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HYDE stated that her information about the OSWALDS was so limited prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY that when she heard of the assassination on the radio and television, she did not associate the alleged assassin with the family connected with her daughter. She said that upon reading the newspaper accounts of the assassination and seeing her daughter's name in the articles, she dug out some correspondence from her daughter which had made reference to the OSWALD family. HYDE furnished a portion of a letter which her daughter had written her on September 30, 1963, and which is set forth verbatim below. The portion of the letter not included pertained to personal family matters, according to HYDE, and is not set forth.

"Sept. 30

"Dear Mom,

"Thanks for your good letter and the enclosed panties. (HYDE said these are articles of clothing left by her daughter on a recent visit to Ohio which she returned.) I'm glad to hear things are starting off well at school.

"To my surprise LEE OSWALD was willing for MARINA to come here to have the baby, even grateful. He has been out of work since Aug. and their income was \$33.00 week unemployment compensation. Not much.

"So MARINA is now here for an uncertain length of time. A lot depends on when & where LEE finds work, I think. But I feel now that he does want to keep his family together & will send for them as soon as possible. Perhaps I could call you sometime to talk over how this development might effect your coming in February. Suggest a time if you'd like that. I spoke both to LEE & to MARINA of my expectation that you would be here Feb. to June. LEE asked how this would effect MARINA's tenure & I said she can have a place as long as they have need for it.

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"Part of what effected their decision to have her come here, I'm certain, is the chance

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to get inexpensive care here in Dallas. They have to fulfill a 1 year's residence requirement and Texas is the only place they can qualify on this. We were this morning to the Dallas hospital that handles assistance cases. We spent 5 hours waiting to be received & fill out the form necessary in order to make an appointment to see a doctor. That appointment will be tomorrow. The wait was dreadful, but I am hopeful the care will be good. My translating is poor, but the whole matter is interesting.

"Much love,
RUTH"

EYDE also furnished letters from her daughter dated October 15, 1963, and October 27, 1963, which are set forth verbatim below:

"2575 W. 5th St.
Irving, Tex.
Oct. 15, 1963

"Dear Mom,

"Another item I meant to mention. Dad did get the job doing the commercial for Nationwide. He is scheduled to be seen on the Howard K. Smith program 'Issues & Answers', seen every other Sun. afternoon on A.B.C.-TV. Unfortunately they will not be showing the program in Dallas-Fort Worth, so I won't get to see it. CARL threatened to get a TV set if Grandpa was on it, so that may be a good thing.

"Big news. LEE was accepted for a job this am. Minimum wage & nothing special about it, but he is very happy and I feel things will ease for them. It is likely that MARINA will stay on here for some time, perhaps through Christmas or New Years anyway, with LEE coming weekends as he has the past two. He has

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a room in Dallas at \$8.00 a week currently. They'd like to save a bit before getting an apartment I think, and of course MARINA should be here until she has rested some from childbirth. I have mentioned to MARINA that I'd like to have you here in Feb., & that I have given up the idea of a trailer."

Oct. 27

"Dear Mom

"Well, we have a little baby at home! AUDRY MARINA RACHEL OSWALD (LES, father) was born at 10:41 PM Sunday Oct. 20th in Dallas Parkland Hospital. MARINA came home Tues. noon! ~~That is a record for being thrown onto one's feet after giving birth. It is standard at Parkland. A poor over swing from the 2-week requirement of your child bearing days, it seems to me. It goes with bottle feeding in my mind. Surely the mother should be helped to breast feed by being where she can rest until the milk comes in at least. Oh well. We have had a busy, but fine week. Baby RACHEL is well, sleeping & eating happily. The milk (Parkland not to be thanked) came in well the 3rd day and feeding is going beautifully.~~

"Write soon.

"Our love,
RUTH."

~~It will be noted the letter of October 15, 1963, is unsigned.~~

~~HIDE stated she received a telephone call from her daughter on November 26, 1963, in which her daughter stated that she wanted to inform her that she was getting along all right and was spending a considerable amount of time being interviewed by the law enforcement agencies with respect to~~

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MARINA and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated that as a matter of fact two FBI Agents were there with her at the time she was making the call to HYDE. During this conversation HYDE's daughter mentioned MARINA OSWALD is fearful that the American people will not accept her and is concerned about her future. HYDE inquired of her daughter as to whether there was anything she could do to assist MARINA OSWALD, and her daughter informed her that what she needed most was moral support. HYDE stated that after this conversation she directed a letter to MARINA OSWALD and with this letter included \$10.00.

HYDE denied knowing or having ever heard of JACK RUBENSTEIN prior to the news that he had shot and killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She said she has never heard her daughter mention this individual and knows of no association between RUBENSTEIN, MARINA or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

HYDE stated her daughter RUTH was born in New York City, where they lived for a number of years; that she is a Quaker and a pacifist. She said that in view of this her daughter cannot be a Communist, but she knows of the aims and purposes of the Communists and would be able to detect a "fellow traveler" of the Communist movement in the United States. She explained this by stating that while her family lived in New York City they were involved in a "Cooperative Movement" and had many run-ins with the Communists who were active in this group. She said that she and her former husband were very much aware of how the Communists would operate in this type of organization in order to get their opinions over to other individuals in the group, and they had often discussed these tactics when her daughter was present.

HYDE concluded by stating she understands her daughter is writing an article for "Look" Magazine which will include information concerning her association with MARINA and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.