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WILLIAM MC EWAN DUFF, U. S. Army Serial number RA 18 678 666, is assigned to Battery D, 1st Training Battalion, USATC-FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was interviewed at the U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Sill, where he is patient in surgery for a double hernia operation. He underwent an operation on January 21, 1964, and is scheduled for another operation in about a week. DUFF stated that following his release from the hospital he will return to active duty with his assigned unit and will join with a new training cycle. Upon the completion of his training he expects to be transferred overseas, as he has volunteered for such an assignment.

At the outset of the interview, DUFF was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and was told he did not have to make any statement and, that any statement he did make might be used against him in a court of law. He was also told he had the right to talk with an attorney at any time. He related as follows:

He was born November 4, 1931 at Grangemount, Sterlingshire, Scotland. His mother and most of his relatives have been in the United States for a number of years, living in Monterey Park, California. He came to the United States in May, 1957, and went directly to Monterey Park. In California he worked as a supply man for the Pacific Telephone Company and then for the Parker Seal Company in East Los Angeles.

He was a member of the British Army, the "Argyles," from 1949 to 1952. This was an infantry unit. He worked a number of years for the British National Railroad as an engine driver.

In November, 1962, he left California and went to Dallas, Texas. The reason for this was that he followed a girl there, and at the time he intended to marry her. He said this was an impulsive act as he had known the girl only two days at the time. After getting to Dallas, however, the marriage deal did not go through, but he stayed on in Dallas.

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The newspapers at the time were full of news and pictures of General WALKER and of his activities, he said, and he felt that perhaps he might be able to get a job with the General as his "Batman." He said he went to the General's and just walked up and knocked on the door, and as a result of his inquiry he was hired by General WALKER. He stayed there in the WALKER house, living in an upstairs room, working for General WALKER from November, 1962 to about April, 1963.

DUFF said he left the employ of General WALKER because of "friction" between himself and several women of the office staff. He said when the General was away he, DUFF, was supposed to have the time off; however, the women on the staff became very demanding of him, telling him to make them coffee and tea and expecting him to work for them, and he finally had enough of it and left.

Following this, he went to work for GEORGE BIRNIE, who owns the Birnie Bow Company on the North Central Expressway in Dallas. He obtained living quarters in an apartment he shared with one "CHUCK" HOLLOWAY, who worked in a drug store. He said he met CHUCK in a bar where they both used to hang out. DUFF claimed not to remember the address of the apartment he shared with CHUCK, or the name and address of the store where the latter worked.

In August, 1963, he left Dallas and went to Oklahoma City. This move was sparked by an advertisement he read in the papers stating truck drivers were needed and could make good money in Oklahoma City; however, when he arrived there he found it was necessary to own your own truck to obtain the work. He thereupon enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for his basic training.

He recalled that he was in the clothing issue warehouse at Fort Polk obtaining an issue of clothing when someone told him that the President of the United States had just been shot. Along with many others, he ran to a radio and heard the news.

On December 20, 1963, DUFF left Fort Polk and came to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, arriving on the same date. He has been here ever since.

On 1-24-64 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma File # OC 105-783
by SA CHESTER J. WILLETT:WT Date dictated 1-24-64

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Re: Interview of Dan Rather, CBS News Employee.

DUFF said he has seen many pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspapers and is positive he never saw this person. He claims he has a very good memory for faces, although not for names. He said many visitors, some of them "queer people," came to the General WALKER residence while he was working there, and he is quite sure none of the persons he saw there could have been OSWALD. He stated he has absolutely no information concerning OSWALD.

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy has advised that in a tape recording made available to the Commission by Dallas Radio Station KRLD an employee of CBS News, Dan Rather, is quoted as having told another newsmen that he saw Lee Oswald in the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, prior to November 22, 1963. The Commission requested that Mr. Rather be interviewed to determine if he did see Oswald in the Carousel Club and the circumstances under which such statement alleged by KRLD was made by him.

Concerning JACK RUBY, DUFF stated he has seen many photos of this man in the newspapers and again, he is positive he has never seen RUBY at any place and he has no information about him. He said he was never in RUBY's night club and knows nothing about him.

As provided to the Commission, Rather's alleged statement is quoted on a KRLD audio tape of November 24, 1963.

DUFF said that in about July, 1963, he was investigated and interviewed by Detectives of the Dallas Police Department in connection with the attempted shooting of General WALKER. He said he took a lie detector examination and was "completely cleared" as a result. At the time he was interviewed, he said he gave the Dallas Officers complete information as to all his friends, addresses, activities, etc.

On June 11, 1964, Dan I. Rather, 1725 34th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., employed by CBS News as a Correspondent in Washington, D. C., was apprized by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the above Oswald allegation.

DUFF stated he had no information concerning the attempted shooting of General WALKER, or the assassination of President KENNEDY.

He advised that he has never been at the Carousel Club; consequently, he could not have seen Oswald there. He reasoned that the allegation may have been attributed to him as a result of the following facts:

He was employed by CBS in Dallas and was working there on phases of that network's coverage of the assassination. After Oswald was shot and Ruby introduced into the assassination picture, he and a photographer went to the Carousel Club to obtain any news items. They found the club locked and never did gain entrance. He estimated this was Sunday, November 24, 1963, about 1 or 1:30 p.m.

While there, they observed another man trying to gain entrance who stated he was employed at the club and wanted to get his clothes which were inside. He also failed to get in the club.

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