- b. Memorandum of Conversation, dated 26 January 1961. Subject: Lee OSWALD.
 - c. State Department Telegram No. 1358, dated 9 November 1959.
 - d. State Department Telegram No. 1304, dated 31 October 1959.
- 5. I hope that the information given above meets the Commission's need.

Richard Helms Deputy Director for Plans 373-004 (Ber. 54-0)

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LEE HARVEY ORWALD

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FRANCES MAUD ROSS, Kanmas City, No., returned to United States from Mexico by train through Muevo Laredo at approximately 10:00 a.m., on 10/3/63; cannot recall seeing OSWALD. Mr. and Mrs. RALPH A. BANNIGAN, Springfield, Mo., returned by car during evening 10/3/63 and cannot recall seeing OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

The persons interviewed hereinafter departed from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, the same date as LEE HARVEY OSTALD.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On March 13, 1964, Mrs. COXIE (FRANCES MAUD) ROSS, 4448 Benton Boulevard, advised that she had travelled by train to Mexico September 19, 1963, and departed Mexico on October 3, 1963. She was in Mexico on vacation, and travelled alone. She advised that she had been scheduled to return through Rusvo Laredo, Mexico, on October 2, 1963, however, the train arrived at Muevo Laredo too late to make connections. She and four other persons on the same Pullman remained on the Pullman overnight and went through the Moxican customs by train the next morning around 10:00 a.m.

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Mr. BOSS recalled that the four other persons on the Pullman were Americans returning home from Mexico. One was an elderly lady from North Carolina, and the other was an elderly lady from New York. The other two people were a man and his mother, who she believes may have been from St. Louis, Missouri, but cannot be positive, and they may only have been en route to St. Louis for transferring trains.

Mrs. ROSS advised that the train she was on was the Missouri Pacific train which travelled through Austin and Texarkana, Texas, and anyone going to Dallas would have had to transfer somewhere along the route. She does not recall seeing LEE HARVEY OSWALD on this train, or at any time while she was in Mexico. She viewed a photograph of OSWALD, and advised she had seen many pictures of him through television and newspapers.

Mrs. ROSS advised that she is 61 years of age, a housewife, born in Topeka, Kaneas, and her husband has been an employee for many years of the Postal Transportation Service in Kaneas City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

On March 13, 1964, Mr. RALPH A. BANNIGAN was interviewed at his place of employment, the Strout Realty Agency, Inc., 1711 North Glenstone, at which time he furnished the following details regarding his trip to Mexico in October, 1963:

He drove to Mexico on October 2, 1963, with his wife, DARLENE, and his two young sons in his personally owned automobile. They entered Mexico at Miguel Aleman and drove directly to Monterrey, which he judged to be 100 miles from Miguel Aleman. They stayed overnight at the Hotel Gran Ansara, and the following day they did some sightseeing in Monterrey. At about 5:00 p.m., in the evening they decided they had had enough and decided to return to the United States. They took Mexican Highway 85 back to Laredo, Texas, and went through customers at Laredo. They spent the night of October 3, 1963. at the South Winds Motel, located on Highway 81 in Laredo.

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BANNIGAN and his wife are very familiar with the fact that LaS HARVEY OSWALD, according to news accounts, was in Mexico around October 2, 1963. They have given this considerable thought to determine if they had seen him, being familiar with OSWALD's photograph. Neither could recall ever seeing OSWALD during their stay in Mexico or Laredo, Texas.

He continued that on October 4, 1963, they left
Laredo, Texas on Interstate 35, to San Antonio, Texas, and spent
the night at the Alamo Heights Metel. The next day they drove
all the way to Springfield, Missouri. They went through Dallas
and Ft. Worth, Texas, on their return, but nowhere did they
encounter LEE HAVEY OSWALD.

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