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Vacation Set

# Happy, Says Marina After Her Wedding

"I'm very happy," smiled Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter Wednesday.

The 23-year-old honey-blond stood behind her front door screen in Richardson, wiping a dish with a towel.

The sounds of children playing echoed through the house. Parked in the drive was the bright red sports car in which her husband, Ken Porter, eluded a pack of reporters Tuesday.

REPORTERS AND spectators had milled around the place Tuesday night waiting for a glimpse of the newlyweds. But the street was quiet Wednesday.

Porter, a semiconductor technician at Texas Instruments, had taken a day off Tuesday for the marriage: Blood tests in Durant, Okla., and a JP ceremony in Fate, Rockwall County.

PORTER, DESCRIBED by TI officials as a conscientious worker, had said originally he wanted to return to his job on Wednesday.

But Wednesday he phoned the supervisor and asked if he could take a couple of weeks vacation time.

The supervisor agreed.

So the new Mrs. Porter will get a 2-week honeymoon.

And that's why she was "very happy" behind her screen door in Richardson Wednesday.

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# MRS. OSWALD REPORTEDLY REMARRYING

Marina Oswald, widow of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was reported planning to remarry Tuesday in Oklahoma.

J. W. Golden, police chief in Richardson where Mrs. Oswald lives, said the widow and a 27-year-old Richardson man came by the chief's office Monday.

"Mrs. Oswald and Kenneth Porter came by and said they had decided to get married June 7 in Oklahoma," said the chief.

There was no official confirmation of the actual ceremony in Oklahoma.

Mr. Porter is an employe of the Texas Instruments semi-conductor division.

Last week, Mr. Porter told a Times Herald reporter that he knew Mrs. Oswald and that they were neighbors.

He denied at that time, however, that they had marriage plans.

A worker in Mr. Porter's department at TI said Mr. Porter was not at work Tuesday.

Chief Golden emphasized that Mrs. Oswald's informing him of her intention to get married was not in any official capacity.

"They just stopped by yesterday on a personal visit," he said. "It was just a personal thing."

He said he became acquainted with the widow because of her need for identification and other matters in the past.

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# Mrs. Oswald Has a Day

Mrs. Marina Oswald and a 25-year-old electronics technician, who rode into the widow's life on horseback 1½ months ago, were married Tuesday night in the tiny farming community of Fate in nearby Rockwall County.

The widow of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, and Kenneth Jess Porter, who was divorced here in January, 1964, were married by Justice of the Peace Carl Leonard Jr.

The day ended in the quiet community between Rockwall and Royse City after the couple and three companions raced from suburban Richardson to Oklahoma and back into North Central Texas.

The couple obtained a marriage license in Sherman Tuesday afternoon. Earlier they underwent blood tests and lunched at nearby Durant, Okla.

Their whereabouts were unknown until shortly after 7 p.m. when word got out that they were married at 6:45 p.m.

MRS. BILL CLARK, with whose family Porter has been living for several months at 1249 Donna in Richardson, said she introduced the couple.

Mr. Oswald had moved from another Richardson home to a house at 1245 Donna.

Mrs. Clark said she and other members of her family were visiting with Mrs. Oswald in their backyard when Porter rode up on horseback.

Porter, who works with the Clarks' son,

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Joe Clark, at Texas Instruments, was described as being quiet, reserved and very intelligent.

HE WAS DIVORCED in January, 1964. He and his former wife have two children—a daughter, 7, and son, 4. Sources said he was first married at the age of 17 to a Greenville girl. The marriage lasted only a short time.

In Fort Worth, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the assassin, said she "doesn't care what Marina does with her life. I do want my children to have a decent father. Except for the children, I'm not interested in her affairs." She said she had not seen Mrs. Marina Oswald or her grandchildren since shortly after Oswald was gunned down by Jack Ruby.

The assassin's widow, who in recent months came out of seclusion and was

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dressed fashionably, was quiet and shy on her trips Tuesday.

SHE WORE borrowed clothes at her husband's funeral Nov. 25, 1963. Her appearance had changed in recent months. She had been seen in Dallas nightclubs and attended musical programs.

She also had attended college for eight weeks in Michigan, taking an English course.

Much of her finances came from contributions and through the sale of articles her husband had written.

But she was shy in her appearances Tuesday.

At Durant, she slumped in the back seat of the 1965 red auto in which the group was riding. And at Sherman, two men—one of them believed to be Porter—entered the county clerk's office and presented the blood test blanks to Mrs. Mary Chumbley. She said Mrs. Oswald had to come in to personally apply for the license.

"Six or eight people were in the office at the time. No one else seemed to notice them," Mrs. Chumbley said.

A friend of Mrs. Oswald said no honeymoon was planned because Porter could not get off sufficient time from his job.

The two Oswald children were at her home with Mrs. Dorothy Peak, Mrs. Oswald's former hairdresser.

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# Marina Oswald, Electronics Man Married at Fate

By **BILL BURGUS**  
Staff Writer

An electronics technician and drag racer has taken Mrs. Marina Oswald as his wife, but not before eluding newsmen in a two-state, day-long automobile chase.

Kenneth J. Porter and his new bride got their blood test in Durant, Okla., Tuesday morning, their marriage license in Sherman, Texas, Tuesday afternoon, and then went on to Fate.

They were married in that Rockwall County village by khaki-clad fire store owner and Justice of the Peace Carl Leonard Jr., in a 10-minute ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

They finally went to the gray brick home at 1245 Donna St. in Richardson, which Marina

owns, for a few minutes' talk with newsmen, and left in their new red Chevrolet shortly before 9 p.m.

"They're going to head west," Richardson Police Chief J. W. Golden shouted to officers.

The car sped away to a hazy-moon destination that the couple said had not been decided.

The 27-year-old Texas Instruments employe — divorced last year and the father of two—confessed that he hadn't known of the publicity that was in store for him.

"I didn't think there would be this much attention," he said on the steps of Marina's three-bedroom home after the wedding Tuesday night.

It was only about 300 feet away—in the back yard patio of a house where Mr. Porter was staying—that he had met the 23-year-old widow of President Kennedy's assassin two months ago.

He had come riding up on horseback. She had liked him instantly. They went on fishing trips.

"I proposed about two weeks ago," said Mr. Porter, who has won many trophies as a drag racer.

The couple had planned to marry in Durant, but left after getting their blood tests because newsmen from several states were becoming thicker by the hour.

The Oklahoma blood report enabled them to get a license immediately in Sherman, thus avoiding the usual Texas waiting period.

It was only happenstance that the jittery young couple received

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their vows from Mr. Leonard. After eluding several newsmen on a dirt road in North Texas, whisky took them to the famous marrying county of Rockwall.

The Rockwall JP was not at home, and Sheriff W. J. Price escorted them to the neighboring village of Fate.

Mr. Porter, a six-foot, black-haired West Texan from Lamesa, seemed surprised by the turmoil.

Police Lt. H. D. Thomas of Dallas, who helped negotiate the brief interview, said Marina was bound from talking by a publishing contract.

#### WRITER ASSISTS

Mrs. Priscilla Johnson, a writer who has been staying with the Russian-born Mrs. Oswald to assist her in writing a book, was in touch with the bride and conveyed her terms for an interview to newsmen.

At first it was agreed that photographers would not shoot pictures of Marina's two children when they were moved from the house to an undisclosed place.

After Marina's arrival at the house, Chief Golden said she would consent only to pose briefly for pictures with her husband, with no questions to be asked.

"I FEEL WONDERFUL"

Her natural inclination to talk came through, however.

