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JOE R. FRANKLIN, Texas Department of Corrections number 172094 was interviewed on December 2, 1963, at the Wynne Prison Farm, Texas Department of Corrections, where he is an inmate presently serving two years for forgery.

FRANKLIN stated that in the last two weeks of October, 1962 while he was employed by the Fox and Jacob Construction Company in Dallas, he had occasion to visit a blood bank located on Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. He sat next to a man for one hour prior to giving his blood and upon leaving, this same man was still seated in the waiting room. FRANKLIN asked this man to accompany him to a tavern and they proceeded to a tavern three blocks from the blood bank on Commerce Street. This man identified himself to FRANKLIN as LEE OSWALD. While in the tavern, the owner came over and said, "Hi, LEE". OSWALD thereafter allegedly introduced this owner to FRANKLIN as JACK RUBY.

After a few hours of drinking, FRANKLIN took the person known as OSWALD to visit OSWALD's wife, who was separated from him and residing at a rooming house in west Dallas.

FRANKLIN claimed he happened to meet OSWALD two more times while OSWALD was standing at the corner of Inwood Avenue in Dallas and FRANKLIN gave him a ride to Farmer's Branch. On one occasion OSWALD gave FRANKLIN a book from the Jehovah's Witnesses and OSWALD claimed to be a member of this group.

FRANKLIN acknowledged that he has been committed to various institutions in the past for "nervous disorders" and a drinking problem.

FRANKLIN also claimed that in 1956, he uncovered information that was vitally important to the NATO alliance while serving in the United States Army in Italy. FRANKLIN concluded he is positive after having read the

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