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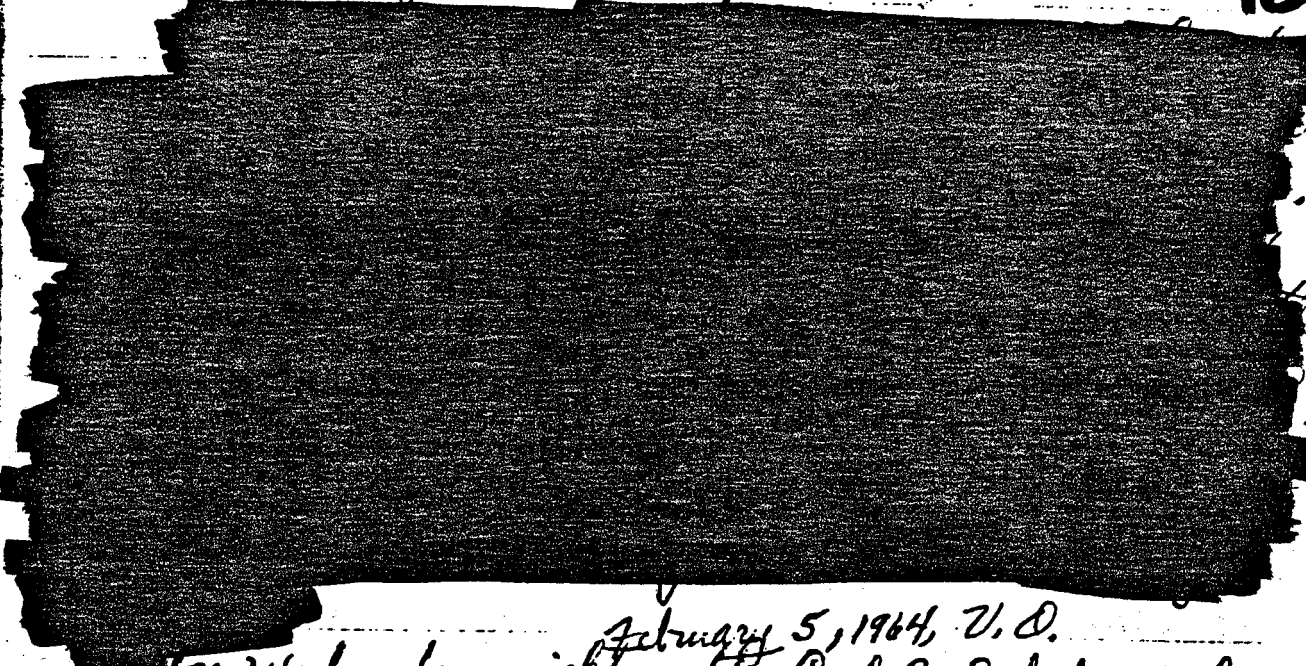
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Signed Statement of
Vada Oswald dated
2/24/64


Denton, Texas

February 24, 1964

I, Vada Oswald, wife of Robert L. Oswald, make the following voluntary statement to Bardwell E. Odum and Arthur E. Carter ^{V.O.} who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. 7C



February 5, 1964, V.O.

On Wednesday night, after Carl B. Schaefer and James Wakefield Burke left our home ^{in Denton, Texas} after telling my husband, Robert L. Oswald, about their dealings with attorney John Thorne and Jim Martin regarding a proposal for Mr. Burke, an author, to write the Marina Oswald story, 

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Hereafter, Robert tried to call Marina Oswald in Washington D.C. and finally succeeded in getting a return call from Jim Martin from Washington D.C. after midnight.

After Marina returned to Dallas, Texas, from Washington D.C., Robert and I went to the Jim Martin home in Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, February 9, 1964, and persuaded her to return to our home at Denton, Texas, the same date.

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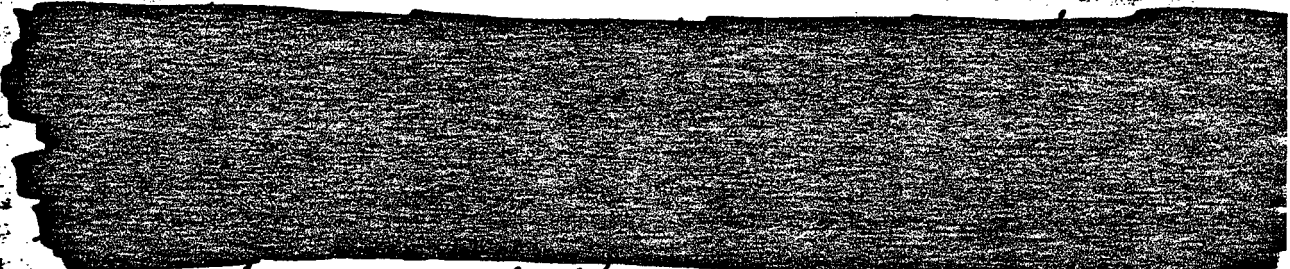
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On the following night, February 12, 1964, Wednesday, John Thorne, came to my home at Denton, bringing with him a friend of Marina's, Katy Ford. When they got ready to leave, Marina went with them and I stayed at Katy Ford's residence in Dallas at that time. Marina herself made the decision to go to Katy's house, I believe because she felt she was inconveniencing us and because she enjoys talking to Katy in Russian.

On Thursday, February 13, 1964, the final decision was made by Marina to terminate ^{her business with} her connections with John Thorne and Jim Martin. She reached this decision with the assistance of the advice of my husband, Robert L. Bernal, who relied on the advice of attorney William A. McKenzie. McKenzie was referred to my husband by Carl Schaffer of Dallas, Texas.

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I have read this statement consisting of this and four prior handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have placed my initial at the bottom of each page and by each correction. Vada Oswald

Witness: Bardwell D. Osburn Special Agent, FBI Dallas Tex.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the FBI at Dallas, Texas, this 2nd day of June, 1964.

V.O.