"I feel wonderful," she said in her still distinct accent.

"I met him right back there," she smiled, pointing to the back yard two doors away.

"We don't know where we're going," said Mrs. Porter.

The usually quiet Richardson block where newsmen waited for Marina for many hours took on a serio-comic, carnival setting.

Some neighbors showed resentment to the newsmen and refused to let them use their telephones.

"Why don't you let the poor girl alone," said one.

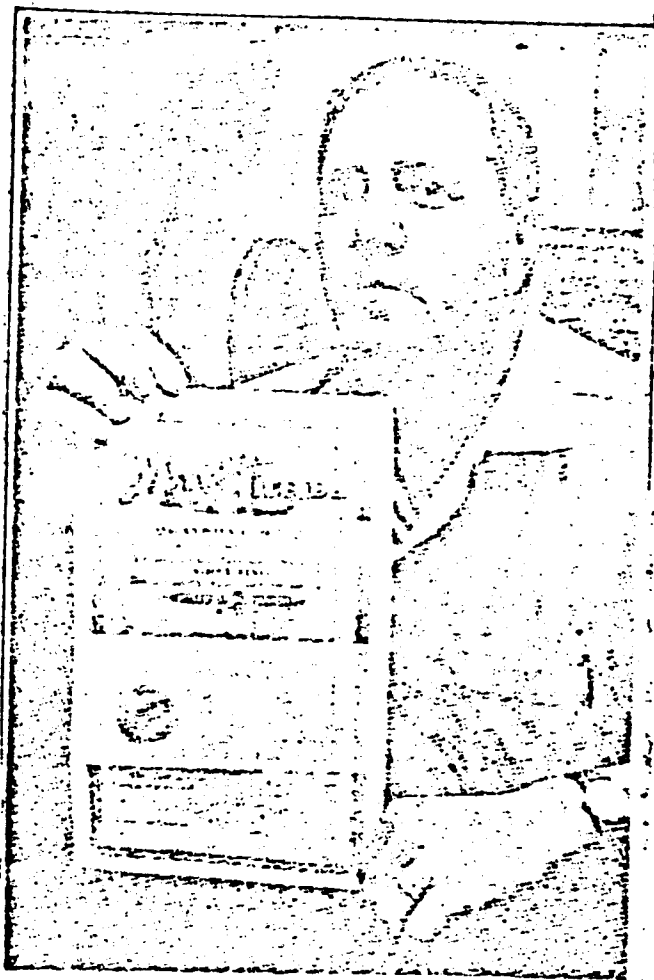
#### CHILDREN COME RUNNING

Meantime, several hundred children from blocks around cavorted unrestrained, around the scene, peering into the windows of the Oswald home, wrestling on the front lawn, and frightening newsmen with their speedy prowess on bicycles. A housewife in shorts took amateur snapshots of the proceedings. Lawn chairs were

lined up in strategic positions around the block.

A fat man in a white T-shirt protested loudly to Chief Golden on that the newsmen were disturbing the peace. The newsmen were weary of the chase and stood glumly around the area.

Only the fat man and the children could be heard as Marina and her new husband sped away.



### SIMPLE CEREMONY

Fate, Tex., Justice of the Peace Carl Leonard Jr. holds the wedding license he signed at this small rural Rockwall County office after marrying Marina Oswald to Kenneth Jess Porter of Richardson late Tuesday.—Staff Photo by Bill Beal.





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# Marina's Mate A 'Swell Guy'

The new Mrs. Kenneth J. Porter is married to a "swell guy," according to friends and neighbors of the former Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald who greeted her marriage Tuesday by trying to shield the couple from news-

men. "He's the nicest guy you ever met," said a long-time friend of the 27-year-old, 6-foot electronics technician. "If he has any bad habits, it's fishing."

And Marina and Ken, as his friends call him, do a "lot of fishing and boating together."

The couple met on the patio of a comfortable brick home at 1245 Donna St. in suburban Richardson two months ago. She had just returned from Ann Arbor, Mich., and an eight-week course in English to buy a home at 1245 Donna

### CHERISHED NEIGHBORS

"She went around the neighborhood before buying the house to make sure no one would mind," recalled a neighbor. "And we didn't. It's a friendly neighborhood and she's a very sweet person."

It was at the home of Bill Clark, where Mr. Porter was renting a room, that the courtship began.

The couple had coffee together there, relaxed with the Clark family—whose son Joe works with the bridegroom at Texas Instruments—and perhaps it was the Clark family which first knew of the impending wedding.

"Marina said over coffee one day, about a month ago, 'I love Ken,'" Mr. Clark said. "And I figured they might get married when Ken stopped seeing any other girls but Marina."

An ex-landlady, who was called by the FBI about her former tenant before the wedding even took place, recalls him as "a very clean cut and quiet young man."

### PROMPT WITH RENT

"He lived here at the Trade-

winds Apartments (108 S. Bowser in Richardson) for more than a year, and he always paid his rent on time," the manager said (she did not want to be named). "He was very quiet and kept an immaculate apartment."

"He was a loner and didn't use the pool," she said. "He just fished and worked and didn't mix with the other tenants."

The former Greenville High School student has another hobby, and excels in it.

He is a drag racing enthusiast with a room full of trophies from Greenville, Whitehouse, Valley Mills, and other drag strips. This may be one reason that newsmen who tried to follow the couple to their wedding Tuesday were left far behind whenever they came upon the 1965 red sports sedan being used for the trip.

Marina has fished with Mr. Porter on Lake Tawakoni and Lake Texoma and "she seems to enjoy it," another friend said.

About his job, his friends know little. "He just doesn't talk about it," one said.

### NAVY VETERAN

Mr. Porter is a Navy veteran. He is very fond of the two Oswald children—June Lee, 3½, and Rachael, 1.

Friends say he intends to adopt the two children at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Porter, who was divorced in January, 1964, has two children by that marriage. His former wife, Wanda, declined to comment on the wedding, but still resides at their former home on Rustie Circle in Richardson.

Other neighbors are very happy for the couple, and Mrs. Peck—a friend who was keeping the Oswald children—said telegrams, flowers and cards were arriving from throughout the United States wishing the young couple

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# Marina, Groom, Put Trust in Fate

By JERRY RICHMOND  
Staff Writer

FATE — Fate (Rockwall County, Texas, that is) smiled on Marina Oswald and her new husband, Kenneth Jess Porter, by offering them privacy from pursuing newsmen for a simple wedding ceremony.

The 148 men, women and children of this rural community were not aware that one of the world's most famous women was being married by their justice of the peace at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Scores of newsmen were roaming the north central part of Texas searching for the couple as 41-year-old Peace Justice Carl Leonard Jr. solemnized the marriage vows.

"She said she just wanted a simple ceremony, in a hurry, before the reporters caught up with her," Mr. Leonard said.

### PLOWING INTERRUPTED

He was surprised to find who he was to marry after leaving his plowing at the request of Rockwall County Sheriff W. J. Price.

"I didn't recognize Marina when I stepped out of my pickup until the sheriff introduced me," he said.

Sheriff Price, along with his daughter, Judy, a college sophomore, accompanied Marina, Mr. Porter and two men and a woman from nearby Rockwall in the sheriff's car.

"I was plowing behind my house when the sheriff called to ask if I could marry a couple," Mr. Leonard said. "I still had on my work clothes when I got to the office."

The office, in which the civil "double ring" ceremony took place, is a small white frame building 12 feet by 12 feet. It is simply furnished with an old roll-top desk, a few chairs and a framed fire department citation on the wall.

