

Letters to Marina Oswald in Various Languages

<u>Sender</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Brief Statement of Contents</u>
1. Dave Nolte	Box 101 Higginsville, Missouri	March 14, 1962 (sic)	English and Russian	Request for a picture
<del>Fleming, Harpen</del>	Nesby, Denmark	November 24, 1963	English	Letter of condolence
3. Irene <del>Ennis</del>	1793 Burbank Ave. Santa Rosa, California	November 24, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
4. Thomas and Paul <del>O'Herron</del>	Box 1217 Catholic University Washington, D. C.	November 25, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
5. David <del>Parent</del>	416 Greene Well Road Cincinnati, Ohio	November 25, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
6. Lida	No Address	November 26, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
7. Mrs. Mike <del>Seiloff</del>	18603 4th Ave., S. W. Seattle, Washington	November 26, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
8. Mrs. X <del>Culbertson</del>	223 Westwood Court Lexington, Kentucky	Undated; Postmarked November 26, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy

9. <del>Constance Hall</del>	<del>Perle,</del> Illinois	November 26, 1963	Russian and English	Letter of sympathy
10. <del>Vera Karlova</del>	Allentown, Pennsylvania	November 27, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
11. <del>Francis Lee Hunter</del>	3232 Burton Ave. Erie, Pennsylvania	November 27, 1963	Russian and English	Letter of condolence
12. <del>David Ralyca</del>	No Address	November 27, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
13. <del>V. Chenko</del>	2580 23rd Ave. Sacramento, California	November 27, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
14. <del>George A. Oiknevsky</del>	3601 Window Place, N. W. Washington, D. C.	November 27, 1963	Russian	Note of contribution
15. <del>Mrs. Paul E. Benson</del>	5219 Florence Ave. Baltimore, Maryland	November 27, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
16. <del>Mr. &amp; Mrs. James E. Tuttle</del>	1837 Alford Ave. Groves Point Woods, Michigan	November 27, 1963	English	Letter of condolence
17. <del>Malph DeKarr</del>	Apt. 301 4701 15th Ave. N. E. Seattle, Washington	November 27, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence

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| 18. A Friend                                     | No Address                                     | November 27,<br>1963                           | Russian                   | Letter of<br>condolence   |
| 19. <del>X</del> Mrs. Ann<br>Gossage             | 903 Oregon St.<br>Bellingham,<br>Washington    | November 28,<br>1963                           | English<br>and<br>Russian | Letter of<br>sympathy     |
| 20. No Name                                      | No Address                                     | November 29,<br>1963                           | Russian                   | Letter of<br>contribution |
| 21. Victor and<br>Jennette <del>Woulub</del>     | 279 Ocean Ave.<br>Brooklyn, New York           | November 29,<br>1963                           | Russian                   | Letter of<br>sympathy     |
| 22. William R. and<br>Barbara <del>W</del> Kraft | 1922 Sumatra<br>Drive, San Jose,<br>California | Undated;<br>Postmarked<br>November 29,<br>1963 | Russian<br>and<br>English | Letter of<br>sympathy     |
| 23. A Friend in<br>Canada                        | Kingston, Ontario,<br>Canada                   | December, 1963                                 | Russian                   | Letter of<br>condolence   |
| 24. <del>X</del> Zorin                           | 372 Sheffield<br>Ave., Brooklyn,<br>New York   | December 1,<br>1963                            | Russian                   | Letter of<br>sympathy     |
| 25. An American<br>Friend                        | Lockport, New York                             | Undated;<br>Postmarked<br>December 12, 1963    | Russian<br>and<br>English | Letter of<br>condolence   |
| 26. Mrs. Anna D.<br><del>X</del> Taber           | 3224 Galindo St.<br>Oakland, California        | December 5, 1963                               | Russian                   | Letter of<br>condolence   |

27. <del>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andres</del> <del>Fesch</del> <del>Marcellus,</del> New York	December 2, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
28. <del>Ezra</del> <del>Scharfllr</del> 14181 McBride Place Detroit, Michigan	December 3, 1963	Russian	Letter of contribution and sympathy
. Mrs. Jacobs 19 Tauxemnot Road Alexandria, Virginia	December 5, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
30. Miss Shirley <del>Mapley</del> 29230 Greening Road Farmington, Michigan	December 6, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
31. <del>Michell</del> <del>Schadt</del> 69 Hidleberg Romersstrasse 58. Germany	December 6, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
33. Mrs. Nina <del>Homonay</del> 5238 Queen Mary Road Montreal, Canada	November 26, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
32. <del>Edith</del> <del>Miller</del> Oberlin College Oberlin, Ohio	December 7, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
34. <del>Miss</del> <del>Harriet</del> <del>Hill</del> 3336 South Buena Vista Hemet, California	December 8, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy

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35. <del>Anatol</del> <del>Michelson</del>	4670 Fulton Road, N. W. Canton, Ohio	December 9, 1963	Russian	Letter of deep sympathy
36. <del>Haddonfield</del> <del>Methodist Church</del>	29 Warwick Road Haddonfield, New Jersey	December 10, 1963	English and Russian	Letter of contribution and sympathy
<del>Peter</del> <del>Marchenko</del>	Louden Road Saratoga Springs, New York	December 10, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy
38. <del>Jacob</del> <del>Stiemens</del>	2463 Galt Street Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Undated; Postmarked December 10, 1963	Russian	Letter of condolence
39. <del>Massachusetts</del> Bay District of Evangelical Churches	Boston, Massachusetts	December 10, 1963	Russian and English	Letter of condolence
40. <del>Blair</del> <del>Justice</del>	1509 Winewood Court Fort Worth, Texas	December 11, 1963	Russian	Letter of request for visiting Mrs. Oswald
41. <del>John V.</del> <del>Schlegel</del>	2328 South Hamlin Chicago, Illinois	December 10, 1963	Russian	Letter of possible proposal of marriage
42. <del>Mrs.</del> <del>George B.</del> <del>Tullidge</del>	Staunton, Virginia	December 12, 1963	English	Letter of condolence
43. <del>Arthur</del> <del>Struss</del>	No Address	December 12, 1963	Russian	Letter of sympathy and contribution

