FRANK M. MIJARES, JR., 7324 Eagle Pass Street, Houston, Texas, was interviewed at the United States Public Health Service Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was receiving treatment as an outpatient.

He advised that he is presently a crew member of the SS Leslie Lykes and during Voyage 110 of the SS Marion Lykes in September - October of 1959 had served on that vessel as bedroom steward.

After examining a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, MIJARES said that he recalled OSWALD as a passenger on the SS Marion Lykes in the fall of 1959. MIJARES stated that OSWALD was not inclined to do much talking and at no time told him the reason for his making the trip to France or talked about himself. MIJARES said he recalled that after the first and second days, subsequent to sailing from New Orleans, OSWALD had instructed him to leave the cabin, which he shared with another young man, alone and for this reason he assumed that OSWALD was sea sick during this period. He also recalled that OSWALD subsequently reprimanded him for not having mopped the floor of his cabin to his satisfaction. According to MIJARES, when OSWALD got off the SS Marion Lykes he did not say goodbye and did not leave a tip.
Almon Lord advised that after graduating from the Midland High School in 1959, with financial assistance from his parents, he made plans to continue his education in France. During August, 1959, he made application for a passport and on or about September 15, 1959 departed Midland, Texas, via train for New Orleans, La., arriving there about September 17, 1959. He states that he spent the next three days touring the city of New Orleans and made several trips to the ticket office of the Lykes Lines. He states that he registered and stayed in a hotel on Canal Street (name unknown) that was near the city library. He states that he did visit the library several times during his stay in the city. During this period the subject states that he did not know Harvey Lee Oswald.

On September 20, 1959, he boarded the freighter SS Marion Lykes, at New Orleans and was assigned a cabin that he shared with Harvey Lee Oswald. The subject states that this was his first meeting of Harvey Lee Oswald. He further stated that he shared this cabin with Harvey Lee Oswald for the duration of the trip to France.

Almon Lord advised that Harvey Lee Oswald proceeded aboard the SS Marion Lykes and was unpacking his belongings upon his arrival. No other persons were present. After an introduction by the ship's officer the two were left alone. The subject advised that Oswald was unfriendly, standoffish and that the two of them "just hit it off". He states that during the voyage did not discuss governments or any individuals in government. He stated that they did discuss religion to quite an extent and that Oswald continuously stated that there was no supreme being or God and that anyone with intelligence would recognize that there was only matter.

Almon Lord stated that it was his understanding that Oswald had purchased a ticket to the British Isles, probably to the port of South Hampton. He also states that Oswald had said that he was going travel around in Europe; that he might attend school in Sweden or Switzerland if he has sufficient funds; that he was recently discharged from the marines; that he had worked in the radar field in the marines; that his mother worked in a drug store in Fort Worth, Texas; that he was bitter about her having no work in a drug store and having a hard time that he was just going on a trip to tour Europe and maybe attend school; and that he would probably return to the United States to work. He gave no indication of his ultimate destination.

This subject further stated that besides Oswald and himself there were two other passengers aboard the SS Marion Lykes. They were a retired C. S. Army colonel and his wife, however, Lord could not recall their names. Almon Lord stated that the four passengers usually sat their meals together in the ship's officers mess, however, the retired colonel and his wife did not associate much with Harvey Lee Oswald.

Almon Lord stated that he shared a cabin with Oswald, however, he did not observe anything out of the ordinary while the two of them was on the ship or after the two came ashore in France. He further stated that they did discuss the war in Vietnam and that they had many friends in Europe. On September 27, 1959, the SS Marion Lykes docked at approximately 300.00. He states that he was appeared to be a normal healthy individual, mentally alright, but extremely cynical.

He further stated that on Oct. 3, 1959, they arrived at LaPalisse, France, and that he disembarked from the SS Marion Lykes and never saw or heard from Oswald again. He stated that Oswald was not in their cabin upon his departure and that he did not know if Oswald went ashore at this port.

He stated that he attended the Institute of French Studies at the City of Tours, Province of Touraine, France from October, 1959 to February, 1960, intermittently, while auditing courses at the University of Poitiers, Tours, France, and at Sorbonne, University of Paris, France. He advised that he returned to the United States aboard the French Ship Liberty in June, 1960, departed the United States Army (25, month tour to France and returned to the United States in February, 1963, traveling both voyages aboard the Queen Mary.

(d) DISPOSITION:

This case is closed in the Austin office with the submission of this report.

CHIEF'S OFFICE:

Copies of Billy Joe Lord's passport application and photograph.