Justice of the Peace Leonard, who said he was "naturally surprised," talked briefly with the pair and noted: "Marina was very pretty in a white dress and she said she was very, very happy." Mr. Porter wore a sports shirt.

### LICENSE IN SHERMAN

They presented a Grayson County marriage license signed by Mary Cumbly and issued in Sherman earlier Tuesday.

Mr. Leonard, who also farms and operates a tire store at Fate, has married 30 couples since becoming Justice of the Peace in 1957, and he said it was his policy never to disclose "how much the fee was in a wedding."

An unidentified woman was Marina's maid of honor and one of the two men with the couple, known to the Justice of the Peace only as "Mr. Woodridge," was the best man.

The tiny room was filled with the wedding party, which left Fate in the sheriff's car immediately after the ceremony.

"I read from the standard marriage ceremony 'what God has joined together let no man put asunder,' pronounced them man and wife, and they kissed and left," the justice of the peace said. "It only took about 10 minutes and they were gone. It sure has been a day to remember. The telephone calls from all over the United States began then."

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RE : MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD, aka.  
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Re Dallas Radiogram to Bureau dated 6/1/65.

Enclosed are seven newspaper clippings concerning MARINA OSWALD's marriage to KENNETH JESS PORTER, concerning which the Bureau was advised in referenced radiogram.

These newspaper clippings are furnished the Bureau for its information.

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Mrs. Kenneth Jess Porter,  
Marina Nikolaevna Oswald  
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Title is changed to reflect the new married name of the subject.

Re Detroit letter to Dallas, 5-31-65.

This is to advise that subject is presently residing at a home owned by her at 1245 Donna Drive, Richardson, Texas, which is her permanent address.

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Texas Instruments, Inc.  
Richardson, Texas

Gentlemen:

Do you remember about eight or ten years ago a boat with chemicals on the Gulf of Mexico was blown up? It seems lately a navy man was traced and it was learned he had married a Russian dancer. She was a spy. I don't recall the full details but it all added up.

Now you have history repeating itself. This Russian woman who is attractive marries a man in your organization dealing in dangerous chemicals.

She is not an ordinary woman though as education goes, not too literate or educated. Her husband cold blooded after being hired to do it by some one very powerful. Her mother-in-law was tailed when Vice-President Humphrey came to Dallas and resented it gracefully.

Majina Oswald went through a transformation and was completely changed. I believe it was for a purpose. She buys a house two months ago, one month before she meets the man she married. It is possible that have been arranged for her to meet him a month or two later, if possible.

Strange she did not fall in love with the woman's son

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who introduced her to Porter. Could it be because he did not work for a chemical factory?

This may seem fantastic to you but the Congress has long range plans and stop at nothing to carry them out. They plan carefully and far ahead till they accomplish the objectives they are after.

Why did this so-called attractive woman marry a negro (no discounts intended) who has youth, money, also not guilty, so she would be perfect to use to accomplish sabotage.

This situation bears watching not only to see nothing happens to the plant but to see man being who could be killed if the plant was sabotaged. I am not accusing, only theorizing. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Please keep this confidential.

Why in all the write-ups in each three newspapers no mention was made of Mr. Porter being a negro? My what con-sultations editing and censorship!

Yours sincerely

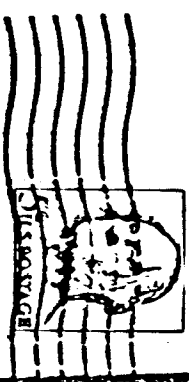
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Reference: Your letter of June 3, 1965

Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of referenced letter.

We wish to assure you that Texas Instruments is well aware of our obligation to the federal government in connection with our various contracts and that we work unceasingly with various agencies to ensure that there are no subversive activities in our plants.

We want to assure you that every precaution is taken to see that our production is in no way impaired by any individual and that you may be satisfied your information will receive appropriate consideration.

We would like to observe that Mr. Porter is not a Negro. This may explain why the newspapers did not say he was.

Permit us to again reassure you that TI utilizes every reasonable safeguard in our security program.

Very truly yours,

*Floyd E. Purvis*

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Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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1810 Commerce St.  
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Dear Gordon:

Enclosed herewith is a letter received on June 8, 1965 by Texas Instruments. It was opened by our Mail Room personnel since it was not directed to any individual, office or activity within our company. The Mail Room then delivered it to our office.

A copy of this letter has been sent our cognizant security office with a cover letter indicating the original has been turned over to your office for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Permit me to assure you of our desire to cooperate with your office in all matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,

*Floyd E. Purvis*  
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Mr. Floyd E. Purvis  
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Dear Mr. Purvis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
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June 8, 1965, from a [REDACTED]

I want to thank you for making this information  
available to this office.

Very truly yours,

*J. Gordon Shanklin*  
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# Fate Plays Part As Marina Weds

By LARRY GROVE  
News Staff Writer

FATE, Texas — In the marriage of Marina Oswald and Kenneth Jess Porter, jovial garageman Carl Leonard knows that Fate played a part.

Leonard, 41, has been justice of the peace since 1957 in this community 30 miles east of Dallas. Until Tuesday, when the world heard of the town where at 6:15 p.m., Marina Oswald took a second mate, Fate's claims were modest: It was the smallest incorporated town in Texas' smallest county.

Tuesday started like any other day in Fate. No one needed Leonard's service at the garage. He was plowing in the backyard

of his fashionable home with a machine called a rotor-rooter. Sheriff W. J. Price was on the telephone from Rockwall: Would the judge mind performing a marriage ceremony for a young couple he was bringing out?

Anything to oblige, sheriff. "I didn't know it was Marina Oswald until the sheriff introduced her; I noticed the blond hair and the way she talked. She was pretty, all right . . ." said Leonard.

The double ring ceremony lasted no more than 10 minutes in all. "I congratulated them," said Leonard, "and Marina said 'I know we'll be happy,' and the sheriff drove off with them.

"I missed my chance to kiss the bride. . . ."

"Took me by surprise," said Leonard. "I was still dressed in my backyard khakis. I'd have performed the ceremony in the house here but I'd left my book at the office and they were in a hurry. . . ."

"Said they were trying to stay out of sight of the newsmen. . . ." The office is a modest 12x12 room in a white shack near Leonard's garage. Its furniture is a roll-top desk, a picture on the wall inscribed 'Dallas Fire Department, 1920' and a cardboard 'Arson Reward' sign.

The judge's wife had only one regret: "If Carl hadn't left his book at the office, they could have been married right here in this living room.

"And I could have played the wedding music. . . ."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Kenneth Porter — who gained fame as the wife of the presidential assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald — still wouldn't talk much to the press Tuesday night as she returned with her new husband to her Richardson home. More than 150 spectators, reporters and neighborhood children surrounded the house.

They pulled in the driveway and the whole half block lit up with a tremendous surge of photoflood lights from the television cameramen.

The reporters had waited there more than three hours for the former Mrs. Oswald to return.

Finally Richardson Police Chief J. W. Golden went inside and negotiated for the reporters in a bid to get Marina and Kenneth to come outside and answer a few questions.

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# Marina Oswald's Real Picture Is Not a Pretty One

BY TOM JOYCE

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Washington—The real picture of Marina Oswald is not a pretty one.

And it bears little resemblance of the popular image of her as the timid, humble and straightforward widow of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Instead the Russian-born Marina, remarried earlier this month to a divorced electronics worker, comes across as a many-sided figure who tormented her husband, mistreated those who befriended her and sought to withhold vital information during the investigation of the assassination.

