him several times in view of the poor work he was doing in keeping the machines clean. He stated that OSWALD was still employed by the William B. Reily Company, Inc. when he, BRANYON, resigned on July 3, 1963, but that he was sure in view of the poor work that OSWALD was doing that he was not employed very long after July 3, 1963. He stated that he would not recommend OSWALD for any employment in view of the poor work that he had done while employed by the William B. Reily Company, Inc.

Mr. BRANYON stated he did not know who OSWALD associated with after working hours and he also did not know what his activities were after he left the William

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