44. ~~David F. Nolte~~ P. O. Box 101  
Higginsville,  
Missouri December 13,  
1963 English and Russian Request for a picture  
of Mrs. Oswald and  
the children
45. ~~R. D. Seward~~ 9 Arch Ave.  
Lewiston, Maine December 15,  
1963 Russian Letter of contribution  
and sympathy
- Wallace Conrad  
Religious Society  
of Friends Oak Park YMCA  
255 South Martin  
Street December 15,  
1963 Russian and English Letter of contribution  
and sympathy
47. ~~Rev. David Kiefer~~ 212 Appleton St.  
Menasha, Wisconsin Undated; Postmarked  
December 16,  
1963 Russian Letter of sympathy
48. ~~Michael Shamelis~~ 84 Ogdan Street  
Indian Orchard,  
Massachusetts December 17,  
1963 Russian New Year's Greetings
49. No Name Los Angeles,  
California December 17,  
1963 Russian Christmas card and  
message of contribution
- ~~J. Sandra Drake~~ 245 Leeland Ave.  
Palo Alto,  
California Undated; Postmarked  
December 17,  
1963 Russian Letter of contribution  
and sympathy
51. ~~L. Sorin~~ 372 Sheffield Ave.  
Brooklyn, New York December 17,  
1963 Russian Letter of encouragement  
and sympathy
52. ~~Olgas Margolin~~ 318 East 5th St.  
Newton, Kansas December 17,  
1963 Russian Letter of encouragement  
and sympathy

53. ~~Brock Murdock~~  
Class of  
Saint Mary's  
Church  
Baltimore,  
Maryland  
December 18,  
1963  
Russian  
and  
English  
Letter of condolence
54. ~~Jacob Zimens~~  
2463 Galt Street  
Vancouver, B. C.,  
Canada  
December 18,  
1963  
Russian  
and  
English  
Letter of encouragement  
and sympathy
55. ~~Dr. Hatzmeller~~  
1 Berlin 28  
Ansgarstr. 18,  
Germany  
December 18,  
1963  
Russian  
Letter of sympathy  
and encouragement
56. ~~K. K. Ford~~  
14057 Brookcrest  
Drive  
Dallas, Texas  
December 18,  
1963  
Russian  
New Year's Greetings
57. ~~Mrs. Erich G.~~  
~~Schlalle~~  
1014 Dusky Rose  
Lane  
Pasadena, Texas  
December 18,  
1963  
Russian  
Letter of sympathy  
and encouragement
58. ~~Jeanette Edwards~~  
137 Ruggers Ave.  
Swarthmore,  
Pennsylvania  
December 19,  
1963  
Russian  
and  
English  
Letter of sympathy
59. ~~Stephon Hanning~~  
Box 5-  
Miami University  
Oxford, Ohio  
Undated;  
Postmarked  
December 19,  
1963  
Russian  
Letter of sympathy
60. Julia V.  
Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada  
Undated;  
Postmarked  
December 19,  
1963  
Czech and  
Russian  
New Year's Greetings

61. Mrs. John N. ~~Telep~~ 14-19 5th Street. December 19, Russian  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 1963 Letter of contribution and sympathy
62. Dr. W. ~~Bishop~~ 936 Campbell December 19, English  
Detroit, Michigan 1963 Letter of contribution
63. Mrs. Gladys ~~Loveless~~ Hemet, California December 19, Russian and English  
1963 Letter of condolence
64. Harry ~~Havenmeyer~~ 408 East Clark Undated; Russian  
Champaign, Illinois Postmarked December 20, and English  
1963 New Year's Greetings
65. L. Zorin 372 Sheffield Ave. Undated; Russian  
Brooklyn, New York Postmarked December 29, Christmas Wishes  
1963
66. A. W. ~~Frasse~~ 645 Ryan Road December 30, Russian  
Dallas, Texas 1963 Letter offering religious books
7. American Friends No Address No Date Russian Letter of sympathy and contribution
68. Mrs. Frank ~~Tribbey~~ 721 South Mitchell No Date English  
Arlington Heights, Illinois and Russian  
Russian Letter of sympathy
69. Mrs. Helmut E. 1834 Lamont Street No. Date Russian Letter of sympathy  
~~Thless~~ N. W. and encouragement  
Washington, D. C.



70. ~~Ralph~~ Watson      2731 S. E. Grant Street  
Portland, Oregon      No Date      Russian      Letter of encouragement  
and sympathy
71. Mr. William Haupt      4110-20 Ave.  
Castoria,  
Long Island,  
New York      No Date      English      Request autograph
72. No Name      No Address      No Date      Russian  
and  
English      Note of contribution
73. ~~Aller~~ Davis      Amherst,  
Massachusetts      No Date      Russian      Letter of encouragement  
and sympathy
74. ~~Carolina~~ Elvers      1110 24th Street  
Apt. 4  
Grand Forks,  
North Dakota      No Date      Russian      Letter of sympathy
75. Your Friend Levan      No Address      No Date      Russian      Christmas Greetings  
and personal good  
wishes
76. Maria      No Address      January 2,  
1964      Russian      Christmas and New Year's  
Greetings
77. ~~Paul~~ Gregory      3513 Dorsey Lane  
Fort Worth,  
Texas      Undated;  
Postmarked  
January 3,  
1964      Russian      Personal note of  
New Year's Greetings

