

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-13)

FROM : SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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DATE: 11/24/63

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The New Orleans Office by airtel dated 10/25/63 received at the Dallas Office on 10/28/63 set forth a lead that LEE HARVEY OSWALD left a forwarding address on 9/26/63 with the U. S. Post Office of 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. This airtel set forth a lead for the Dallas Office to verify this address. This airtel was actually received by the writer on 10/29/63.

**b7e** On 10/30/63 a pretext interview of a Mrs. DOROTHY SMITH at 2519 West 5th Street, by this writer using the pretext of [redacted] disclosed that the resident at 2515 West 5th Street was a Mrs. RUTH PAINE, who was presently separated from her husband, MICHAEL R. PAINE. It was also determined that Mrs. PAINE was employed on a part-time basis at St. Marks School for Boys as a Russian teacher and that she had a Russian born woman living with her.

Previous investigation by the New Orleans Office had disclosed that the subject's wife, MARINA OSWALD, had departed from New Orleans in a station wagon bearing unknown Texas license plates driven by a Russian speaking woman. It should be noted that MARINA OSWALD does not speak English. It was also noted that a station wagon bearing Texas license plates was parked in the driveway at 2515 West 5th Street.

**b7d** Indices and criminal check on Mrs. PAINE were negative. Credit was satisfactory showing her husband MICHAEL R. PAINE as an employee at Bell Helicopter. It was determined from [redacted] of Bell Helicopter, that MICHAEL R. PAINE was a current employee who held a secret clearance by the U. S. Navy. [redacted] at the St. Marks School of Texas was interviewed and he advised that Mrs. PAINE was a satisfactory employee, loyal to this country, and

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he considered her to be a stable individual. He also advised that he had heard from conversation with Mrs. PAINE that she had a Russian born woman living with her and she was assisting this woman in view of the fact that she recently had a new baby and she, Mrs. PAINE, desired to improve her working speaking ability by being with another Russian speaking person.

On 11/1/63 Mrs. RUTH PAINE was interviewed by this writer at which time she advised that MARINA OSWALD, the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was staying with her following the recent birth of her new baby. Mrs. PAINE advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was employed at the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, as a laborer and that LEE OSWALD was rooming at an unknown address in Dallas and as soon as he got enough money and his baby was old enough, he planned to get an apartment in Dallas.

During the course of this interview Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, who does not speak English, entered the room and Mrs. PAINE asked if I desired to interview her. It should be noted that MARINA OSWALD is a SOBIR subject, Dallas file 105-1435, who can be interviewed with SAC authority. I told Mrs. PAINE that I did not desire to interview Mrs. OSWALD at this time but might possibly return at a later time. It should be noted that two Agents must be present at these interviews. Mrs. OSWALD appeared to be slightly alarmed so I advised Mrs. PAINE to tell Mrs. OSWALD not to be upset that I was not interested in harassing her in any way and that she was in no danger of being arrested or deported. I advised Mrs. PAINE to advise Mrs. OSWALD that it was the purpose of the FBI to protect American citizens and not harass them. Since Mrs. OSWALD cannot speak English, this was relayed in the Russian language to Mrs. OSWALD and this writer departed.

Mrs. PAINE was very cordial and friendly and at no time appeared hostile and unfriendly. Mrs. OSWALD also did not appear hostile or unfriendly.

It was the writer's plan to ask SAC authority to interview Mrs. OSWALD at a later date and if necessary, obtain Bureau authority. It was the plan to do this after the subject, LEE OSWALD, had been located and the case transferred from the New Orleans Office, after which a better evaluation of this case could be made.

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On 11/5/63 this writer and SA GARY S. WILSON recontacted Mrs. PAINE at which time she was still friendly and cordial. It was the purpose of this interview to attempt to obtain the subject's address from Mrs. PAINE. Mrs. PAINE advised that MARINA OSWALD had advised her husband on 11/3/63 when he contacted her that the FBI had contacted Mrs. PAINE. Mrs. PAINE expressed the opinion that the subject was very illogical and that he admitted to being a "Trotskyite Communist."

An airtel dated 11/4/63 was sent to the Bureau and New Orleans advising of the subject's present whereabouts. The New Orleans Office by FD-218 dated 11/19/63 received by the Dallas Office on 11/21/63 and received by the writer on 11/22/63, changed the office of origin to Dallas. This writer was awaiting the change of origin plus any reports or serials from New Orleans Office before preparing a report incorporating all of the above details in form suitable for dissemination. It should be noted when this writer and JAMES W. BOOKHOUT interviewed the subject, with Captain WILL FRITZ and two detectives of the Dallas Police Department on 11/22/63, he was extremely hostile toward the FBI and strongly criticized the FBI and the two Agents present.