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MICHIO KUSHI, 67-77 136th Street, Queens, New York, was interviewed at the offices of the Nippon Service, Incorporated, 13 West 46th Street, New York, New York. Mr. KUSHI is the President of the Nippon Service, Incorporated.

He said he is acquainted with Miss YAEKO OKUI and that she is a young attractive lady who resides in Dallas, Texas. She is a native of Japan and is a charming person, possessing above average intelligence. He described her as a person who has many friends and acquaintances and one who has an engaging personality.

To the best of his knowledge, Miss OKUI arrived in the United States from Japan in the spring or summer of 1959. She moved to Dallas, Texas, and was employed by an unknown firm in Dallas for approximately two years.

KUSHI advised that he was formerly a Vice-President of the Takashimaya Department Store, 562 5th Avenue, New York City, which is Japan's largest department store chain. The Nippon Service, Incorporated represents several Japanese firms in the United States and his representatives contact numerous firms throughout the United States. He wanted to explain the above since it was in this connection he met Miss OKUI. In the summer of 1961, he travelled to Dallas on business and he met Miss OKUI while contacting firms. He offered employment to her and in the summer of 1961, she came to New York City. She was employed by the Nippon Service Incorporated, but assigned to the Takashimaya Department Store for sales training. She worked until the summer of 1962, when she returned to Dallas to serve in the public relations field for his firm. She was required to contact firms in the Southwest with whom his company had business relations. Miss OKUI contacted him about two weeks ago and telephonically advised she was returning to Japan around the last part of May, 1964.

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He advised he is not aware that Miss OKUI attended a party in December, 1962 which was also attended by LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife, MARINA. He said he is not closely associated with Miss OKUI but he feels sure she would not have had an opportunity to meet OSWALD in her business contacts. This party evidently was a social affair and not in relation to her business contacts. He felt sure she is not in a position to discuss politics in the United States, and based upon his association with her she would not enter into any discussion of politics.

He pointed out Miss OKUI is a professional flower arrangement teacher and is quite proficient in Kato music. She engages in teaching and has held lectures in regard to the above in the Southwest but he would doubt she ever met OSWALD through these lectures.

He has no basis for his statement but stated Miss OKUI probably met OSWALD once and only once and probably did not even recall him.

He has no record of OKUI's employment to the best of his knowledge but, while in New York City she resided with Mrs. KAZUKO OGURA, an accomplished flower arranger in New York City.

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