This is the portrait that emerges from a new book by House Republican leader Gerald Ford of Michigan who was a member of the Warren Commission. The book is entitled "Portrait of an Assassin," published by Simon & Schuster and goes on sale Monday.

## Put Life Into the Record

It is a picture that only someone who served on that blue ribbon panel could paint. Only by talking to Marina herself for hours and questioning virtually everyone she knew in this country could anything approaching a total sketch be developed.

Almost all the factual information is in the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits prepared by the commission. But someone who had observed Marina at close range and who had discussed her with so many others was needed to put life into a voluminous record.

In real life few of us really know very much about other people. Sometimes our closest associates turn into strangers.

So it was with Marina Oswald, an obscure figure from Severodivinski, Russia, until her husband gunned down President Kennedy on the streets of Dallas.

True, especially after Oswald was slain by night club owner Jack Ruby, Marina was thrust into prominence. She was perhaps the only one who might know the motive behind the senseless assassination.

The world wanted to know all it could about this woman who seemed so full of remorse and humility. Fragments were pieced together from short interviews and available sources.



MARINA AND DAUGHTER RACHEL

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Marina, so it seemed, was a poor, timid creature, helplessly caught up in a web of incredible events. A nation's heart went out to her—along with about \$100,000 in voluntary contributors.

She was the first witness to be called before the Warren Commission. And, like the nation at large, members of that body were impressed.

Ford recalls:

"If Lee Oswald's appearance and manner were antagonistic to the television audience, public impressions of Marina were just the opposite.

"My reaction was that she was awed, quiet spoken and humble.

"It struck me that she was a little frightened by the events that had engulfed her.

#### 'Something to Be Pitied'

"She shared the sad feelings the American people had for another gracious young widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, and, as she sat those long hours on the witness chair, there was something to be pitied in her plight."

That was the first time that the commission met Marina.

After 10 months of digging and subsequent appearances by her, Ford had this to say:

"Of all the witnesses (525) Marina Oswald was perhaps the most difficult to deal with."

And after the commission discovered she had lied to the FBI, Ford added:

"To the average American mind, Marina's explanation of her lies to the FBI, is an incredible twisting of logic. It is almost an Oriental kind of rationalization, perhaps not as cold-blooded as some of Lee's reasoning, but similar.

Marina said she lied once because:

"I do not like them (the FBI) too much. I didn't want to be too sincere with them, though I was quite sincere and answered most of their questions.

"They questioned me a great deal and I was very tired of them and I thought, well, whether I knew about it (Oswald's trip to Mexico to try to get to Cuba) or didn't know about it didn't change matters at all, it didn't help anything. . . ."

"If Marina had said forthrightly that the reason she lied was a fear of being implicated in Lee's crime," said Ford, "that would be understandable.

"Her convenient way of failing to tell the facts (there/are

other cases) until confronted with cold proof made the commission's work much more difficult.

"Marina didn't see anything special in the fact that the FBI was trying to find out the truth about one of the most heinous crimes in history and that she was hindering their work.

"This was not the first or last time her concept of truth muddied the waters."

Ford allows that there were mitigating circumstances.

"Much can be assigned to the obstacle of translation," he says, since at the time of the investigation Marina spoke little English and answered questions through an interpreter.

"But the language barrier was not the only problem with Marina," he said.

#### Pattern of Evasion

And indeed it seems not from reading the record. There is a pattern of evasion and, even though she requested the first appearance, unmistakable attempts to withhold information.

From her testimony Marina, now 23 and trained as a pharmacist in Russia, comes through as an extremely intelligent woman.

And it appears she used this intelligence in America almost from the day she arrived to her own advantage.

"If she wasn't calculating," said Ford in discussing the book, "she certainly took advantage of every situation."

There are hints that maybe she even married Oswald, who defected to Russia and tried unsuccessfully to renounce his U.S. citizenship, as a possible means of getting to America.

Ford says in his book:

"If the opinions of witnesses who knew the Oswalds after their return to the United States can be taken literally, Marina would not have been unpleasantly startled to know Lee wanted to go back home.

#### Love Influenced?

"Many of them felt that her love for Lee had been influenced by more than simple affection. They thought she wanted to find a way to get to America and married Lee hoping he would go.

"With Lee's intense egotism, it never dawned on him that Marina might have some of his own qualities of calculated purpose."

Oswald did decide to return to America. Russia was not the Marxist utopia of which he had dreamed. It, like America, was a land full of bureaucratic red tape.

With their baby, June, they arrived in New York on June 13, 1962, and went the next day to Dallas.

Almost from the moment they returned her life with Oswald was turbulent, uncertain and drab. He was moody. He shifted from one job to another. There were many moves from one cheap apartment to another. And he beat her.

#### Her Only Anchor

Yet he was her only anchor in this new world. And in a strong sense she was a captive without knowledge of the language, no independent means of support and no family.

Life was not pleasant. But neither, it appears, was Marina, who testified:

"At one time I left him and went to my friends because he put me on the spot by saying, 'Well, if you like your friends so much, then go ahead and live with them.'"

She did and she explained to the commission:

"I simply wanted to show him, too, that I am not a toy. That a woman is a little more complicated. That you cannot trifle with her."

During her first appearance before the commission Marina pictured Oswald as an attentive and caring husband despite the fact that he beat her.

#### Changes Her Tune

But this was explored on her first appearance and she blurted out:

"No, he was not a good husband. I may have said so in my deposition, but if I did, it was when I was in a state of shock."

To this a member of the commission replied:

"You not only said so in your deposition, Mrs. Oswald, but you testified before the commission several times that he was a very good husband and was devoted to you and that when he was at home and not employed that he did a great deal of the housework and in looking after the children."

She responded:

"Well, I also testified to the fact that he beat me on many occasions, so some of the statements I made regarding him were good and some were bad."

"In other words," said a member of the commission, "some of them were not true."

Asked when he would beat her, she said:

"Sometimes he would tell me to shut up and I don't take that from him. I'm not a very quiet woman myself and sometimes it gets on your nerves and you'll just tell him he's an idiot and he will become more angry with you."

"When I could call him an

idiot, he would say, 'Well, I'll show you what kind of an idiot I am.' So he would beat me up."

"Did you ever strike him?" Marina was asked.

"I would give him some in return," she replied.

It came out in testimony that Marina frequently ridiculed her husband's "idiotic" political ideas. Oswald was dreaming about becoming a great political figure—first in Russia and then in Cuba and who knows where else before he decided to show this rotten world that he really could be somebody important by eliminating the most powerful man in the world.

#### She Only Laughed

No one else would listen to him. But certainly his own wife should. But she only laughed and called him a "crazy lunatic."

The one thing that seems to have given the Warren Commission more concern than anything else about Marina Oswald was the fact that she attempted to conceal her husband's attempt on the life of retired Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in Dallas with the same mail-order rifle he used to kill President Kennedy a few months later.

It might never have come out had not a letter accidentally fallen during the investigation from a book on homemaking where Marina had hidden it as a club over her husband's head.

It was written by Oswald April 10, 1963, the day he fired through Walker's window and missed the controversial general. He left it for Marina and then went out with his rifle.

#### Told What to Do

In chilling terms it advised Marina what to do if he did not return. He said she should contact the "embassy" which "will come quickly to your assistance on learning everything."

What was everything? Marina did not know until later that evening.

Oswald said he had left as much money as he could and added:

"If I am alive and taken prisoner, the city jail is located at the end of the bridge through which we always passed on going to the city . . ."