78. Dr. Paul Sites  
 Department of  
 Sociology and  
 Anthropology  
 Baldwin Wallace  
 College  
 Berea, Ohio  
 January 6,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 Request Mrs. Oswald  
 to answer a number of  
 questions for his  
 proposed autobiography  
 of her husband
79. Mrs. John Jacobs  
 19 Tauxemont St.  
 Alexandria,  
 Virginia  
 January 13,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 Personal note and note  
 of sympathy
80. Colonel James D.  
~~Wilmeth~~  
 8501 Heron Drive  
 Fort Worth,  
 Texas  
 January 24,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 Requests to see  
 Mrs. Oswald; sends his  
 best wishes to her and  
 the children
81. Ethel ~~Erskine~~  
 Route 3,  
 Marshall,  
 Michigan  
 January 26,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 Letter of sympathy
82. Mrs. Klara  
~~Northrup~~  
 2350 Blakley Blvd.  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 Undated;  
 Postmarked  
 January 30,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 Letter of sympathy  
 and encouragement
83. ~~Methodist Campus  
 Ministry  
 Wesley Foundation~~  
 2398 Bancroft Way  
 Berkeley,  
 California  
 March 4, 1964  
 English  
 Letter of contribution
84. Methodist Campus  
 University  
 Berkeley,  
 California  
 Undated;  
 Postmarked  
 January 21,  
 1964  
 Russian  
 and  
 English  
 Letter of condolence

85. R. A. ~~Hiltband~~ P. O. Box 1641 February 6, Russian Birthday greetings to  
Wheaton, Maryland 1964 June Oswald
86. Gene L. Fruth Box 6468 No Date English Personal note of best  
Chicago, Illinois wishes
87. Rev. V. ~~Prislopaky~~ 3570 East Blvd. December, Russian Christmas Greetings  
Cleveland 5, 1963 from the Parish of  
Ohio Saint Michaels  
Russian Orthodox Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio and  
contribution
88. Isaac ~~Don Levine~~ Dorchester House March 4, Russian Letter concerning  
Dallas, Texas 1964 proposed publication  
of a book
89. N. Polk 309 La Hacienda March 18, Russian Letter of contribution  
~~McClellord III~~ Drive 1964 and sympathy  
Indian Rock Beach,  
Florida
90. Isaac Don Levine Waldorf, Maryland March 30, Russian Letter re book publi-  
1964 cation
91. L. Zorin 372 Sheffield St. June 10, Russian Letter of sympathy  
Brooklyn, New York 1964 and encouragement
92. Unintelligible Unintelligible March 4, 1964 Russian Letter of sympathy
93. Priscilla Johnson 48 Braddle St. Undated; Russian Letter concerning  
Cambridge, Postmarked proposed publication  
Massachusetts June 17, 1964 of a book

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94. Charles R. <del>Knapp</del>	322 Summit Ave. Oneta, New York	August 3, 1964	Russian	Letter of sympathy
95. Priscilla Johnson	No Address	August 5, 1964	Russian	Letter concerning publication of a book
96. Priscilla Johnson	Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts	August 7, 1964	Russian	Personal letter concerning proposed book
97. Nadia <del>Cozanet</del>	Paris, France	August 25, 1964	Russian	Personal note
98. Nadia Cozanet	Paris, France	August 27, 1964	Russian	Personal note with attached photograph
99. <del>Wallace J. <del>Winkle</del></del>	1497 Bredding Road, Akron, Ohio	November 6, 1964	English	Request to translate a sentence which is unreadable
100. No Name	Serra e Aretas, Brazil	February 7, 1964	Portuguese	Unintelligible
1. Anonymus	No Address	Undated; Postmarked March 1, 1964	Romanian	Writer advises "Marla" (sic) not to pay 15% of money she receives to Secret Service, but to appeal to "American Women" and they will send her more money.



102. ~~Gillette~~ Gillet 26 Boulevard December 5, French  
Valombrosa 1963  
Cannes, (AM), France

Letter of sympathy  
and request for Mrs.  
Oswald's address

103. ~~Hauke~~ Hauke 2100 Embury December 7, German  
Regina, 1963  
Saskatchewan,  
Canada

The writer, a German  
residing in Canada,  
encourages Marina by  
telling her something  
about his present life.  
He sends Christmas  
greetings and asks for  
a Christmas message  
from Marina.

104. Cecilia and (No return address) Undated; Italian  
Milan, Italy Postmarked  
December 17, 1963

Christmas greetings

105. Mrs. Guadalupe (no return address) Undated; Spanish  
~~Izquierdo~~ (postmark: Postmarked  
Fresno, Calif.) December 22, 1963

Christmas greetings

06. Francesco Bevera di Undated; Italian  
~~Luciano~~ Ventimiglia Postmarked  
Imperia, Italy January 2, 1964

The writer, a 48-year-  
old bachelor, who lost  
his family in tragic  
accidents owns several  
acres of land and  
suggests that Marina  
"join forces" with  
him so that her children  
may again have a father

107. M. Robler ~~Wilcox~~ c/o 225 rue February 4, French Letter of condolence  
St. George 1964  
Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada

108. Wilfried ~~Kugst~~ Kegelhofstrasse 36 Undated; German  
I Postmarked  
2 Hamburg 20 March 16, 1964  
Germany

The writer states that in an interview, Maria said that there should be no death penalty in peacetime. The writer asks: Who gave man the right to kill in wartime?

