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Commission No. *928*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT : Contacts Between the OSWALDs and Soviet
Citizens - 13 June 1962 to 22 November 1963

1. Attached is a chronology of the Soviet contacts of Lee Harvey OSWALD and his wife Marina after they arrived in the United States in June 1962. This chronology supplements the "Chronology of OSWALD in the Soviet Union," and together they represent a complete account of the known relations of Lee Harvey OSWALD with Soviet nationals.

2. A personality sheet on Lev SETYAYEV is also attached for inclusion in your copy of the "Name List with Traces," which was forwarded to you on 26 March 1964.

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5-12-64
J.L.R.

Richard Helms

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Deputy Director for Plans

Attachment: As stated above

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CONTACTS BETWEEN THE OSWALDS AND SOVIET CITIZENS
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since I no longer reside in that state. However, the F.B.I. has visited us here in Dallas, Texas, on November 1st. Agent James P. Hasty warned me that if I engaged in F.P.C.C. activities in Texas the F.B.I. will again take an "interest" in me.

"This agent also "suggested" to Marina Nichilayeva that she could remain in the United States under F.B.I. "protection!", that is, she could defect from the Soviet Union, of course, I and my wife strongly protested these tactics by the notorious F.B.I.

"Please inform us of the arrival of our Soviet entrance visa's as soon as they come.

"Also, this is to inform you of the birth, on October 20, 1963 of a DAUGHTER, AUDREY MARINA OSWALD in DALLAS, TEXAS, to my wife.

"Respectfully,
[s] Lee H. Oswald"

NOTE: Mrs. Ruth PAINE found the following rough draft of a letter in the handwriting of Lee OSWALD sometime during the middle part of November 1963. (The portions crossed out in pen are as OSWALD deleted them in his draft.)

"Dear Sirs

"This is to inform you of events since my interview with comrade Kostine in the Embassy of the Soviet Union, Mexico City, Mexico.

"I was unable to remain in Mexico City because I ~~considered useless~~ indefinitely because of my ~~visa~~ Mexican visa restrictions which was for 15 days only. ~~I had a~~ I could not take a chance on applying for an extension unless I used my real name so I returned to the U.S.

"I and Marina Nicholyeva are now living in Dallas, Texas. ~~You already ha~~

"The FBI is not now interested in my activities in the progressive organization FPCC of which I was secretary in ~~New Orleans, La.~~ New Orleans, Louisiana since I ~~am~~ no longer ~~connected with~~ live in that state.

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9 November 1963 - Among the materials made available by the Soviet

Government there is a letter from OSWALD, evidently typewritten in the original, dated 9 November 1963, which was directed to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. This letter is reproduced below, exactly as typed.

"FROM: LEE H. OSWALD, P. O. BOX 6225, DALLAS, TEXAS
MARINA NICHILAYEVA OSWALD, SOVIET CITIZEN

"TO: CONSULAR DIVISION
EMBASSY U.S.S.R.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
NOV. 9, 1963

"Dear sirs;

"This is to inform you of recent events since my meetings with comrade Kostin in the Embassy Of the Soviet Union, Mexico City, Mexico.

"I was unable to remain in Mexico indefinitely because of my Mexican visa restrictions which was for 15 days only. I could not take a chance on requesting a new visa unless I used my real name, so I returned to the United States.

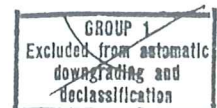
"I had not planned to contact the Soviet embassy in Mexico so they were unprepared, had I been able to reach the Soviet Embassy in Havana as planned, the embassy there would have had time to complete our business.

"Of course the Soviet embassy was not at fault, they were, as I say unprepared, the Cuban consulate was guilty of a gross breach of regulations, I am glad he has since been replaced.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not now interested in my activities in the progressive organization "Fair Play For Cuba Committee", of which I was secretary in New Orleans (state Louisiana)

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3 October 1963 - Mexican Immigration records show that OSWALD departed Mexico via Nuevo Laredo early on 3 October. He travelled to Dallas and spent the night at the YMCA in that city.

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28 September 1963 - OSWALD again visited the Soviet Embassy. He spoke with Soviet Consul KOSTIKOV (whom he later referred to as "comrade Kostin").

NOTE: Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV, who has functioned overtly as a Consul in the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City since September 1961, is also known to be a staff officer of the KGB. He is connected with the Thirteenth, or "liquid affairs" department, whose responsibilities include assassination and sabotage.

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27 September 1963 - On 27 September, OSWALD visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City and discussed his entry visa for the Soviet Union with a Soviet official.

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17 September 1963 - On this date OSWALD applied for and received at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans a Mexican Tourist Card (No. 987, Series 24085), valid for travel in Mexico for 15 days from the date of issuance. The card, in OSWALD's handwriting, showed that OSWALD intended to travel from Mexico to some other country, but the country of his destination was not indicated. OSWALD noted at the time of the application that he was a photographer and stated that he wished to visit Mexico by bus.

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5 August 1963 - According to the Soviet Embassy records, the Embassy advised Marina OSWALD in a letter dated 5 August 1963 that her request to enter the Soviet Union for permanent residence had been forwarded to Moscow for processing. GERASIMOV, who signed the letter, advised her that as soon as the Embassy received a reply she would be advised.

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1 July 1963 - Included in the Soviet Embassy materials was the following letter from OSWALD to the Embassy, dated 1 July 1963: "Please rush the entrance visa for the return of Soviet citizen, Marina N. OSWALD. She is going to have a baby in October, therefore you must grant the entrance visa and make the transportation arrangements before then. As for my return entrance visa please consider it separtally. [sic] Thank you. Lee H. OSWALD (Husband of Marina Nickolayev) [sic] "

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8 July 1963 - According to the Soviet Embassy records, Marina OSWALD herself wrote on the 8th of July 1963 to REZNICHENKO asking for "results of the replies [sic] to my appeals with regard to the departure of our family to the USSR and residence in Leningrad." She asked the Embassy to "hurry the expediting" of this matter.