But Oswald came home. And he announced he had shot at Walker.

#### Hold Over His Head

"Destiny," said Ford, "had written another of its tragic turns. Marina had made the decision. She made up her mind that she would do nothing to divulge Lee's part in the Walker affair, but she would hold the note over his head to keep him from doing anything like that again."

Later she told the Warren Commission that she had not wanted to tell the FBI investigators everything because she wanted to save something to tell the commission.

And, according to Ford, she often used this expression in dealing with one incident or another:

"That's somewhat boring."

"If her purpose in holding back information was to keep the commissioners from getting bored," said Ford, "there was little danger in that."

Soon after the assassination, Marina, now with two-year-old Jane and a month-old daughter, went to live near Dallas with a motel manager, Jim Martin, and his family.

#### Money Poured In

With the money pouring in and offers for contract rights to the story of her life with Oswald, Martin became her business manager.

But Marina dismissed him after a short time.

Later he testified before the commission.

And his testimony ruffled decent sensibilities.

"Did you ever have any reason to believe that she was anything other than what she appeared to be—namely an ordinary housewife who had come to this country as the wife of an American whom she married?" he was asked.

Martin said things did not seem "quite right," that Marina was too "cold." He mentioned specifically the way she treated contributions from American strangers who were extending their sympathy to this poor woman caught in a trap of circumstances.

"Someone," testified Martin,

"would send a dollar, maybe it was her last dollar, and Marina would look at it and throw it aside and say, 'Oh, it is just a dollar.'"

"Is there anything specific in anything that she told you or in any of her actions which would lead you to believe that she has withheld certain information . . . concerning her knowledge about the assassination?"

"No," he replied, "except she made a remark to me one time that she didn't volunteer anything. She only answered questions."

Martin said he recalled that Marina was reported to read a Bible every day.

"She didn't crack a Bible," he said. "She got up between 10 and 11 o'clock every morning. The only household chore she did was the evening dishes and occasionally she would vacuum."

Martin's implication of indolence was borne out by a number of other witnesses some of whom called Marina outright "lazy."

#### Gratitude Questioned

From the testimony of many it appears Marina used her new-found American friends and then turned her back on them when they were no longer of any use to her.

Soon after they returned from the Soviet Union, Marina and Lee Oswald were befriended by a handful of what Ford described as "small but cohesive group" of Russian families living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

These people, says Ford, are "friendly and generous people who are apt to take a new Russian arrival into their circle quickly—that is if he was the right kind of Russian—conservative, anti-Communist and interested in the Orthodox church."

Lee Oswald did not fit the picture and the Russian community soon rejected him. But Marina, they felt, was different. They felt sorry for her.



In her many separations with Oswald in their stormy life, either because he was off some place looking for work or because they couldn't get along, Marina lived with several of these people.

And their testimony forms much of the portrait of her. One was Elena Hall of Fort Worth.

She testified that Marina told her she did not have normal sex relations with Lee. She said Marina told her that Lee was "not very much of a man in that sense."

And she said she asked Marina, "why do you argue with him about little things?"

She quoted Marina as replying:

"Oh, because he is not a man."

He didn't like hot peppers. And Marina used this to explain: "He's afraid of everything, hot peppers."

#### Left Without Word

While Mrs. Hall was out of town for a few days, Marina left with Lee. And she left without a word. Ford reacted sharply to this saying:

"To live in an acquaintance's home, to enjoy the generosity... even to the extent of accepting food and cigarets, and to depart without so much as a thank-you note or an explanation of where one is going constitutes a peculiar outlook on one's relationships with other human beings."

This was not the only such case.

Nor was it the worst. The case of Ruth Paine cuts deeply.

Mrs. Paine, who lived in Irving, near Dallas, was not a member of the Russian community. She opened her house and her cupboard to Marina and her two small children while Lee was living in New Orleans.

And she continued to live with her even after Lee returned to Dallas and while he plotted the presidential assassination.

It was in Ruth Paine's garage that he stored the murder weapon. Marina knew it was there, concealed by an old blanket. And surely by this time she knew her husband's potential for violence. It was long after the Walker incident. But, while accepting Mrs. Paine's generosity, she never mentioned it to her.

Ford reasons that she must have been aware that this held the seeds of involvement for Mrs. Paine if Oswald decided to use the weapon again. And he did. And for a while life was not pleasant for Mrs. Paine.

Ford was deeply impressed by Ruth Paine, a Quaker. He observed:

#### In High Regard

"Members of the commission came to have a high regard for her honesty, generosity and earnestness of purpose. She was an exceptional young woman whose background bespoke a fine Amer-

ican tradition of idealism and aspiration."

"She was educated, and prior to her marriage she had spent her time in many worthy projects—trying to help people, trying to learn more about the problems of the world and trying to improve herself."

She also tried to help Marina Oswald. But after the assassination, Marina left the Paine house. There was not a word of thanks. Mrs. Paine wrote, asking if she could be of any help. She wrote several times.

There were no replies. One of the most outspoken witnesses was George de Mohrenschildt, a colorful member of the Russian colony who, ironically, had been a friend of President Kennedy's mother-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss.

#### Disliked Friends

Oswald, according to Ford, seemed to feel that her new Russian acquaintances were a bad influence on Marina—that they made her desirous of too many things.

For one thing, they taught her to smoke and Oswald found this extremely distasteful.

De Mohrenschildt was asked about her smoking and he said:

"Oh boy, this is an interesting question. She loved to smoke and would smoke as many cigarets as she could lay her hands on. This is one of the reasons they fought so bitterly."

Ford added:

"I can confirm at least in part George de Mohrenschildt's observation regarding Marina's smoking habits. As she answered one question after another from the witness end of the commission's working table, she smoked a lot, particularly after the tension of the first few hours wore off."

De Mohrenschildt went on:

"They were annoying each other and she was all the time annoying him. Having had many wives I could see his point of view. She was annoying him all the time—'Why don't you make some money? Why don't they have a car? Why don't they have more dresses? Look at everybody else living so well and they are just miserable. She was annoying him all the time. Poor guy was going out of his mind.'"

Marina's own testimony about how she reacted to questioning after her husband's arrest is revealing. She had few if any doubts about Oswald's guilt. Yet she seemed annoyed at the questions put to her.

She said the police were "gruff and not very polite."

"They wouldn't even let me go into the dressing room to change," she said.

Asked if police took anything from Mrs. Paine's house, Marina replied:

"I didn't watch at that time. After all, it is not my business. If they need it, let them take it."

#### Many Questions

There are many questions about Marina Oswald.