109. Carmine Antonio Rau Tavares March 19, 1964 Portuguese Request for Joe H. Oswald's autograph.  
~~Savino Filho~~ Batos, 72  
Sao Mateus If Maria cannot send an autograph, he would appreciate a personal object  
Juz de Fora,  
Minas Gerais,  
Brazil

Request for Joe H. Oswald's autograph.  
If Maria cannot send an autograph, he would appreciate a personal object

110. Jose ~~Hauer~~ Ave. Amazonas 307- March 20, 1964 Portuguese The writer, a 53-year-old widower with 8 children, would like to receive Maria's picture, hoping for a romantic meeting of minds  
~~Ferreira~~ 19 andar  
Sala 1906  
Belo Horizonte,  
Minas  
Gerais, Brazil

111. Santa Maria Rua Lindolfo October 26, Portuguese The writer would like to become friendly with Maria.  
~~Nunes da Silva~~ Colior 1344 1964  
Sao Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul,  
Brazil

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By communication dated December 11, 1964, the Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory furnished the following translations of seven of the eight remaining letters of the original 119 referred to above.

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Sunday, February 9, 1964

Dear Marina,

"Welcome!" You are now home at last. I think you are terribly tired. The reporters probably do not give you any rest. It is good thing that Mr. Martin can help you with this.

My mother is flying in tonight and will remain here for a week. I would like to see you sometime during the week if you so desire. I would like you to meet my mother, but this, of course, is not important.

I am trying to live a normal life and it is easy for me now. For you, of course, it is still difficult. Maybe you can begin living like others. One should try to hope that it is possible to live a normal life.

I can come over after you (with the children) at any time and we can spend the day here like we used to do in April. I am not afraid of the reporters. Let them ask, "Well, what happened when you saw Mrs. Oswald?" "Oh, we talked about the children as usual." I have learned how to talk with the reporters. You can answer questions, but it must bore them, that is, they will learn very little of the news.

With love,

/s/ Ruth X

2515 W. 5th Street,  
Irving, Texas  
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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

These letters arrived today. There were also two offers for you, by Certified Mail, to live in:

1. California
2. Pennsylvania

They do not speak Russian.

/s/ Ruth

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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

April 7, 1964

Dear Marina,

I made a mistake, like it always happens: Your neighbor told us of a woman (not a girl, like you have noticed) who was deaf. (not blind) She is deaf and blind. It is true that it is easier for me to speak Russian now than in September, but even now it is difficult for me, and I often make mistakes. Why I am trying to learn the Russian language, I do not know. I have no talent for languages.

Soon we are flying to Philadelphia. I will write to you when we return.

With love,

/s/ Ruth

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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Dear Mrs. Oswald,

Excuse me for not being able to write to you any better. I do not know much Russian. I am writing to you in order to offer you my condolences. You are a person just like I am. I know that you are sad. Because of that, I am also sad. There is much sadness in the world.

From Mexico, you and your husband arrived one day (October 4) at the city of Alice in Texas. You stopped at the place of my birth. I live close, in the city. This is my home. Now I am here, studying close to Chicago. Soon, on December 16, I will come to Dallas. I will visit with friends.

I respect you and love you. You are a woman. Women have many feelings. You are courteous. You have a heart. You suffer a great deal. I want to visit you this Monday, as your friend. Would you give me your permission to visit you?

You can write me a letter quickly by air mail.  
Write on this envelope:

~~Tom Arkwright~~  
Tom Arkwright  
204 Keenan  
Notre Dame, Indiana  
46555

You are a Russian. I am an American. I am your friend. We are people, isn't that true? This is good. Do you understand?

Your friend,

/s/ Tom Arkwright

(Translator's Note: The following writing appears on the attached envelope: "I am writing to you in Russian. Marina Oswald")

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TRANSLATION FROM BELORUSSIAN

A letter to Marina Oswald, from Serafiza Szakul,  
14 Schwerin Street, Berlin W. 30. (original)

December 16, 1963

I am sorry for you and for your little children; they are orphans without a father and you are a widow without a husband. Your husband is not a bandit and he did not kill President Kennedy. Your husband was a kind man. He loved the Soviet people and the Soviet Government. That is why he married you. However, American capitalists did not like him for this; they accused him of the assassination of President Kennedy, without any inquest and without any trial; they permitted capitalist malefactors to shoot your kind and innocent husband. I believe that President Kennedy was killed by the malefactors, who did not like him, because he insisted upon equal civil rights for Negroes. But murder will out. The truth as to who killed President Kennedy will also come out.

Please forgive me for not writing to you in Russian. I cannot write well in Russian. I am a native of Western Belorussia where I learned to write only in Polish.

I came to Germany to work immediately after the war, but I did not go back to the Homeland on account of Fascist propaganda against the Soviet Government. I regret now that I did not do it; it would have been better to have gone home immediately after the war.

With kind regards,

Serafiza Szakul  
14 Schwerin Street  
Berlin W. 30

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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

January 3, 1964

Dear Marina,

I would like you to come to dinner on Tuesday, the 7th, Wednesday, the 8th or Thursday the 9th. Perhaps it will be better not to plan on dinner. Simply come when you wish. I really want to see you very much. Somebody probably told you not to look at the past. I do not want to look at it. It is possible that someone has told you that it is better not to see me. Maybe they think, that I will find out and tell where you now live. They do not know, that I am an honest person; they do not know, that if I say that I will not tell something, I will not tell it. You know how honest I am. You may ask me not to say something about Marina, and I wouldn't say it even to Michael, if you so prefer. In general, I do not want to know anything except, that you are free, and that you know your rights.

At first I did not expect to see you because I know, that the Secret Service and the FBI wanted to ask you very many questions. But already six weeks have elapsed since the assassination of the President. It is time for you to have a rest. Do understand: I think, it is very important to assist the FBI and the Secret Service as much as we can (I forgot the idiom.) I told them everything I knew and answered all the questions. I trust, that you assisted them and cooperated with them in every way. (How should one say that?) This is good. It is important and it also helps you.

