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7. (FNU) TARUSINA lives in Leningrad. She is the mother of OLEG TARUSIN, who is a former boy friend of MARINA's. Mrs. TARUSINA is the mother who encouraged her boy to marry MARINA.

8. LEONIDA (LNU) is a practical nurse at the Third Clinical Hospital in Minsk. She is a spinster.

9. ALFRED (LNU) is a young man from Cuba who is apparently an admirer of ANITA ZIEGER, who is a member of the ZIEGER family from Argentina who were friends of the OSWALDs in Minsk. ALFRED (LNU) and ANITA ZIEGER both spoke Spanish.

10. ALEXANDER ROMANOVICH ZIEGER is the father of ANITA ZIEGER.

11. ERIC TITOVETS, Leningradskaya 1-11 in Minsk. MARINA does not know whether he is attending a school or not. If he has completed the school, he may have changed his address.

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MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at 11611 Farrar Street, in the Russian language, SA BOGUSLAV translating.

She was exhibited a silver-colored bracelet with the name MARINA on it, which is contained in a gold-colored box. This bracelet is among the personal effects of MARINA and LEE HARVEY OSWALD acquired by the Dallas Police Department through a search of the RUTH PAINE residence, 2515 Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and subsequently made available to the FBI Office at Dallas.

MARINA identified this bracelet as a gift to her from LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She said it had been given to her immediately after OSWALD had returned from New Orleans, in early October, 1963. She said that now everybody knows OSWALD had been to Mexico immediately prior to his return to Dallas, in October, 1963; although she had not known this at the time, thinking he had returned to Dallas directly from New Orleans. She said the bracelet was too small for her and she had not particularly liked it, and as a consequence had not worn it. She said OSWALD had purchased a similar bracelet for himself with his name on it prior to the time they moved from Dallas to New Orleans, in the spring of 1963. She said OSWALD had wanted her to have a bracelet like his.

MARINA said OSWALD did not state where he had bought the bracelet, which he gave her as a gift, and that she definitely did not know that he had been to Mexico prior to his return to Dallas.

MARINA stated she had not discovered OSWALD'S wedding ring on the dresser in her room at the RUTH PAINE home the morning of November 22, 1963, upon getting up that morning. She said she had not seen it until the police came to her house to search it, following the arrest of

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OSWALD on November 22, 1963. She had not noticed the ring on the dresser before the police came. She advised she recalled calling RUTH PAINE later in that day, November 22, 1963, or the following day, to tell her about the ring.

MARINA was questioned concerning her prior statement that she could not understand how OSWALD could commit a killing, in view of his prior admission to her that he had attempted to assassinate General WALKER, at Dallas. She stated that upon reflection, and in view of the WALKER incident, that she now felt that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been capable of murder. She stated he had evidently been a man of some strong will to have carried out the attempted assassination of WALKER, even though he became highly nervous later when he returned to their home, following that assassination attempt. She said that if it is true that OSWALD committed the assassination of President KENNEDY, that he very possibly would not have been caught if he had not lost control of himself when accosted by Policeman TIPPIT, resulting in the killing of Officer TIPPIT.

MARINA was asked if, while she resided in New Orleans, she had attended any meetings alone, or in the company of OSWALD, or any other person. She answered she had not attended any such meetings on any occasion in New Orleans, or in Dallas. She stated while she was in New Orleans with OSWALD, she had been visited on occasion by OSWALD's uncle and aunt and their family, and had been visited on two occasions by a Quaker friend of RUTH PAINE. RUTH PAINE had written this friend that MARINA OSWALD was in New Orleans and requested that the friend contact MARINA.

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MARINA said she had previously stated this friend had visited her on one occasion. She now remembers that this Quaker friend of RUTH PAINE, whose name MARINA does not recall, visited her on two occasions--the first time she came alone to their house on Magazine Street and the second time she came accompanied by her two daughters. MARINA said this woman's husband is a Professor in a medical school in New Orleans, she believes. She said LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been at the house on the occasion of both visits of this Quaker woman. MARINA recalled that one of the daughters of the Quaker woman had toured the Soviet Union and the other daughter was a student of the Russian language.

MARINA was questioned concerning her religious belief. She advised she has always had a religious feeling, which dates back to a very young age. She said her grandmother, who had taken care of her when she was very young, had been very religious, in fact almost fanatically so. The grandmother taught her prayers, which she said for a number of years, but no longer recites. MARINA said she crosses herself before going to sleep each night, but she did not let LEE HARVEY OSWALD know this because he did not believe in a God and would have resented her doing this.

She said she has more religious belief now because of her recent experiences.

She volunteered the opinion that most every Russian, whether he shows it or not, down deep in his heart has a religious belief of sorts.

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MARINA was further questioned concerning the events of the night of November 21, 1963. She said OSWALD had told her when he arrived unexpectedly at the PAINE residence on the evening of November 21, 1963, that he was lonesome for her and for the children. MARINA said at the time, she thought that OSWALD had arrived primarily to patch up the quarrel between them. She was asked if OSWALD had made the statement that he had something important to do, and she replied that she did not recall that he made such a statement.

She said she recalls OSWALD had retired to his bed approximately two hours before she had, but she does not believe he was asleep when she retired. She said, in fact, she believes he did not go to sleep until the early morning hours and for that reason, he did not awaken when the alarm clock went off. She said upon reflection, that she would now say that OSWALD had been nervous because he had not gone to sleep as he usually did. She did not think at the time of his being nervous.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, after OSWALD had arisen and was leaving the bedroom, and while MARINA was in bed feeding the baby, she mentioned to him that she had not had time previously to purchase the shoes which they had agreed she needed. OSWALD then told her to buy the shoes and to buy anything that was necessary for the children out of the money which they had saved, and which was in the wallet in the dresser drawer. MARINA states that in reflection, now she believes this to be strange, because OSWALD had always been most frugal and did not allow her to spend hardly any money.

MARINA said OSWALD told her he would not be back to the PAINE house that weekend because he did not want to disturb the PAINE family any more than necessary.

MARINA was questioned regarding her personal relationships with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated that she can recall that after a series of arguments, which had culminated in her writing a letter to the Soviet Embassy in the United States, requesting permission to return with her daughter, JUNE, to the Soviet Union, OSWALD had begged her not to leave him alone, and she had thereafter agreed that the whole family could return to Russia together. She said OSWALD had on occasion asked her not to laugh at him, or his ideas. She advised she had the impression that OSWALD had become lost in his relationship with the people of the world and was trying to find himself and to make something out of himself. She said she had been sorry for him.