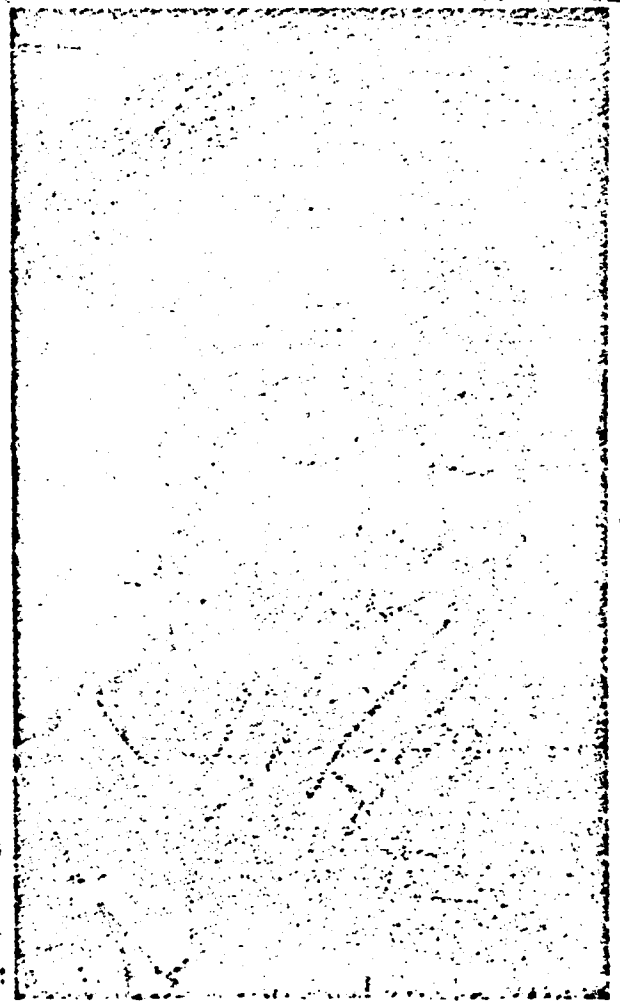
Some witnesses said she told of wild sex orgies in Russia before she met Lee.

There was repeated testimony about the way she treated those who befriended her. About laziness. About nagging.

And the commission itself needs no outside testimony that she was less than a cooperative witness.

Ford, for one, is convinced that what emerged is the real picture of Marina Oswald.

And it is a far, far different picture than America had in these painful weeks and months following the tragedy of Dallas.



MRS. MARINA OSWALD  
Did She Use Her New American Friends?

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# U.S. Making Bid For Oswald Items

**WASHINGTON BUREAU**  
**WASHINGTON** — The Justice Department was seeking power Friday to gain permanent title to accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle and all other items of physical evidence turned up in the investigation of John F. Kennedy's murder.

Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach forwarded a proposed bill to Congress Thursday that would make all evidentiary material subject to federal acquisition. The list includes the assassination rifle, the pistol used by Oswald in the slaying of Dallas officer J. D. Tippit and even the crates collected from Oswald's vantage point in the Texas School Book Depository.

**MAY SPUR RUMORS**

"In my judgment, a failure to retain the critical physical exhibits and the resultant possibility of their loss, destruction or alteration will serve to encourage irresponsible rumors and allegations designed to destroy the widespread public confidence in the work and conclusions of the President's commission (the Warren Commission)," Katzenbach told Congress.

Under terms of the proposed bill, the Justice Department would have one year to determine which

items it wants the federal government to keep. Claims for compensation could be brought in the U.S. Court of Claims.

Since the Warren Commission issued its report last September, all investigative reports, transcripts and working papers have been sent to the National Archives.

**FBI HAS SOME**

Other items of physical evidence are in custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These include the personal papers found in Oswald's wallet on the day of the assassination, the rifle, the pistol, photographs, letters, the Oswald diary and other material.

Katzenbach, in letters to Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Speaker John McCormack, said government possession of the evidence would save them from "dispersal and exploitation."

The rifle used in the assassination has already been the subject of speculation over how much it would bring on the private market. Estimates have ranged up to \$10,000.

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# U.S. Seeks OK to Keep Assassination Evidence

Washington Bureau of The News

WASHINGTON—The Justice Department asked Congress Thursday to give the federal government authority to take possession of weapons and other items collected as evidence by the Warren Commission in its investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Principal item will be the Italian-made rifle used by Lee Harvey Oswald when he shot Kennedy from a window of the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas.

Also included is Oswald's revolver, which killed Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit.

Purpose of the action, Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach announced, is to prevent "dispersal and exploitation" of the collection.

Also, he said, the proposed leg-

islation will enable the government to bar "irresponsible rumors and allegations designed to destroy the widespread public confidence in the work and conclusions" of the Warren Commission.

The collection currently is in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but there has been a question over its disposition.

Oswald's widow, Marina, has reported that she has been offered \$20,000 for the rifle alone.

The collection contains a wide assortment of papers, including Oswald's diary. Even the wooden crates on which Oswald sat in the book depository are included.

The attorney general would be authorized to decide which items should be kept by the government. Previous owners could sue the government for compensation in the U.S. Court of Claims.

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Department of State  
of the United States.  
Washington, D.C. (Dear Buck)

To all concerned.

I am absolutely opposed to  
this woman becoming a citizen  
of the United States. Regardless  
of her new marriage - I still say  
she is an undesirable alien.

She is as much to blame  
for the assassination of a President  
of the United States as her  
late husband. She belittled  
him - humiliated him in  
front of others. She wrote a letter  
to an old boyfriend in Russia  
saying how sorry she was she  
married Lee Harvey. He got  
a hold of the letter.

I believe this woman  
should be investigated again.

Find out if that money she has added to her happiness. I believe most of these donations were from Americans who did not like President J. F. K. He had enemies. Marina Oswald Porter has very strange eyes. She is from Minsk, Russia where the Communist assassination school is located. She had to know he was what he was. There is no doubt in my mind that she herself is a Communist. He should take a lie detector test. Naturally he acts different than she would act if she did not have all that money - Ask her what she would have done without out. (robably Dallas welfare) Ask her if she and Lee Harvey could have left Russia unless he had been given a job to do here in the U. S. If they had not been Communists, her people - good Americans - would not be wandering around in Russia like Lee Harvey.

Marina had to know that Lee Harvey was no good, - not a good man - a terrible one.

an enemy of my country (I had seen  
faithful - trustworthy man) Ask her  
she did not know how bad he had to  
and yet she married him. She could  
have been anything desirable - to me  
such a tramp.

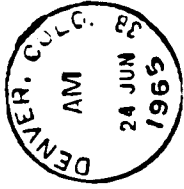
Ask her how it feels to be financially  
well-to-do. I bet she likes it.

Again I say - Let's get rid of her -  
her new husband go to - His third marriage.  
He has queer looking eyes too - Question him  
about his marriage to Marina - Does her  
\$60,000 interest him? Did he move into her  
house - or she into his? Why? What was  
the big hurry about getting married?

Please forward this letter to the  
Secretary of State in Washington D.C.

Be sure to investigate this couple. I don't  
think they are good, desirable Americans. They  
are so Rush, Rush, Rush - Their first marriage  
too was a Rush affair too.

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## Marina Oswald Remarries

FATE, Tex., June 1—(AP) —Marina Oswald, 23, Russian-born widow of the man who assassinated President Kennedy, was married to a divorced electronics worker Tuesday in this little North Texas farm town.

The young widow has become financially well-to-do since the assassination. Testimony at legal hearings in Dallas last summer disclosed that she was worth approximately \$60,000, most of which came from donations from sym-

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MARINA PORTER, aka  
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Marina Nikolaevna Oswald,  
Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald,  
nee NIKOLAEVNA  
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Title of this matter is changed to reflect the married name of subject, she having married KENNETH JESS PORTER at Fate, Texas, on 6/1/65.

*b7c* The Dallas Office is in receipt of a handwritten letter addressed to the FBI, Dallas, and Department of State of the United States, Washington, D.C., signed by [redacted]. The letter is dated at Denver, Colorado, 6/24/65, and is postmarked at Denver on the same date. The writer enclosed a news article reporting the marriage of OSWALD and PORTER. She stated she was opposed to subject becoming a citizen of the United States because "she is an undesirable alien." The writer said that subject was as much to blame for the assassination of President KENNEDY as was her late husband. The writer stated she believed subject should be investigated again. She implied the money donated to subject had been donated by Americans who did not like President KENNEDY. She said she did not doubt but that subject is a communist. She requests that her letter be forwarded to the Secretary of State at Washington, D.C.