Here are the pictures which we took several weeks ago. I finished the film at Christmas time and got them back two days ago. Call me please, Marina, and tell me, that you received the pictures, the letter with its invitation and the letters which I wrote on the 21st, 26th and the 28th of December.

I am beginning to settle down, and want very much to know that you are well.



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Kissing you, June and Rachel.

/s/ Ruth

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: Inscription on the attached envelope)

A newspaper clipping with the photograph of June and Rachel. January 28, 1964, Dallas, Texas.

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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

December 28

Dear Marina,

They say, it is your choice to speak or not to speak with anyone. That is, if you wanted to see me, then they would have given me the permission to meet with you. But I will not believe this till I hear it from your lips. That is why I am bothering you and want the rejection from you and not only from the Secret Service. I also want to know whether or not you received the letter, which I brought to Mr. Martin's house on Saturday, December 21st, (at 12:00 o'clock). Your card to me was mailed at 1:00 P.M., December 21st. Did you write it after you received a letter from me, or before? It is important to be before, isn't it? Did you receive a letter from me, which I wrote on the 27th, and which I brought to Mr. Martin's house on the same date?

Excuse me, Marina, I do not wish to bother you. As I said to Michael last night, I generally do not try to extend my friendship when it is obvious to me, that the person does not want my friendship. Usually, it is possible to find that out straight from the person, from his face, his words - if he wants to speak or not. But in this situation - I do not know.



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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ruth

(In the letter there was \$10.00 in cash from Doris P. ~~Howry~~, Box 441, Slatersville, R. I. It is probably better to send the check for the \$10.00 than the cash. Here is a check for \$10.00 consider it to be from, Doris ~~Howry~~.)

BL 3-1628, 2515 W. 5th Street

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The remaining one letter of the original 119 communications received as indicated above is a copy of a foreign language letter in Hungarian addressed to JACK RUBY from ANTAL LAJOS BERCSENYI, Bajesy - Zs. U.4, Veszprem, Hungary, dated April 6, 1964, which letter asked JACK RUBY to search his conscience for what he had done. A copy of this letter was sent to MARINA OSWALD, accounting for her having made such letter available.

2. Correspondence From And Investigation  
Concerning Mrs. Pearl E. Brogan, ~~V. X 11.5~~  
Spencer, West Virginia

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Date November 19, 19641

Mr. DECLAN ~~FORD~~, residence address 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas, who is a friend and adviser to MARINA OSWALD, made available a handwritten letter (in pencil) bearing the date, November 24, 1963, signed "PEARL E. ~~BRAGAN~~" or "~~BRAGANS~~", with the envelope which enclosed this letter, which is postmarked Spencer, West Virginia.

The envelope reads as follows: "red cross mail personal Mrs. Lee Ollswalles Delas Teaxes canclenchel"

The letter is quoted as follows:

"11.24.1963.

"Dear Mrs. Lee Ollwallds,

"here lead recivd shooting your husband squised of. murder John Knedy Presendent United State Keep thes letter canclenchel. dont reveal my name. I am riley saube case on our mike lead furnshe said man call Frink Reaerdier shot and kill Presndent using hight Bowred gun. Seral No 27 nonbr or shell 318. No Empty shell has gun Kill Presentent. he Harrow concelett Murder. Payed \$100,000,00 for Job. lead Furnishes Bondsmen wise, reuber. Mr & Mrs H..... F..... C..... S..... Lead furnshes said wanted lady to come presndent vistd State. dont contact me. Keep canclenchel. give Report to your Lawer let him Handle case.

"Pearl E. Bragan"  
(possibly "Bragans")

The original letter and envelope have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

on 11/16/64 at Dallas, Texas 92 File # DL 100-10461  
by Special Agent WALLACE R. HEITMAN /jtf Date dictated 11/19/64

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On December 2, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows concerning a document examination requested by the Dallas Office on November 20, 1964:

Specimens received                      November 23, 1964

D-273 Envelope postmarked "SPENCER, W. VA. NOV 25 1963 7-AM," with handwritten address "Pesonal Mrs. Lee Olleswalles Delas Teaxes canclenchel" and accompanying one-page handwritten letter dated November 24, 1963, beginning "Dear Mrs. Lee..." and signed on reverse side "Pearl E. Bragan"

**Result of examination:**

The handwriting appearing on D-273 was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File.



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It should be noted that the following investigation by the Pittsburgh Office indicates that the name is PEARL E. BROGAN instead of "BRAGAN" or "BRAGANS", which it appeared to be on the handwritten letter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHESTER E. AIRHART:

On December 2, 1964, DL T-1, a representative of another government agency, advised that Mrs. PEARL E. BROGAN is a former patient of the State Hospital, at Spencer, West Virginia, and that she is presently residing and caring for an elderly lady, Mrs. FLORA THOMPSON, 111 Claude Street, Spencer, West Virginia. He advised that Mrs. BROGAN is a prolific letter writer and is considered to be a mental case.

On December 2, 1964, Trooper J. FITZWATER, West Virginia State Police, Spencer, West Virginia, advised that files of his detachment contained no record for PEARL E. BROGAN.

