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**JERRY, SIR, I NEED TO CALL YOU RE THE SEMINAR. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD READ THIS AND NOTE MY QUESTION AT THE END. THANK YOU!!**

**YOUR BOOK IS THE BEST I HAVE READ ON THE CASE!!**

Cadigan identified the Walker note (CE 1) as being written by Oswald by comparing it with three other documents in Russian supposedly written by Oswald, namely Commission exhibits 55, 56 and 66 (or is it 59?). All of these documents were identified by Marina as having been sent to her by Lee Oswald. All were signed "Alek", the name he used with her in the Soviet Union.

The two handwriting experts employed by the HSCA used two of the same documents to compare to the Russian writing on the Walker note.

FBI expert Cadigan flatly and without qualification testified to the WC that Oswald had written the Walker note. Of course this testimony was incorrect since Cadigan had no *personal knowledge* who had written the three "exemplars" he used; he had to rely on Marina's testimony that they came from Oswald..

HSCA handwriting expert Joseph McNally was much more conservative. He only stated that the Walker note and the two exemplars he used which purported to be letters from Lee to Marina were written by the same person.

There is one curiosity re the Walker note. It is neither signed nor dated. All other Oswald letters to Marina were both signed and dated.

Clearly, a lot here turns on the testimony of Marina.

Could the Walker document have been forged? Yes, if several handwriting experts were wrong--*or if the same person, other than Oswald, wrote all of those documents and if Marina falsely identified them as coming from Oswald.*

There is precedent for such cleverness by a forger.

There is a gentleman named Mark Hoffman who is currently imprisoned in Utah for committing two murders in Salt Lake City. You may have heard of him. He is known as one of the most successful forgers in U.S. history and he committed the murders in an attempt to cover up his other crimes. As a humorous aside, there is an episode in Season 3 of Law and Order Criminal Intent based on the Hoffman story. In that episode, the forger is played by Stephen Colbert.

Hoffman concentrated on forging documents relating to Mormon church history. He had previously contributed certain documents to Mormon archives. Because the documents were contributed, their authenticity was not challenged. When Hoffman wanted to sell documents at a later date, they were "authenticated" by comparing them with documents that Hoffman had cleverly slipped in to the historical record.

Let us consider another point with respect to the Walker note. Marina testified that Lee had destroyed a notebook containing his plans for the attempt on Walker. Why on earth would he allow Marina to keep the note that is so damning? No one, whether from the Bugliosi-Posner camp nor from the conspiracy camp contends that Oswald was a milquetoast--he was no Dagwood Bumstead, that is for sure. In fact there is evidence that on several occasions he beat her. If she told him she was going to keep the note to hold over his head, why would he not have simply grabbed it from her?

With respect to the alleged destroyed notebook there are implications re the photographs of Walker's house found in the Paine garage that experts claimed was taken using Oswald's camera. Why would Oswald preserve those photographs which would also link him to the attempt on Walker, even if not as strongly as the alleged note to Marina? The only prrof that it was Oswald who took the photographs was--again--the testimony of Marina.

GERRY: WHAT I THINK MAY BE OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE WHICH YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER IS THIS: WERE THE ALEK LETTERS TO MARINA THAT THE HANDWRITING EXPERTS USED TO LINK THE WALKER NOTE TO OSWALD AMONG THE LETTERS THAT RUTH PAINE TURNED OVER TO THE IRVING POLICE ALONG WITH THE BOOK WITH THE SECRETED NOTE? IN OTHER WORDS, DID BOTH THE CONTROVERSIAL NOTE AND THE ONLY DOCUMENTS USED AS EXEMPLARS ALL SHOW UP AT THE SAME TIME?

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Also - M's one who said  
 Oswald had kept it  
 in Paine's garage - only one