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Marina Oswald was interviewed on February 24, 1964. She stated that approximately two weeks after the General Walker incident and while they resided on Neeley Street in Dallas, Texas, Oswald, some time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., dressed himself in a suit and tie and put a pistol underneath his jacket. (The General Walker incident occurred on April 10, 1963.) She said Oswald was unemployed at this time. She said she inquired where he was going, to which Oswald replied approximately, "Nixon is coming and I'm going to take a look."

Mrs. Oswald said that at the time she realized she had to act fast, whereupon she walked into the bathroom and told Oswald to come into the bathroom with her, which he did. She said she then quickly jumped outside the door, closing it as she left the bathroom. She said she forcibly held the bathroom door shut holding on to the knob and bracing her feet against the wall. She said Oswald attempted to get out of the bathroom and was yelling, "Open the door." She said she forcibly held the door shut for about three minutes. In this respect she said that she cannot at this time accurately recall the length of time she forcibly held the bathroom door closed. She said she told Oswald it was difficult for her to hold the door and commented to him that something might happen to the baby. She said that she was pregnant at this time.

She said she told Oswald he was not going to shoot at anyone else and that if he wanted to come out of the bathroom, he would have to walk across her body. She said she reminded Oswald of his promise to her after the Walker incident that he would not try to do anything else like that. She recalled she said something like, "How can you deceive me after you gave me your word?" She said she told Oswald she would open the door if he would give his word to remain in the bathroom and not go anywhere and if he would undress and give her his clothing and pistol. Mrs. Oswald said that her husband agreed to this and she opened the bathroom door after holding it, as stated, for approximately three minutes.

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Oswald then took off his outer garments, including his shoes, and gave them and his pistol to her. She said that she put the pistol under the mattress and that she does not know whether or not the pistol was loaded. Later that day Oswald took the pistol from under the mattress and put it on the shelf where he usually kept it.

Mrs. Oswald said that the bathroom door at their Neeley Street residence opened toward the inside and there was no lock on the outside of the door, although she believes there was a lock on the inside. She said that she feels that she kept Oswald in the house on the occasion in question by persuasion and that this was one of the times he did something that she wanted him to do.

Mrs. Oswald commented that Oswald remained in the bathroom approximately three hours. She said he asked her for a book and that he spent the time in the bathroom reading with the door shut. She recalled that at about 4 p.m. she told Oswald he could come out of the bathroom if he desired, and he did so. He thereafter sat in the living room in his shorts reading. She said that he did not leave the house that day.

Mrs. Oswald said that at the time she did not know who Richard M. Nixon was and she did not recall Oswald ever mentioning Mr. Nixon's name prior to the occasion in question. She said she knows at this time that Mr. Nixon once ran for the presidency, but she said she still knows very little about him. She maintained that she and Oswald did not talk about this incident or about Mr. Nixon after the incident and, in fact, did not discuss the matter during the time Oswald was sitting in the bathroom or after he came out of the bathroom.

Mrs. Oswald said that she told Mr. and Mrs. James H. Martin about the Nixon incident approximately three to four weeks after she moved into the Martin residence and, thereafter, she repeated it to Robert Oswald. She stated she cannot recall whether she told Robert Oswald about the Nixon incident in the presence of the Martins or whether she spoke to him about it alone.

Mrs. Oswald was again asked if she could remember anything which might have indicated to her that Oswald was to do anything unusual on November 22, 1963. She said that she could not remember anything which would indicate this and that the news of her husband's arrest had come as a "thunderclap" to her.

Mrs. Oswald stated that while she and her husband resided in New Orleans on Magazine Street toward the end of August or early in September, 1963, for a period of about two weeks, Oswald was making plans to hijack an airplane and force the pilot to take him to Cuba. She said he subsequently revised his plans to the extent that he included her as part of his planning. She said he told her that he was to sit at the front of the airplane with a pistol and that she was to sit at the back of the plane with a pistol. They were to be accompanied by their daughter June and were to attempt to force the crew to fly the plane to Cuba. Mrs. Oswald stated that she refused to have anything to do with the plan and told Oswald, "Only a crazy man would think this up." She said Oswald told her he would buy a lightweight pistol for her and that he wanted her to at least learn how to hold it. She said she refused to do this. She said her husband told her that he had seen some lightweight pistols, but that she told him not to purchase one as she would not participate in the scheme.

She said she recalled that Oswald, during the period of time when he was planning to hijack the airplane, studied a world map and figured out distances to various places. She said he told her it would be necessary to hijack a plane with sufficient gas to get them to Cuba. She recalled that Oswald wrote out timetables of airlines on a piece of paper. She does not know what happened to the map or to the paper on which he wrote the timetables. During this period she stated that Oswald began to take physical exercise to increase his physical strength.

She said that when she refused to take part in the scheme to hijack an airplane, she counseled Oswald to attempt to enter Cuba legally. Thereafter, her husband began planning to go to Mexico alone for the purpose of obtaining permission to enter Cuba.

Concerning James H. Martin, Mrs. Oswald stated that Martin told her while she was in residence at his home that he had undergone an operation and could not father children. Martin furnished no additional details regarding such incident to Robert Oswald and the date of the incident was not mentioned.

On the same day, January 13, 1964, approximately 2:00 P.M., Marina Oswald told Robert Oswald, while they were en route to the cemetery to visit the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald, that Lee was on his way to kill Nixon one day and that she kept him there all day. Robert Oswald stated he told