On December 2, 1964, [REDACTED] Medical Records Department, State Hospital, Spencer, West Virginia, advised from records that PEARL E. BROGAN was admitted to that hospital as a patient [on September 11, 1961. She was released on a trial basis on January 30, 1962, to take care of her mother, who subsequently died and she returned to the hospital on June 11, 1962, being released in custody of Mrs. ERNESTINE MILLER on January 21, 1963, to care for Mrs. MILLER's mother, Mrs. FLORA THOMPSON.] The records disclosed that Mrs. BROGAN had been previously confined to the State Hospital [at Huntington, West Virginia, from September 7, 1949, to December 22, 1950]

[The records further reflected that Mrs. BROGAN was diagnosed as [REDACTED]

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The following background information was set out in said records:

Mrs. BROGAN was born as PEARL ELLIS on July 30, 1917, to OBIE and TACIE ELLIS JOHNSON. Her father died in 1947 and her mother died in 1962. She married LEON W. BROGAN in 1934, and was divorced in 1959. She has two daughters, Mrs. JOANN BOCKSELLER and MARY FRANCIS BROGAN, both of Indianapolis, Indiana. She is a white female, 5' 3" tall, weighing 153 pounds, has blue-grey eyes and dark hair, turning grey. She has a fifth grade education, and her Social Security Number is 236-22-4760. She has been a practical nurse for ten years at Charleston, West Virginia. Her sister, Mrs. ALPHA MC VEY, 955 Lincoln Drive, Charleston, West Virginia, is listed as her next of kin.

On December 2, 1964, Mrs. BROGAN was interviewed at 111 Claude Street, Spencer, West Virginia, and at the outset, she denied writing a letter to Mrs. MARINA OSWALD but finally advised that the letter, poorly written, could be read if it were placed under an ultraviolet light. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. H. F. stood for Mr. and Mrs. HARRY FRAZIER, who operate a restaurant in Lynn Creek, West Virginia, and that the C. S. stood for CARL STEVENS, Barrow Drive, Charleston, West Virginia.

She stated that she had written in her letter to Mrs. OSWALD that FRANK REARDON had shot the late President of the United States, JOHN F. KENNEDY, with a gun bearing Serial Number 27 and that he had been paid to do so by Mr. and Mrs. HARRY FRAZIER and CARL STEVENS, according to information she had received over a police radio broadcast. She said, however, that she did not have a short wave radio and although questioned at length, could not state when, where or how she had heard the police broadcast. She said she had already solved this case for Mr. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, and had already advised him of same.



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The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI has received no previous information concerning Mr. or Mrs. HARRY FRAZIER or CARL STEVENS. Mrs. PEARL BROGAN has written letters to various FBI field offices and to the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., in 1957, 1958 and 1963 alleging that she had knowledge of various violations of local or federal laws. She failed to furnish any specific information.

On November 19, 1957, Captain DEWEY WILLIAMS, Charleston, W. Va., Police Department, advised SA ROBERT EDWARD RADDE that Mrs. BROGAN had contacted him on numerous occasions, claiming to have information regarding law violations, all of which were unfounded. He further advised that Mrs. BROGAN has been in mental institutions on a number of occasions.



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- 3. Correspondence From And Investigation  
Concerning Individual Using Name "Joe"  
And Post Office Box 864, Tucson, Arizona**

Date November 20, 1964

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Mr. DECLAN FORD, residence address 14057 Brockcrest, Dallas, Texas, who is a friend and adviser to MARINA OSWALD, made available a typewritten machine copy of a letter, which is undated and which is signed "Joe".

The letter is quoted as follows:

"Tucson, Ariz,

"Mrs, Marina Oswald  
Dallas, Tex,

"My Dear Mrs, Oswald;

"I have been waiting to write you But now I must after seeing how they have brainwashed you into thinking your husband killed the president, Now here is the true facts, But first let me tell you that you should of sued the city of Dallas for all their ill gotten wealth for the wanton murder of Lee,

"I told him that this Ruby was only taking him down the primrose path, but no he knew that Ruby was ok, you know how bull headed Lee could be, He wanted a pistol so bad, I tried to convince him one could only get him in trouble, Then when Ruby wanted to trade him one for his rifle. he sure fell for it, When he told me how Ruby wanted him to hide it on the floor I knew that some plot was being made, Ruby was to meet him on the street & give him the pistol which he did Poor Lee did not know that it had just been used to kill this good cop Tippet who had been rough on Ruby several times,

"you I know have that how come Lee was trying to hide, But as he watched the Presiden parade from the second floor, he heard the sound of the rifle above him coming from the floor where he had hid it for Ruby, Lee knew that he would be suspect so he got cu

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out fast, One has to hand to these that was in this plot they had figured Lee well, he reacted just as they were sure he would, Now they had things going good, Tippet was like a pawn as was Lee, I would of loved to have saw the look on Tippet face as his superior officer pumped those shots into him, then went to the corner to meet Lee & give him the pistol.

"The irony of it all was the trust that Lee still had tho he did not know that Tippet had been murdered as he went in to the movie house,

"Have you ever thot it odd the cops knew rite where to find him, Little did he dream th that his murder had been planned in advance, My dear lady you say you want to live in Texas, I am sure that the times Lee & I talked he would of not wanted you to for they will never let you rest, or those children of yours,

"For any state that allows the people like in Dallas will do anything & the wealth the they have, they got by with two wanton murders Now I am sure that three more would not bother them if necessary,

"Just one more point One nite about two nites before that fatal day we saw two of the gunshoes of the Feds at Rubys place I wondered why but now I am sure that Ruby had the them in with his gang, so please take care of your self & know that Lee could of never done this crime, He was only a pawn in their deadly game, I am certain that Johnson will be murdered as was Kenedy, Maby tho if there is a god he will destroy this Sodan with fire, Tho He would not dare touch those rich trash I guess

"Sincerely

"Joe,

"If ever you wish to get in touch Box #864 Tucson Ariz,"

FORD advised the original of this letter has been furnished to the U.S. Secret Service Office at Dallas, Texas.

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Under date of December 2, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows concerning a document examination requested by the Dallas Office on November 20, 1964:

Specimen received            November 23, 1964

D-275    Photocopy of typewritten one-page letter beginning "My Dear Mrs, Oswald: I have been..." and ending "...Box # 864 Tucson Ariz,"

The typewriting appearing on D-275 matches most closely a Laboratory standard for Royal elite type, spaced twelve letters to the inch. The photocopy of the typewriting was too poor for search in the Anonymous Letter File.



