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CALL REPORT. PUBLIC DOCUMENT S Author: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 02/18/97 The Players who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Douglas Horne and Christopher BargerWitnesses/Consultants's representative in the call: Alexander G. AyersDescription of the Call Date: 02/18/97Subject: ARRB Interviewed Alexander G. Ayers, Jr.Summary of the Call:I interviewed Alexander ("Sandy") Ayers today, in an attempt to clarify, to the extent possible, ambiguities surrounding the following assassination records: Oswald's DD 1173 I.D. card; Oswald's Passport Application and the events surrounding his application for, and receipt of, that document; and certain aspects of the Service Record of former Marine Corps First Lieutenant Ayers himself. (Alexander Ayers, at the time a USMC First Lieutenant, was the Marine Corps junior officer who was running the Separation Section at MCAS El Toro when Oswald received his hardship discharge in September 1959, and was the officer who signed Oswald's discharge paperwork and issued him his Reserve I.D. card.) Analyst Christopher Barger served as a witness to the interview.I asked Sandy Ayers to briefly summarize for me what he could remember about the major events of his Marine Corps career, and specifically of his duties while at MCAS El Toro. He said that shortly after commencing graduate school in New York state, he came to the conclusion in either late 1955 or early 1956 that he could not afford to continue his graduate education, and consequently decided to go to OCS and become a Marine Officer. Mr. Ayers said he commenced Officer Candidate School at Quantico in September 1956, and received his commission as a Marine Officer in December 1956. Next, he said that he attended Officer Basic School (an 8 month school), also at Quantico, from January through August 1957. He said he reported to MCAS El Toro in the autumn of 1957, and assumed responsibility for managing the "overseas draft," which is another way of saying he was involved in processing young Marine recruits into a personnel pipeline which shipped them to Marine units in Japan. After many months of doing this, he said he assumed duties of OIC of the Separation Section, responsible for the approximately one-to-two week "outprocessing" of Marines being discharged from active duty. He said that there was a considerable amount of personnel turnover in the MCAS El Toro Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (H & HS)--the base administrative headquarters--while he was stationed there, and that as a result there were many duties shuffled back and forth between him and others as these other Marine junior officers transferred in and out of H & HS. He said that he was originally scheduled to be discharged from the Marine Corps in December 1959, but instead left active duty in November 1959 instead. When I asked him whether he remembered being "OIC" of the Separation Section at one point, as distinct from being "Asst. OIC" at another point, he said he had no recollection other than being 100% "in Record

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