

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 12/30/63

FROM : SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
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PROJECTED INTERVIEWS WITH MARINA OSWALD

I have reviewed the material on hand for the purpose of determining the agenda for the next interviews with MARINA OSWALD. Also, to determine how urgent these matters are.

Pursuant to Bureau communications and the result of my review of the file, the following matters should be discussed with MARINA OSWALD:

(100-10461-1989, airtel, dated 12/23/63, from Bureau)

✓ 1) She should be questioned as to her statement that she could not understand how OSWALD could commit a killing. It will be noted that she knew OSWALD had tried to assassinate General WALKER.

✓ 2) Secret Service report, attached to above airtel, sets out information (undocumented) that Mrs. OSWALD attended several meetings while in New Orleans, place and nature of meetings unknown. She should be questioned again about this. She has already informed me and SA BOGUSLAV that she attended no such meetings. She should be specifically interviewed in this regard.

✓ 3) In the report of a Secret Service interview with MARINA OSWALD, conducted by Special Agent LEON L. GOPADZE, Russian Translator PETER P. GREGORY, information is set out that MARINA repeatedly would remark, "I hope you believe me, as I swear by God this is the truth." She had previously, according to this report, stated she had not believed in God

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until her mother had died and after that event, she began to believe in God and particularly, since she came to the U. S.

We have not delved into this particular facet of her life and belief to any extent. It is believed that now her belief herein should be known.

✓4) In this same report, prepared by SA GOPADZE, information is set out that on Thursday night, about 6:30 P.M., 11/21/63, OSWALD appeared at the PAINE house. MARINA OSWALD was surprised because OSWALD had never visited her on week days while working for the School Book Depository, but had visited her only on weekends. The report sets out that OSWALD told MARINA that he had something very important to do. This report also sets out information that prior to his departure on the morning of 11/22/63, he told MARINA not to expect him home over the weekend, a statement he had never made before, as he has spent every weekend with his family. *NO*

We have gone over this period with MARINA on various occasions. She has not told us OSWALD made the statement that he had something very important to do. We will talk to her again in specific detail in this regard.

It will be here noted that in the past there has been a slight variance in what MARINA is reported to have told SA GOPADZE and what she has told BOGUSLAV and myself. Our interviews have been most meticulous with regard to detail.

Concerning another report made by SA GOPADZE:

✓5) MARINA said, reportedly, that when OSWALD visited her on Thursday evening, 11/21/63, OSWALD told her to buy anything the children needed from their savings; that he appeared to be nervous; that he tried to make up to her, due to a previous domestic quarrel; that he went to bed at about 8 P.M. the same evening.

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MARINA has not told us that OSWALD told her on this evening to buy anything the children needed from their savings, nor has she told us he appeared nervous. She did say that OSWALD tried to make up with her and that he went to bed at 8 P.M.

In referenced report of SA GOPADZE, the latter reported MARINA had said OSWALD was not asleep when she went to bed at 10 P.M., 11/21/63, because he touched her after she went to bed to see if she were asleep.

✓ 6) In this same report, GOPADZE reported that MARINA said she noticed OSWALD'S wedding ring lying on the top of her bedroom dresser when she got up from bed on the morning of 11/22/63.

This is ^{IN} the direct contradiction to statements MARINA has made to us---these being that she did not know OSWALD had left his wedding ring until the police found it.

✓ 7) GOPADZE reports that MARINA has said OSWALD did on numerous occasions drop on his knees in front of her crying; saying he was lost; that he did not know what to do and was confused in his way of life.

✓ She will be questioned in detail concerning this.

✓ 8) In order to cover all facets of the case, we should interview MARINA specifically and in detail as to any statements that OSWALD ever made about Governor Connally.

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9) Pursuant to this airtel, MARINA OSWALD will be questioned for all details concerning the ZIEGLER family.

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All of these matters are important and MARINA'S comments or clarifications should be obtained as early as possible; although, in my opinion, they are not extremely urgent.

Based upon past experience, it is estimated that this agenda for interview with MARINA OSWALD would probably consume four to six hours in time. Other matters will undoubtedly arise in the next few days. I agree that we should probably be as nearly up to date as we can be in our interviews with MARINA before the Assassination Committee, or its counsel, arrives in Dallas, or calls MARINA to Washington for interview.

In my opinion, consideration should be given to having SA BOGUSLAV come to Dallas early next week.