Date 12/15/641

PAUL A. ~~BEAL~~, 4343 East Elmwood, Tucson, Arizona, advised December 9, 1964, that he is a retired employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Tucson, Arizona. BEAL, who has lived in Tucson, Arizona, since 1903, has had assigned to him by the Tucson Post Office box 864 since about January 9, 1930. BEAL stated that he had no typewriter in the house and that he had no son and no grandson by the name of "JOE", in fact he had no children or grandchildren living in Tucson and that he had no idea who might have utilized his box, Box 864, as a return address. BEAL said he had searched his memory for any friends who might have furnished Box 864 as a joke upon him but that he was unable to suggest any possibility of who might have furnished the address of Box 864, Tucson, Arizona, in the letter to Mrs. MARINA OSWALD.

He stated that he could recall never having seen any mail come to his Box 864, whereon the first name of JOE or JOSEPH was written. BEAL said that if any ideas should come to him as to who might have possibly used the box number of 864 as a return address, he would immediately advise the FBI.

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on 12/9/64 at Tucson, Arizona File # PX 105-1529  
by Special Agent JOHN F. SHEIK /ebt/jtf Date dictated 12/11/64

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4. Correspondence From And Investigation  
Concerning Ruth L. Dechert, Also Known  
As Nicola Dechert, Thalia Dechert,  
James O'Brien, Jimmy O'Brien

Date November 19, 1964

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Mr. DECLAN FORD, residence address 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas, who is a friend and adviser to MARINA OSWALD, made available a letter addressed to MARINA OSWALD, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, which is undated and unsigned but bears the name "NICOLA DECHERT" at the end, along with the envelope which contained this letter and a printed tract entitled "Pipe This -- U.S. Government Financed Oswald", which letter has been received by MARINA OSWALD since the assassination.

This letter is quoted as follows:

"Dear Marina:

"I am sending you a check for two dollars. AA fellow named Frank sent it when I asked for money for you and the children. I didn't have any luck with my appeal tho. Only one man sent money.

"Also enclosed is a sheet from a magazine that I publish. There are hundreds of people in this country who are positive your husband did not kill President Kennedy and most of them are glad that somebody did. This may seem strange to you but you have not lived in this country long enough to understand the people here. Whoever did it, they think they did the whole country a favor.

"I send this magazine out every time I get an order for a sample copy so the people will know what really happened or part of it anyway.

"I am sure your husband is innocent and will eventually be proved innocent, regardless of what some officials say.

"Nicola Dechert"

The envelope is addressed to "Mrs Marina Oswald  
Widow of Lee Harvey Oswald Richardson, Texas", and bears

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the return address, "P.O. Box 689 Chicago 90, Ill."

The original letter and envelope have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.



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On December 2, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows concerning a document examination requested by the Dallas Office on November 20, 1964:

Specimens received            November 23, 1964

D-272 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. 2A MAY 9 1964 AM," with typewritten address "Mrs. Marina Oswald Widow of Lee Harvey Oswald Richardson, Texas," accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Marina: I am sending you..." with typewritten signature "Nicola Dechert" and accompanying typewritten tract bearing caption "PIPE THIS"

Result of examination:

The typewriting appearing on D-272 was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File.

DL 100-10451

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By communication dated December 2, 1964, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., advised that the files of FBI Headquarters reflected that on September 29, 1964, DL T-2 made available to the Tampa Office of the FBI a circular captioned "Glitter Gulch", which alleged that President ABRAHAM LINCOLN was not assassinated in 1865 but was impeached by Congress in 1875. The circular stated that the story could be purchased by sending \$3.00 to Dechert Publications, Box 689, Chicago, Illinois. The circular contained a number of advertisements including one used by NICOLA X. DECHERT, Box 689, Chicago 90, Illinois.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/23/64

Miss RUTH L. DECHERT appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 2:00 PM on December 15, 1964. Miss DECHERT advised that she is presently residing at 1150 North Lake Shore Drive, apartment 16K, Chicago, Illinois. She stated that she publishes several periodicals including one called "Glitter Gulch" and the "Gold Coast Gypsy".

Miss DECHERT advised that she recalls having written a letter to Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD sometime in May of 1964. She stated she enclosed with this letter, a page or two of one edition of her newspaper "Gold Coast Gypsy" which was a compilation of various newspaper items pertaining to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Miss DECHERT advised that she did not believe that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had killed President KENNEDY but rather believed that KENNEDY was killed by former Texas Rangers who were now employed by the Dallas Police Department, and that the shots which killed President KENNEDY had come from the County Jail Building in Dallas. She stated that she felt that KENNEDY's death was part of a large scale "Catholic" plot with political overtone and was part of a scheme to make a new "martyr". She said she believed that a secondary portion of this plot, not fulfilled, was to have been the kidnapping of President KENNEDY's son.

Miss DECHERT advised that her foster father had been JOHN WILKES BOOTH who was commonly believed to have assassinated ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 1865. She said that the "alleged" LINCOLN assassination was a hoax and that LINCOLN, instead of being assassinated had been spirited away from Washington by his political opponents

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On 12/15/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # 62-6115

by SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN:keb Date dictated 12/17/64

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and had died some ten years later of natural causes. Needless to say, JOHN WILKES BOOTH, his alleged assassinator, had not been killed in Maryland shortly following the alleged assassination of President LINCOLN, but had lived until the late 1950's in the East St. Louis, Illinois area.