The Bureau is advised of the above in the event that this person corresponds directly with the Bureau or other Government officials in Washington.

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# Marina Asks Peace Bond Against Mate

By JOHN GEDDIE

The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald asked a Dallas justice of the peace Wednesday for a peace bond against her husband of almost three months.

Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter told Judge W. E. (Bill) Richburg that Kenneth Jess Porter whom she married June 1, had slapped her and threatened to kill himself.

The 27-year-old husband was placed in county jail after he refused to come before Judge Richburg for a hearing.

In a signed affidavit to Judge Richburg, the 24-year-old Mrs. Porter said Porter had threatened to kill himself several times.

"We got in an argument today," she said. "He slapped me in the face and tried to get me to put the children outside so that he could be alone with the gun he carried."

"I am afraid that he might try to do me bodily harm," she added.

She said she had called the Federal Bureau of Investigation when he made threats Wednesday, and they sent the police to her home.

She and the children were in the judge's jury room when newsmen arrived. She requested through Judge Richburg that no pictures be taken of her children.

Porter was released from the Dallas County Jail about 11:25 p.m. Wednesday after a \$1,500 peace bond set by Judge Richburg was posted by his attorneys, Charles Tessmer and J. M. Daverport.



—Dallas News Staff Photo

Mrs. Marina Porter at hearing.

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RE : MARINA PORTER, aka.  
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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 8/18/65.

The "Dallas Morning News" of 8/19/65, contained an article captioned "Marina Asks Peace Bond Against Mate", a copy of which is enclosed herewith. As indicated in this article, MARINA asked for and obtained a peace bond against her present husband who was placed in the Dallas County Jail on 8/18/65 and subsequently released on the same date after posting the \$1,500 peace bond. The article indicates that MARINA's husband, KENNETH JESS PORTER, had slapped her and threatened to kill himself. This article also reflects the notification of the FBI, as set forth in referenced airtel.

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# Oswald Widow to Try Patching Up Marriage

Kenneth and Marina Oswald Porter agreed to try to work out marriage problems Thursday after a lecture on the image of Dallas by Justice of the Peace W. E. (Bill) Richburg.

Judge Richburg dismissed a \$1,500 peace bond against Porter after the pair conferred privately.

The 27-year-old husband agreed to turn in his pistol and confer with a marriage counselor.

The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald arrived late for the scheduled 2:30 p.m. hearing before Judge Richburg. Porter sat silently with his attorney, Charles Tessmer. "I don't want to air my private problems," she told the judge. She requested a witness as she conferred with Porter in a nearby office.

Tessmer came out and stated he was confident they would "work something out."

She had Porter placed under the peace bond after she swore he threatened himself and slapped her Wednesday.

Porter said he slapped her after she became hysterical.

The pair returned before Judge Richburg and a large group of newsmen and

agreed they would see a marriage counselor.

"It'll take some time," Mrs. Porter told the judge.

Judge Richburg told them that "as a result of some things that happened you have no control over," there has been created an "image of Dallas that is a burden on the people of this city."

"This thing doesn't help it any," he added.

He told them, "Fear, one to the other, would probably destroy your family life faster than anything else."

"Both of you have to quit what you are complaining about . . . both of you must let the past alone."

Mrs. Porter answered a quiet "yes" when asked by Judge Richburg if she would feel better if Porter's gun were away from the house. Porter agreed to giving it up.

"I never want to hurt her," he said.

Mrs. Porter, called "Mrs. Oswald" only once by a court official, turned to a group of photographers and said, "I sure didn't do this for publicity."

"Are you big enough to let the past alone?" the judge asked.

"Yes" she answered quietly.

"If you are, you can raise those kids despite all the tea in China," the Oak Cliff justice told her.

The pair left the courtroom with Tessmer and his associate, Frank Wright. Tessmer said a marriage counselor would be contacted Friday.

"I don't want these things to happen," she said. "I had too much of this with Lee."

—JOHN GEDDIE

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# Marina Patches Marriage; Image of Dallas in Balance

By JOHN TACKETT  
Star-Telegram Writer

DALLAS — Marina Oswald Porter was reunited with her husband Thursday after the two were told by Justice of the Peace W. E. (Bill) Richburg that their sparring was not good for the already-scarred image of Dallas.

Marina, the 24-year-old widow of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, looked pale.

HER SECOND husband, Kenneth Jess Porter, 27, was eager to make peace with his bride of three months. He was released on bond Wednesday night after Marina had him arrested for slapping her.

Richburg said, "You people are in a little bit different position than most of us.

"As a result of things which happened beyond your control, the image of this town and county has been affected. This thing doesn't help it any."

AFTER TALKING to the couple about 10 minutes, Richburg dismissed Marina's complaint against her husband on the motion of Porter's attorney, Charles Tessmer. The couple left together.

The complaint alleged Porter slapped Marina. It also stated Porter kept a gun and had threatened to kill himself.

Marina arrived late for the

scheduled 2:30 p.m. hearing. When she came in the courtroom, she went straight into an office in the rear.

She sent word out that she did not want to be photographed. Richburg ordered all cameramen to hold their shots and called Marina before his bench.

He asked her to go into another room where Porter was waiting. She was reluctant, but went in with Tessmer.

RICHBURG, WHO is a colorful judge known for his original applications of justice, carried on endless banter while the couple discussed their problems.

The phone rang at his bench while Marina and Porter talked in the other room.

A caller told him the London Express was holding its presses for the outcome of the session.

"Tell them to go drink another cup of tea," Richburg said. "Love may prevail."

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# Pallid Marina Shows Signs of Unhappiness

DALLAS (Spl) — The strain of an unhappy marriage showed on Marina Nicholaevna Oswald Porter at a hearing Thursday before Peace Justice W. E. (Bill) Richburg.

She was about an hour late to the hearing because of a visit to her doctor.

When she arrived, dressed in a black-and-white checked outfit, it was obvious to reporters that she had lost weight in recent weeks.

She appeared pale and nervous. She twisted gaurt fingers during the lecture Richburg gave the couple.

At one point Richburg asked that a sound camera be turned off so he could say something off-the-record to the pair.

Marina turned to the cameraman and said sharply, "I certainly didn't do this for publicity."

HER APPEARANCE, her demeanor, everything had changed since I saw her shortly after she married Kenneth Jess Porter, a 27-year-old electronics workers, about three months ago.

On that occasion I went to their home in Richardson. They were moving to an unannounced address to start their lives together.

I walked into the garage where Porter was loading

rented trailer with various household items.

In a polite but firm way, he turned down my request to talk with them.

Marina appeared, though, and in an amiable way asked me to check with her agent. She seemed happy with her new husband.

She joked that she was nothing to write about now, anyway. Then, still joking, she said, "You can write about when I have my next baby. You'll be the first to know."

THERE SEEMED to be no ill feelings between her and Porter then. Her cheeks were rosy and she had a glint in her light blue eyes.

But not a hint of a smile crossed either of their faces Thursday.

When Richburg asked Mrs. Porter to go into a private room and discuss matters with her husband, she was reluctant to go without a third person.

During their private conference, Marina asked Porter to consult a marriage counselor (She once made the same request to Lee Harvey Oswald, who also fought with Marina.)—JOHN TACKETT

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Re Dallas airtel 8/19/65.

