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MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at 11611 Farrar Street.

The English translation of a letter originally written in Russian was read to her. The letter was re-translated into the Russian language as it was read by SA BOGUSLAV. This English translation had been furnished to the FBI Office at Dallas by the U. S. Secret Service. Upon the reading of the letter, MARINA stated immediately it was a letter written in the original by LEE OSWALD in the Russian language. She stated she had found the original letter in a room at the former OSWALD address on Neeley Street in Dallas. She related the incident concerning this letter as follows:

One night during the spring while she and OSWALD were in residence at the Neeley Street address, she became worried about OSWALD because he had not returned to their home very late in the evening. She said OSWALD had informed her that he was going to a typewriting class at the Dallas Evening School that evening. When he had not returned by 10:00 o'clock, she went into a room in which he kept his personal things and in this room she noticed a letter handwritten in the Russian language. This is the letter which is referred to above. She stated the letter gave her certain instructions concerning a Post Office box and other family matters and appeared to be a farewell letter.

She advised that about midnight that night, OSWALD came rushing into the house in a very agitated and excited state and his face was very pale. As soon as he entered the house, he turned on the radio. Later, he laid down on the bed and MARINA again noticed how very pale he was. She asked him what was wrong and he confessed to her that he had tried to kill General WALKER by shooting at him with a rifle but didn't know whether he had hit him or not. He said he wanted to find out on the radio whether or not he had hit him. MARINA said she became angry with OSWALD for shooting at General WALKER and he replied to her that General WALKER was the leader of the fascist organization here and it was

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best to remove him. MARINA said she was quite relieved when she found out that OSWALD had missed General WALKER with the rifle bullet. She said she and OSWALD were listening to the radio reports about the rifle shot at General WALKER and OSWALD was translating the reports for her.

She stated OSWALD did not have the rifle with him when he returned to the house. She also advised that OSWALD to her knowledge did not take the rifle with him when he left the house that evening. She stated she thought OSWALD had used the same rifle he had at the house on Neeley Street and at the PAINE house.

She said that the following evening she talked to OSWALD about the attempted assassination of General WALKER again. OSWALD told her that he had hidden the rifle which he used to shoot at General WALKER in some bushes or in the ground, she did not remember which.

MARINA advised that she told OSWALD she was going to keep the letter written in Russian by OSWALD, which was evidently a farewell letter, in order that she could use it against him if he ever had another "crazy" scheme. She said that if OSWALD started to do anything like this, that she would go to the police with the letter. She also made OSWALD promise that he would never do anything like this again.

She advised that for a period of about a month before this attempt on WALKER's life, OSWALD had been very agitated and had closed himself in his room for long periods of time while he wrote and read. She said that it was evident that he had been thinking about the assassination attempt for some period of time. She said OSWALD did not mention General WALKER in her presence before the night of the attempted assassination. She said they did not speak of the incident again after the second night following the assassination attempt.

She said that she had insisted that they move from Dallas to another city because she felt that if they moved OSWALD would be less likely to repeat such a deed.

MARINA asked OSWALD how he had arrived at the WALKER house on the night of the attempted assassination.

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He said he had gone there on foot. He said that after he fired the rifle, he ran away and that he could run very fast. He said the police thought the would-be assassin had an automobile. He came home on the bus.

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ORIGIN Field (Dallas)		OFFICE Dallas, Texas	FILE NO. CO-2-34030
TYPE OF CASE Protective Research		STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas		PERIOD COVERED 12/2/63 to 12/5/63	Mrs. Marina Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE BY ATSAIC Leon I. Gopadze			
DETAILS			
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>			
<p>The note written in Russian and recovered from the Russian book entitled "Book of Helpful Instructions" was translated and traced to Lee Harvey Oswald. Marina Oswald was questioned about the note and statement obtained. She was also questioned concerning other matters pertaining to the case.</p>			
<u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>			
<p>Reference is made to M/R of ATSAIC Gopadze dated 12-3-63. Further reference is made to office memorandum of 12-3-63.</p> <p>On 12-2-63 the reporting agent, with SA Kuckel, proceeded to the Martin residence where Marina Oswald was questioned by the reporting agent as to whether she knew anything about telegrams allegedly sent and received by Lee Oswald prior to his death. She stated that she has no knowledge of any telegrams sent or received by her husband. She was also questioned about Lee Oswald's rooming house where he registered under the assumed name and about placing a phone call to this place as related by Mrs. Ruth Paine. Marina Oswald stated that when Lee Oswald did not show up over the weekend (believed to be November 16 and 17, 1963) she asked Ruth Paine to telephone the rooming house and upon contacting the house, Ruth Paine was told that they had no one by the name of Lee Oswald. According to Marina Oswald, when her husband telephoned her the following day from his place of employment, she (Marina) asked him why he gave her a telephone number where he was not known and he stated that it was none of her business. Marina Oswald also stated that they had a quarrel over the telephons and when Lee showed up on Thursday evening (November 21, 1963) he more or less indicated that his arrival was to patch up the quarrel. Marina Oswald was also asked the reason she moved, for about a week, when they lived at 602 Blalock Street and she stated that it happened before Thanksgiving Day of 1962 when her husband beat her up and that she moved, first to stay with a friend by the name of Anna Miller, and then with Anna Ray, whose address she did</p>			
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