Miss DECHERT advised that her foster father, BOOTH, had been one of the participants in the kidnapping of CHARLIE ROSS in 1875 at Philadelphia, and had, in fact, raised ROSS as one of his family from the date of kidnapping until about 1942, when he killed ROSS by pushing him in front of a train in St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss DECHERT advised that she has formerly used the names THALIA DECHERT and NICOLA DECHERT. She stated that in addition to the above two names she has used the names JAMES O'BRIEN, JIMMY O'BRIEN, and the Bandolier Press, in connection with her business ventures. She described her business as furnishing photographs, club lists, pen pal lists and so forth which she advised, skirted but did not violate the obscenity laws of the police department.

Miss DECHERT was questioned concerning the assertion in the "Glitter Gulch" to the effect that THALIA DECHERT was the grandniece of CHRISTIAN ROSS, JENNY LIND and DAN MC GREW. She replied that there was no other THALIA DECHERT to her knowledge other than herself, and that she herself was JENNY LIND. It was pointed out to Miss DECHERT that JENNY LIND had been born in the early 1800's and died in the 1870's, to which Miss DECHERT replied that she, DECHERT, had been a child of prodigy.

Miss DECHERT advised that she was born on April 18, 1904, at East St. Louis, Illinois.



DL 100-10461

**B. Information Concerning Offer To Marina Oswald  
To Live At Residence Of Walter Neunson, Camden,  
New Jersey**

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The following information supplements that contained in the report of SA WILLIAM J. ANDRIS dated November 10, 1964, at Newark, New Jersey and on pages 239 through 248 and pages 109 through 114 of the reports of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated October 8, 1964, and November 27, 1964, respectively at Dallas, Texas, concerning an offer by WALTER NEUNSON of Newark, New Jersey, to MARINA OSWALD for MARINA OSWALD to come live with him and his family.

*Walter Neunson*

1Date December 9, 1964

Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, Apartment 6, Royal Crest Apartments, Sedona, Arizona, furnished the following information:

*X N. 11700*

After viewing the photograph of EDWARD NEUNSON taken in 1950, Mrs. OSWALD stated she could not recall ever having seen this individual. Mrs. OSWALD likewise did not know ZOE KISLOVA, first wife of WALTER CARL NEUNSON and mother of EDWARD NEUNSON. Mrs. OSWALD stated she had never been in Panza, Vorozen, Saratov, or Sovrova, Russia. She explained that she had spent most of her time in Leningrad, Minsk, and Archangel. Mrs. OSWALD, after being furnished the descriptive and background information on EDWARD NEUNSON and his family, still could not recall him.

on 12/8/64 at Sedona, Arizona File # PX 105-1529  
 by Special Agents DANIEL C. PELTON, and  
CALVIN W. EVANS/jt Date dictated 12/9/64

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**C. Recent Activities Of Marina Oswald**



Date December 7, 19641

DECLAN FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, adviser and friend of MARINA OSWALD, advised that MARINA OSWALD is now staying at the Royal Crest Apartments, Apartment 6, Sedona, Arizona, where she is collaborating with her writer, PRISCILLA JOHNSON, on a book.

Texas

Mr. FORD advised that MARINA OSWALD will return to Dallas about Christmas, 1964, and will stay until early January, 1965, when she is due to leave for the University of Michigan where she will enroll as a special student.

H. D. X.W. J.

on 12/3/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10451

by Special Agent WALLACE R. HEITMAN /jtr Date dictated 12/7/64

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By communication dated December 9, 1964, the Phoenix Office advised that on December 8, 1964, MARINA OSWALD advised SAs DANIEL C. PELTON and CALVIN W. EVANS that she is staying with Miss PRISCILLA JOHNSON at the Royal Crest Apartments, Apartment 6, Sedona, Arizona, and is working on a book. MARINA OSWALD advised she would be leaving Sedona, Arizona on December 21, 1964, to return to Dallas, Texas, for the Christmas holidays and then later go to Michigan.

On December 8, 1964, WILL STEELE, Deputy Sheriff, Coconino County, Sedona, Arizona, advised SA DANIEL C. PELTON that he had learned that one C. or G. HASTINS, who claims to be from Santa Fe, New Mexico, but drives a Corvair with Arizona license 68767, made the reservations for the apartment for MARINA OSWALD and Miss PRISCILLA JOHNSON and is apparently the bodyguard of these two people.

On December 28, 1964, Mr. DECLAN FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas, adviser and friend of MARINA OSWALD, advised Special Agent WALLACE R. HEITMAN that the C. or G. HASTINS referred to above is undoubtedly JEROME HASTINGS, who is a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a friend of DAVID DAVENPORT, a cousin of PRISCILLA JOHNSON.

According to FORD, PRISCILLA JOHNSON, with whom MARINA OSWALD is collaborating on a book, and MARINA OSWALD stayed at the DAVENPORT home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the fall of 1964. In early December, 1964, HASTINGS drove MARINA OSWALD and PRISCILLA JOHNSON from Dallas to Sedona, Arizona, where the two women were working on the book. Mr. FORD stated that HASTINGS is a friend of PRISCILLA JOHNSON and MARINA OSWALD, but is not MARINA OSWALD's bodyguard.

On January 5, 1965, Mr. FORD advised that Miss PRISCILLA JOHNSON has a permanent address of 48 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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On December 29, 1964, Mr. DECLAN FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas, advised Special Agent WALLACE R. HEITMAN that MARINA OSWALD had accepted an invitation to attend an eight-week special course in the English language offered at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and would depart from Dallas, Texas, by plane on January 3, 1965, in order to begin attendance at this school on January 4, 1965. Her present plans are to leave her children in Richardson, Texas, in care of a neighbor and supervised by Mr. and Mrs. FORD. Mr. FORD advised the Reverend ERNEST CAMPBELL, First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, has made arrangements for a residence for MARINA OSWALD.

Mr. FORD advised that it is MARINA OSWALD's intention to return to her residence at Richardson, Texas, following the completion of the course at the University of Michigan.

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