

*Friend Offers to Take Oswald's Family Into*

*Her Home Again*

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IRVING, Tex., Nov. 24—"I would be very pleased to have her again if she wants to live with me."

Mrs. Michael R. Paine was speaking today of Mrs. Lee Oswald. She had just heard the news of the shooting of her friend's husband.

Mrs. Oswald and her two baby daughters had lived with Mrs. Paine in this small town near Dallas while Oswald sought to earn enough money to get an apartment.

After President Kennedy was assassinated the police told Mrs. Paine they were bringing Mrs. Oswald and the children back to her two-bedroom home in this quiet residential neighborhood.

Subsequently, policemen were stationed in the home to insure the protection of the Oswald family.

Then Mrs. Oswald called from Dallas, where she and her children and mother-in-law had spent the night at the Executive Inn in rooms rented by Life magazine. She said the police had decided to keep them in protective custody elsewhere in Dallas.

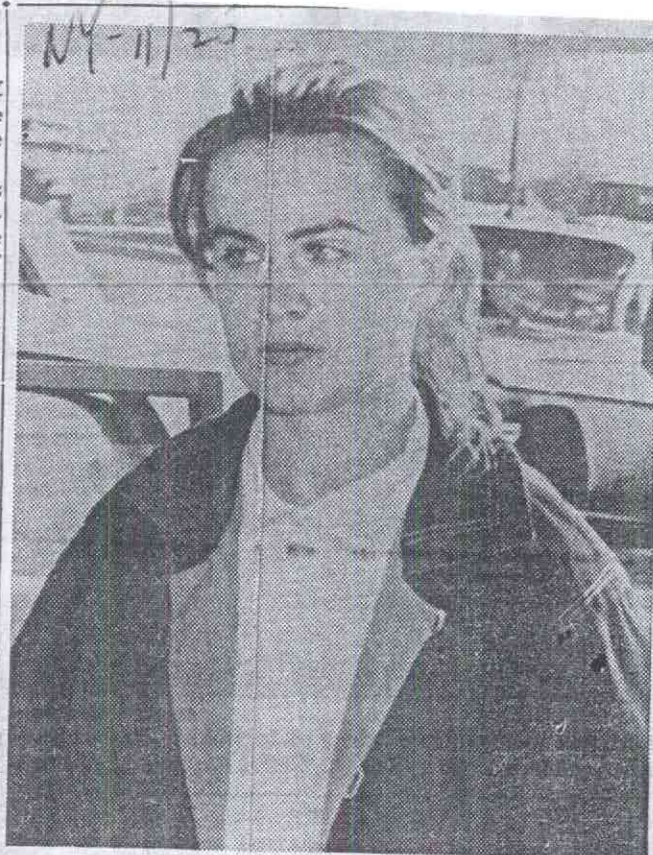
Speaking in Russian, Mrs. Oswald, who has learned little English during her year and a half in the United States, asked Mrs. Paine to send her things she needed.

Responding in Russian, Mrs. Paine agreed. She also sent toys.

She said Mrs. Oswald did not seem distraught.

Her husband died shortly afterward.

Mrs. Paine said Oswald had called her three times yesterday. He asked to speak to his wife and requested Mrs. Paine to try



Lee H. Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina, arriving yesterday at the hospital in Dallas where her husband died.

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to get John Abt of New York, an attorney, to defend him against charges of assassinating Mr. Kennedy.

Mrs. Paine was not able to reach Mr. Abt, but had planned to try again today.

Mrs. Paine, a tall young brunette, was born in New York. She became Marina Oswald's best friend through her interest in the Russian language.

A Quaker, she worked with the Young Friends Committee of North America in Philadelphia before moving here with her husband four years ago.

She said the object of her work was to improve international relations, and that knowledge of the Russian language would be useful. Last summer she taught Russian at St.

Mark's, an Episcopal school in Dallas.

Mrs. Paine, who wants to do more teaching, said she had met the Oswalds at a small party in the home of a friend in Dallas last February.

At the party, she said, Oswald told of his three-year stay in the Soviet Union and of his preference for Marxism over capitalism.

He said he had met Marina, a pharmacist, in Minsk and married her a month and a half later. Their first child, now 22 months old, was born there. The other child is one month old.

Mrs. Paine said she had never engaged in political or philosophical discussions with Oswald because she did not enjoy argument.

"He had very fixed ideas," she said.

Mrs. Paine's husband, an engineer at Bell Helicopter Company, sometimes debated with him, but also found him inflexibly pro-Marxist.

Mr. Paine, although not living with his family, visits often. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Paine realized until Friday that the luggage they had helped Oswald to put in their garage had included a rifle.

The police say the rifle had been used to assassinate President Kennedy.

"As a Quaker and a pacifist I would not have allowed them to keep it here," Mrs. Paine said today.

Mrs. Oswald has stayed with Mrs. Paine twice, for two weeks last May and from Sept. 24 until yesterday. Each time it was because Oswald had lost a job and could not support his family.

His last job was as a \$50-a-week stock clerk at the Texas School Book Depository Building in Dallas, where the assassination was carried out.

Mrs. William Randall, a neighbor, told Mrs. Paine of the opening while having coffee with her and Mrs. Oswald.

She said the first time she had felt any sympathy for Oswald was when he had looked "very bleak" in bidding good-by to his family in New Orleans Sept. 23.

Mrs. Paine had gone there to bring Mrs. Oswald and the baby back here after Oswald had lost a job. Oswald came to the Dallas area a short time later, but never lived full-time with his family again.

#### Oswald Liked Children

While visiting his wife, Mrs. Paine said, Oswald seemed to be a loving father and husband. He liked to play with his babies and Mrs. Paine's children, who are a little older.

Oswald was handy around the house, Mrs. Paine said. He had planed doors to make them fit better and had moved furniture and done other chores. He liked to watch football and late shows on television.

But he never made any friends, she said. Even the party he and his wife had been invited to last February had included them because the group was interested in Russia, and Marina was Russian.

He was never close to his mother, of Fort Worth, or his older brother, of Denton, Tex. He was a loner.

His 22-year-old wife is different, Mrs. Paine said. She says the slight young woman is likeable and "quite intelligent."

Mrs. Oswald is learning English so she can work as a pharmacist. Mrs. Paine said Mrs. Oswald liked the United States "very much."

Of her husband's death, Mrs. Paine said that it was probably better for Mrs. Oswald because "it will mean less total strain."