

Mr. Malley, as a witness before our committee, at the conclusion of your testimony, you are entitled to 5 minutes at which time you may, in any way, explain any portion of your testimony, you may comment upon it, you may expand upon it in any way.

On behalf of the committee, I, at this time, extend to you 5 minutes for that purpose.

Mr. MALLEY. I have no further comments I desire to make.

Chairman STOKES. There being nothing further, on behalf of the committee, we thank you for having appeared here and giving us your testimony today.

Thank you very much. You are excused.

[Witness excused.]

Chairman STOKES. The Chair now recognizes Professor Blakey.

NARRATION BY G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL

Mr. BLAKEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The FBI security case on Lee Harvey Oswald was opened on October 31, 1959, after it was learned that he had defected to the Soviet Union and had informed officials at the American Embassy in Moscow that he intended to provide radar secrets to the Russians.

The case was intermittently closed and reopened during the following 4 years as Oswald returned from the Soviet Union and moved from Fort Worth to Dallas to New Orleans and back again to Dallas.

It is the handling of the Oswald case that resulted in a decision by Director J. Edgar Hoover, not made public at the time, to discipline a number of Bureau employees, including an assistant director.

The next witness, Mr. Chairman, is a retired official of the FBI, James H. Gale. Immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy, Director Hoover assigned Mr. Gale to conduct an inspection of the Bureau's performance in the Oswald security case prior to the assassination. Mr. Gale's reports resulted in the censuring of a number of FBI employees.

Mr. Gale was hired as an FBI clerk on November 29, 1939, and became an agent on June 21, 1943. He has served as the assistant special agent in charge and special agent in charge in Anchorage, Alaska, and a special agent in charge in Richmond, Cincinnati, and the Washington field offices, as well as Chicago.

In 1962, Mr. Gale became Assistant Director for the Inspection Division. In 1964, Mr. Gale became Assistant Director of the Special Investigative Division. He retired from the Bureau on October 1, 1971.

Mr. Chairman, before calling Mr. Gale, it may be appropriate to note for the record that the select committee has deposed Special Agent James B. Hosty. His testimony was also taken earlier by other House and Senate committees and the select committee has, through the courtesy of those committees, full access to Mr. Hosty's testimony.

The select committee has also been in recent contact with Special Agent Hosty. Mr. Hosty has now new information to offer this committee. Newspaper stories that have recently indicated otherwise are not founded in fact. Mr. Hosty's role in the Oswald secu-

city case and subsequently will, of course, be treated in the final committee report in December. He will not be called to testify here today.

It would be appropriate, Mr. Chairman, at this time to call Mr. Gale.

Chairman STOKES. The committee calls Mr. Gale.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you give before this committee is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. GALE. Yes, I do.

Chairman STOKES. Thank you, you may be seated.

TESTIMONY OF JAMES H. GALE

Mr. GALE. May I approach him, please, the Counsel?

Chairman STOKES. Mr. Genzman you want to see.

The Chair recognizes Counsel for the committee, Robert Genzman.

Mr. GENZMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Gale, would you state your full name for the record?

Mr. GALE. James H. Gale.

Mr. GENZMAN. What was your occupation in 1963?

Mr. GALE. In 1963, I was the Assistant Director in charge of the Inspection Division.

Mr. GENZMAN. Briefly, what were your duties?

Mr. GALE. As Assistant Director in charge of the Inspection Division, I had charge over approximately 7 inspectors and about 25 permanent inspector's aides, and it was my responsibility to make inspections of every seat of government division as well as each of the 56 field offices on at least a one-time-per-year basis.

During that time, we would go into the files, investigative files, administrative procedures, make investigative suggestions, insure that personnel was being utilized at a maximum advantage, make sure that we were not indulging in too much redtape, and check into any investigative deficiencies and make pertinent recommendations for administrative action for any administrative or investigative deficiencies.

Mr. GENZMAN. How long did you perform inspection duties for the Bureau?

Mr. GALE. I was an inspector from 1956 to 1959. And then I was in charge of the Washington field office, thereafter going to Chicago, and then coming back as Assistant Director in charge of the Inspection Division from 1962 until 1964.

Mr. GENZMAN. And when did you retire from the Bureau?

Mr. GALE. I retired from the Bureau on October 1, 1971.

Mr. GENZMAN. In connection with your FBI duties, did you ever investigate the FBI's internal security case on Lee Harvey Oswald?

Mr. GALE. Yes, I did.

Mr. GENZMAN. Have you previously testified about your investigation of the Oswald security case?

Mr. GALE. No, I have not.

Mr. GENZMAN. Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would ask that the exhibit marked as JFK F-460 be entered into the record.

Chairman STOKES. Without objection, it may be entered into the record.

[The above-referred-to exhibit, JFK F-460, follows:]