Articles appearing in "The Dallas Morning News" and the "Ft. Worth Star Telegram" on 8/20/65, stated subject and her husband had been reunited, and the complaint filed against KENNETH JESS PORTER alleging he had slapped MARINA PORTER had been dismissed.

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On 6/8/66, PORTER advised Texas Instruments' officials that he was resigning his position at Texas Instruments, Inc., to go into the restaurant business at Greenville, Texas.

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[REDACTED] advised that he also understood that PORTER's wife, captioned subject, was pregnant and expecting her baby to be born in approximately one month.

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At Dallas, Texas: Will, through appropriate sources, endeavor to determine if captioned subject plans to move from Dallas, Texas, it being noted her current residence is 6448 Dunstan Lane and will remain alert for any information indicating her current husband, KENNETH JESS PORTER, is setting up a restaurant business at Greenville, Texas.

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MARINA NIKOLAEVNA PORTER, aka.  
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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/9/66.

On 6/14/66, [redacted] Dallas, Texas, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] and who has been developed as a neighborhood source concerning captioned individual, advised that subject and her husband have their residence at 6448 Dunstan Lane, Dallas, up for sale.

[redacted] advised that subject is expecting a child in July, 1966. She has given every indication that her married life has been pleasant recently, and she has adapted herself well in the neighborhood. She is not interested in leaving Dallas but is expected to accompany her husband to reside in Greenville, Texas, sometime after their child is born in July, 1966.

[redacted] advised that it is his understanding that subject's husband is now commuting between Dallas and Greenville, Texas, where he is operating a Dairy Queen.

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At Greenville, Texas: Will discretely determine exact location and nature of subject's husband's business in that city, bearing in mind it reportedly is the operation of a Dairy Queen.

(2) Will be alert for any information indicating subject and her husband have moved to Greenville and ascertain their residence address when such move is effected.

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(3) Will discretely alert local authorities concerning subject's husband's business in Greenville, and of the possibility subject may be moving to that vicinity.

At Dallas, Texas: Will maintain contact with Mr. [REDACTED] residence phone [REDACTED]

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# PROFILES AND PERSONALITIES

MARINA OSWALD PORTER, now the wife of Dallas electronics technician Kenneth J. Porter, is expecting her third child, the Associated Press reports.

Marina, widow of accused presidential assassin Lee

Harvey Oswald, has two children from her marriage to Oswald, who was killed by Jack Ruby two days after the assassination of President Kennedy here in November, 1963.

Marina, now 24, married Porter June 1, 1965.

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# Third Child Expected By Assassin's Widow

By HUGH AYNESWORTH

Marina Oswald Porter, the thin Russian-born widow of the man who killed President John F. Kennedy 31 months ago this week, expects to become a mother for the third time next month, she said Tuesday.

Her second husband, Kenneth Jess Porter, a former electronics worker at Texas Instruments, Inc., of Dallas, said the Porters would probably leave Dallas shortly after the birth of their first child.

Marina has two children by Lee Harvey Oswald. June Lee is 4 and Rachel nearly 3.

Porter, who said he resigned at TI recently, indicated that he planned to "get into business for myself."

"We'll wait until the baby comes and see that everything is right in that respect," he said. "Then we'll make up our minds on what to do and where to go."

THE PORTERS LIVE in a quiet, tree-studded neighborhood in Northeast Dallas (6448 Dunstan) and said Tuesday they planned either to sell or lease their home.

They plan to stay in Texas—possibly Greenville, where Porter has relatives.

Marina and her husband both indicated they would be happy with either a boy or girl. They have picked out names, he explained, "but we don't want to tell anybody yet."

Mrs. Porter, who had been in the United States less than two years when her

husband shot his way into history from the Texas School Book Depository Building, is thought to be well off financially.

She received donations from the American public of more than \$75,000, sold pictures of herself and her first husband for several thousand more dollars to various news magazines and got \$20,000 from Life Magazine for permission to reproduce Oswald's Russian diary more than a week after The Dallas News had released the exclusive material.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS before marrying Porter, she worked with a free-lance writer on a book, which friends say she will complete at a later date. Her story, via books, film and movie rights may bring as much as \$300,000 eventually, according to knowledgeable estimates.

It is believed Marina's book would be in print now were it not for her husband, who reportedly wants no more of the limelight.

A magazine photographer telephoned Porter Tuesday night and offered to buy exclusive rights for the first pictures of the coming child.

"No thank you," Porter told him politely. "We'd prefer that there be no publicity."

The former Mrs. Oswald married Porter, who is divorced and has two other children, June 1, 1965, after a whirlwind courtship.

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# Marina Gives Birth to Boy; Third Child

Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter, widow of President John Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, gave birth to a 7-pound 12-ounce boy Sunday afternoon.

It was her third child and her first by her second husband, Kenneth Jess Porter, a former electronics worker at Texas Instruments.

Mrs. Porter checked into Richardson General Hospital shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday and the baby, brown-haired Mark Wayne, arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Mrs. Porter's children by Lee Harvey Oswald are June Lee, 4, and Rachel, 3.

Porter, a divorcee with two children, married the former Mrs. Oswald June 1, 1965.

Porter told The Dallas News three weeks ago that he planned to stay in Dallas until after the baby was born and would then move—perhaps to Greenville, where he has relatives.

The Porter home, 6448 Dunstan in Northeast Dallas, will either be sold or leased, he said at that time.

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# Hospital Keeps Marina's Secret

A baby was born to Lee Harvey Oswald's widow at Richardson General Hospital and the hospital is really keeping it a secret.

No one knows about it except the Associated Press, United Press International and untold thousands of newspapers, radio and television stations.

The mother, now the wife of Kenneth Jess Porter, gave birth to the baby at Richardson General Hospital Sunday. The 7-pound, 12-ounce boy was named Mark Wayne Porter. But doctors, nurses and others including the father tried to keep it secret.

**THE MOTHER**, now 24, married Lee Harvey Oswald in the Soviet Union and came to the United States with him. She became a widow when Oswald was gunned down in the basement of the Dallas City Hall Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Oswald allegedly assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

She married Kenneth Jess Porter, then an electronics technician at Texas Instruments, June 1, 1965, at Fate in Rockwall County. The couple led newsmen a merry chase before the wedding vows.

The couple later was involved in a marital spat which was publicized worldwide and which was patched up by Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg.

**MRS. PORTER** has two children by Oswald, 4-year-old June Lee and 3-year-old Marina Rachel.

Richardson General Hospital

steadfastly refused to give out information about the couple's newest baby Monday. Various hospital officials and employes, including Mrs. Laura Reeder, the administrator, said they had no knowledge of a baby born to a Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter or a Mrs. Kenneth Jess Porter.

The father, contacted by The Times Herald, at first said the baby was "not due yet" and later refused to deny or confirm the birth of the baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter reportedly plan to move to Greenville now that the baby is here. He has relatives in the Greenville area.

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# No More 'Glass Houses'

Tuesday was moving day for the Kenneth Jess Porters—and they couldn't be happier.

"How would you like living in a glass house for all the world to see?" said Mrs. Marina Porter, the widow of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Dressed in checked capri pants and a smudged white blouse, Mrs. Porter was directing the four moving men who were placing the Porters' possessions aboard a truck for the trip to Greenville.

The Porters had lived in their Dunstan Lane home in Northeast Dallas since their marriage last year. They had their first child on Oct. 3. Mrs. Porter had two children, also, by Oswald.

Porter, an electronics technician, was some 100 miles from Greenville. He reportedly has a new job in that East Texas city. He formerly worked for Texas Instruments.

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