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I am writing in response to concerns arising from a story published in the Dec 21 New York Times on the status of Mrs Lee H Oswald since the arrest and death of her husband. The Times story centered on the theme that perhaps Mrs Oswald is being held incommunicado.

The national office of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York City has received a considerable number of inquiries about the status of Mrs Oswald. In response to this, the ACLU office contacted me as president of its Dallas affiliate, asking if I could determine the exact nature of the situation.

I called the Secret Service office and talked with a Mr Patterson, who assured me Mrs Oswald is free to come and go as she pleases. Asking them to see her, I was told to contact John Thorne, her attorney.

I called Mr Thorne and outlined the substance of the Times story. He replied he was perfectly satisfied with Mrs Oswald's status.

Hoping to arrange an interview with Mrs Oswald, I called Mrs Ruth Faine, whom I understand is a good friend of Mrs Oswald's. Mrs Faine tells me she hasn't seen Mrs Oswald since Nov 23, has received a Christmas greeting from her, but nothing directly in reply to several letters to her.

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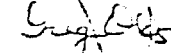
To clear up the confusion concerning Mrs Oswald's present status, may I request a brief meeting with Mrs Oswald. I assure I shall discuss only her present status.

I would ask for the permission for Mrs Fains to accompany me as an interpreter. I suggest the interview be made as brief and as informal as possible. I want Mrs Oswald to speak as frankly as she can about her agreeing to the security measures that seem to surround her now, and about her present situation generally.

I hope I make it clear there are no personal doubts about the competence of Mrs Oswald's advisers. The request I make is in response to confusion about her status.

The Dallas Civil Liberties Union board of directors will meet later this week. May I hear from you no later than Thursday?

Sincerely,



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