

FD-128 from New Orleans to the Bureau and Dallas, dated 11/15/63, changed origin to Dallas in the MARINA OSWALD case and assured Dallas it was in possession of all pertinent data in New Orleans files. An FD-128 changing origin to Dallas in the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case, from New Orleans to the Bureau and Dallas, dated 11/19/63, was received in Dallas on 11/21/63. This enclosed a recent New Orleans Police Department picture of subject not previously in the possession of Dallas.

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All facts known in this investigation up until the above time, with the possible exception of information indicating LEE OSWALD had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, which matter is commented upon later herein, indicated the most important objective of the investigation to be the interview of MARINA OSWALD under the provisions of the SOBIR program, and the investigation was designed to avoid having MARINA OSWALD gain the impression she was being harassed or "hounded" because of her immigrant status in order that the interview when conducted might be as productive as possible. X U.

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(7)

State what Dallas did from 11/1/63 to 11/22/63 on this case. Explain why OSWALD was not contacted when it was learned he had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico.

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SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

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On 11/1/63, after investigation had been conducted on the few days prior thereto establishing her reliability, Mrs. MICHAEL R. (RUTH) PAINE was interviewed at 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. This resulted in verification of the fact MARINA OSWALD was residing at that address and further established that LEE OSWALD was visiting there periodically, but was working at the Texas School Book Depository Company in Dallas and residing in Dallas at an unknown address.

On 11/4/63, Dallas directed a letter to the Bureau and the New Orleans and Little Rock offices reporting the verification of MARINA OSWALD's address and the information concerning LEE OSWALD.

On 11/5/63, Mrs. PAINE was again interviewed but as of this time had no additional information concerning LEE OSWALD's residence address in Dallas.

Additional remarks pertinent and responsive here are contained in the answer to questions #2 and #13.

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- (13) Exactly what steps did Dallas take to intensify investigation after information was received on 10/18/63 that subject had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy?

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SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

In response to this question, the following investigative steps are set forth:

On 10/18/63, Dallas Confidential Informant T-1 (DOROTHY REEDER, U. S. Post Office, Fort Worth, Texas) advised that in March, 1963, ROBERT L. OSWALD of 7313 Davenport Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, moved from Fort Worth to Box 32-C, Malvern, Arkansas.

On 10/18/63, Mrs. EDITH SHANNON, 2701 Mercedes Street, Fort Worth, Texas, advised she could not recall LEE OSWALD or his wife when they lived at 2703 Mercedes Street, Fort Worth.

On 10/18/63, Mrs. M. M. BOYD, 2705 Mercedes Street, Fort Worth, Texas, advised she could not recall LEE OSWALD when he resided at 2703 Mercedes Street, Fort Worth.

On 10/29/63, a pretext interview by me at 2919 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, reflected Mrs. RUTH PAINE resided at 2515 West 5th Street. Mrs. PAINE was separated from her husband, MICHAEL R. PAINE. It was determined that Mrs. PAINE was employed at St. Mark's School, Dallas, Texas, on a part-time basis as a teacher of the Russian language and she had a Russian-born woman living with her. This Russian-born woman gave birth to a girl about a week ago and Mrs. PAINE was taking care of this woman. It was determined the husband of the Russian-born woman visited his wife at this address periodically but did not reside there.

On 10/31/63, Mrs. DOROTHY SMITH, Irving, Texas, Credit Bureau, advised they had a credit record for MICHAEL R. PAINE and his wife, RUTH PAINE, who resided at 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. Mrs. SMITH advised their credit was satisfactory and Mr. PAINE

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LEE OSWALD in Dallas, Texas, but she would furnish it to the FBI as soon as she was able to obtain it. Mrs. PAINE advised that LEE OSWALD had visited his wife, MARINA OSWALD, on 11/2 and 3/63, at Irving, Texas. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mrs. PAINE then expressed the opinion that she considered LEE OSWALD to be a very illogical person and recalled he admitted to her being a "Trotskyite Communist."

At this point, investigation was held in abeyance since Dallas wanted to be certain it was in possession of all information the New Orleans Office had in this matter in order that additional investigation and a possible interview of MARINA OSWALD might be conducted with absolute insurance we were in possession of all pertinent facts. This was felt warranted despite the information received shortly prior to that time to the effect LEE OSWALD had been in touch with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, since the investigation as reflected above established LEE OSWALD was in the U. S., in the Dallas area, and was employed in a non-strategic position where he would not have access to information important to the national defense.

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SUPERVISOR KENNETH C. HOWE

The cases of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD were supervised on my desk from the time of the return of these subjects to the United States up to the present.

I have reviewed the answers given in the foregoing and am in agreement with them. With respect to the answers to questions 5 and 6, I agree with Agent HOSTY's comment it possibly would have been better to have reported to the Bureau prior to 8/23/63 the investigative steps taken up until that time. I did confer with Agent HOSTY in connection with the investigation of the case to assure it was proceeding insofar as the investigation itself was concerned toward the important and proper objective of an interview under the best circumstances possible with MARINA OSWALD under the SOBIR program.

I was cognizant of the receipt of information on 10/18/63 indicating the possibility LEE OSWALD had been in touch with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, and the verification of this received on 10/25/63 in the enclosures to New Orleans airtel to the Bureau and Dallas dated 10/24/63. I discussed the matter with SA HOSTY and it is noted the investigation was considerably accelerated at that time. SA HOSTY similarly discussed with me the awaiting of a change of origin to Dallas following 11/5/63 before engaging in further intensive investigation in order that we might be certain we had all information in the possession of New Orleans prior to proceeding.

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With respect to the answer to question 6, the closing of the investigation on LEE OSWALD upon submission of SA FAIN's report of 8/30/63, was approved with knowledge and intention the case would be reopened for additional handling in the not too distant future. The investigation on MARINA OSWALD had prior to this time been opened and was being kept in a pending inactive status. This investigation was in line, therefore, for reactivation and I distinctly remember setting up my tickler on the LEE OSWALD case at the time it was closed to insure the reopening of this case on or about the time the MARINA OSWALD case was reactivated.

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