

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : SAC, SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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Inspector J. R. MALLEY telephonically advised that the New York Times had contacted the Department and were trying to cause some trouble concerning the fact that apparently the FBI, Secret Service, and the Department of Justice would not let MARINA OSWALD be available for interview. He stated that Mr. BELMONT was going to have to make some report today to the Department, and BELMONT had asked whether the Agents who were regularly contacting her knew whether she was amenable to being interviewed by the press, or wanted to be, or did she possibly say she didn't want to be interviewed at this time.

I talked to Agents HEITMAN and BOGUSLAV and called Mr. MALLEY back and pointed out to him that MARINA OSWALD has a Mr. JAMES MARTIN in whose home she is presently living. She also has an Attorney by the name of THORNE from Grand Prairie and that quite some time ago, they were very interested in having her interviewed by representatives of the press and have the material copyrighted. I pointed out that she had received one offer from a German newspaper in the amount of \$12,500.00 and that there was no doubt but that Mr. MARTIN was very interested in securing as much money as possible; in fact, he had told the Agents that he wanted to expose her enough to get all the money she could. I also pointed out to him that from the inception of this thing, we had consistently insisted that it was Secret Service's responsibility to keep her from the press if they so desired, but that we would not make any recommendation.

I also noted that while the Agents felt that they could get her to say she did not care to be interviewed at this time, we certainly had no control over her once we left, and if MARTIN learned this information, he could well use it. I also pointed out to him that while she has been cooperating, and at the present time, BOGUSLAV is the only Russian speaking

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translator apparently talking to her, she has indicated that she desires to talk to some of her Russian friends.

Mr. MALLEY stated he would pass this information along to Mr. BELMONT and that our present interview schedule should be conducted, but no specific attempt be made to keep her from talking.