

Wire sent to Earl Warren, 6/11/64:

The Warren Commission is going to the well too often. If Marina argued with Oswald concerning Nixon, why did she not hide the garage rifle before Oswald left for work? Was Nixon not still in Dallas on the morning of the 22nd? If Marina went to the garage after Oswald left for work and saw the rifle missing, then, knowing Nixon was still in downtown Dallas, Marina is culpable of the crime of assassination for not notifying the authorities of the missing weapon and Nixon's potential danger.

We find it difficult to believe that knowing of the existence of the rifle, knowing of Oswald's attempt on the life of General Walker, knowing of Oswald's threat to kill Nixon, Marina would not go directly to the garage and conceal the weapon on the night of the 21st while she had Oswald securely locked in his room. Were there bars at the windows? There were none when I visited Ruth Paine in Irving in February. Ruth Paine says there was no argument that night between Oswald and Marina and that a normal evening was spent. At 8:30 Oswald went to bed. Marina, however, was up two or three times during the night caring for the baby.

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We are pointing out to the Commission by letter that Oswald's sudden docile personality on this night (the 21st) is of interest. This man "driven by a storm of black compulsions," who "beat his wife when she failed to draw his bath," who "on occasion, blacked her eye," who told her "'I am the Commander,'" who "would not let her wear lipstick or practice English," was during an argument with his 90-lb. wife "locked in his room for the night."

The complete story as originally told by Jim Martin in the spring of '64 is more interesting. Oswald on the night of the 21st had with him his revolver (the revolver he picked up at Beckley St. and used to kill Tippit?). Oswald held out this revolver and waved it at Marina and told her he was going to use it to kill Nixon. Marina ran to him, struggled with him for it and overcame him. Then, she locked the naughty boy up. What, then, did she do with this revolver? Did she hide it between the pages of the same English cookbook-Russian babybook where she kept the incriminating Walker note?

If a man has a wife like this, does he need enemies?