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Marina's Truthfulness

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It appears that staff members will be present at the meeting this afternoon. Several of them wished presented the question of whether Marina Oswald should be further cross examined. As a matter of fact, when she was examined the second time a list of questions were prepared, but the Chief Justice gave instructions that cross examination should not be pressed beyond a discussion (primarily) of the Nixon-bathroom episode. My understanding is that these were given directly to Mr. Rankin who so informed other staff members. It was requested that the question be brought up before the full Commission; Mr. Rankin indicated he could not do so; no other staff member wants to "beard the lion" but I think some of them might speak out if the issue were raised. The following points occur to me off hand:

- 1. Marina directly lied on at least two occasions:

(a) When asked where she first heard the name "Hidell" she

not the fact that she was a total fabrication

Walter's sort of  
Marina  
not to be touched

Very Key here

Why Russell decided on his own in his own interest of hers

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untrue, but that she used psychological means to effect the same end.

(c) A prior lie is involved in Marina giving answers to the US Embassy in Moscow to the effect that she belonged to no Communist organizations except the Trade Union group, which was in fact exempted because membership therein was necessary for her to obtain employment. She did in fact belong to COMOSOL, the youth group which gives instruction preparatory to going on to the Communist Party membership, which Marina was not eligible for at the time she left Russia because of her age.

2. There is the unexplained incident of the rifle ~~was~~ allegedly left to get sighted at Dyal Rider's Irving Sports Shop early in November (not the same rifle as that used to shoot the President) with the name "Oswald" on the repair tag. Intensive investigation turned up no other Oswald who admitted to leaving a rifle there. The testimony of the Sport Shop employee may be fabricated, but it is supported by that of two women who say that three persons, whose descriptions match those of Oswald, Marina, and the baby Rachel, came to the store inquiring directions to a gun repair shop and that they were sent to Irving Sports Shop. Marina stated definitely that she never went out with the baby, Rachel, during this time.



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of information as to Oswald's alleged decisions to shoot General Walker and Vice President Nixon. I believe she is the only person to identify as Oswald's the camera which made the snapshot showing Oswald holding a rifle and with a pistol strapped to his belt. (These weapons resemble but cannot be absolutely identified as being the weapons in question.) Marina is the only source of much damaging testimony, such as that Oswald wanted to hi-jack an airplane to go to Cuba, that the letters written by her to the Soviet Embassy seeking a Soviet visa were under duress from him; that she knew in advance of the Mexico trip and thought he was probably intending to go to and remain in Cuba ( of course we know he did contact the embassies there with this destination in view) ; that he forced her to sign the name "Hidell" to one of the forged identification cards; that he took the rifle out to practice, and so on.

Further, Marina Oswald has contradicted herself many times. She first told the FBI she did not know Oswald was planning to go to Mexico. She said she did not know about "Hidell" until the FPCC debate in New Orleans in August; later admitted she signed the card before that. ( Tapes of the debate show no mention of "Hidell"). She first said she locked him in the bathroom the morning of the Nixon episode;

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4960 Testimony of Dr. Robert Shaw, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Parkland Memorial. Reached emergency room about 12:45. Gov. Connally had a large sucking wound in the front of the right chest. A rubber tube was inserted between the second and third ribs to inflate the collapsed chest wall. The bullet followed the line of declination of the fifth rib. About ten centimeters of the fifth rib had been stripped away. No evidence of retained metallic material. Approximately 2 ccs clotted blood inside the pleural cavity. Middle lobe had been lacerated approximately through the central section at lower tip. Large hematoma within several matchstick size fragments of rib ~~were in~~ the pleural cavity. Compound comminuted fracture left wrist. Wound of entrance through by coatsleeve, shown also ~~by~~ examination of clothing.

The Governor had a wound in the chest, one in the wrist and one in the thigh.

(4984) Witness has no firm opinion as to whether all wounds were after caused by one bullet. He has doubts ~~about~~ having second bullet in question.

(4993) Exhibit 399 is a virtually whole bullet weighing 158 grains. Witness thinks it possible bullet could have entered the back followed entered the dorsal and exited through the fifth rib ~~and~~ removing a part thereof ~~through the left chest~~/the ventral aspect ~~of~~ of the wrist ~~on the right~~ and then caused a puncture ~~wound~~ wound in the

left thigh. The latter could have been caused by a spent missile.

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is strengthened in this by his conversation with the Governor. He finds it difficult to believe, however, that the bullet which was recovered could have traversed the Governor's body, the wrist and penetrated the thigh without showing more marks of distortion.

(5003) The Governor's reaction would be expected to be very prompt in view of the bullet hitting bony structure. Dr. Shaw performed the operation closing the chest wound. Aside from technical details the testimony is primarily interesting due to the fact that after being shown the bullet he seems to have changed his mind markedly as to whether the three wounds suffered by the Governor had been caused by the same missile.