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February 18, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN
MR. EVANS
MR. DE LOACH

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I returned an earlier call from Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Rankin stated he wanted to thank me for sending the message about Mrs. Marina Oswald up by courier and for getting it to them so promptly. I stated I thought he ought to know about it.

(Mr. Rankin commented that it does not make their problems any easier, nor ours either, but the Commission felt that the Secret Service had a special problem here or right to make inquiry in the first instance because of the fact it was not clear whether this could have happened while they were supposed to have her under surveillance, and, furthermore, they asked if before referring it back, they could not check it out to see if it happened while their people were on duty. Mr. Rankin stated Secret Service did do this and they talked to her and she said it was not a forceful act, that she consented to it. They also learned a curious thing in that she said she called Mrs. Martin and told her about it. She also said it happened after the surveillance was over and that the Secret Service people, which I may not have known, were in that room and then they moved out and John M. Thorne moved in and James Herbert Martin moved in later, and it was during that period that it occurred and she also told Secret Service that Robert Oswald found out about it and he was complaining about her staying here in Washington that long so he practically ordered her to get back to Dallas. Then she went back to Dallas and was staying at Martin's and Robert Oswald was asking her how everything went and he got her away from there, but apparently she did not tell him, and he got her to his house and then got this other counsel and fired Thorne and Martin.) Mr. Rankin said they are asking us to check the whole thing out and get affidavits, et cetera, on the thing and a letter is being sent to us. Mr. Rankin said this is what she has told the Secret Service and it presents all kinds of problems as to what she is up to and what Martin was up to.)

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February 20, 1964

LIE HARVEY OSWALD

Marina Oswald was interviewed on February 19, 1964, concerning her relationship with her former manager James Herbert Martin. She stated that while residing at the Inn of Six Flags near Dallas under the surveillance of the Secret Service immediately following the assassination she was informed by a Secret Service agent that Martin invited her and her children to reside at his home. She accepted an invitation to visit the Martin residence on Thanksgiving Day and while at the Martin home on that occasion she accepted an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Martin to reside with them.

She moved to the Martin residence about November 29 or 30, 1963, and left the residence on Sunday, February 9, 1964. Mrs. Oswald said that during her residence at the Martin home she was under the surveillance of the Secret Service.

[She advised that shortly after taking up residence at the Martin home her intuition told her that Martin had feelings of love toward her. On New Year's Eve, after refusing to be kissed by Martin when he asked permission to give her a New Year's kiss in the presence of his wife, Martin subsequently caught her in the hallway and told her he loved her and then kissed her. She stated she believed him to be sincere. Following this event, according to Mrs. Oswald, Martin almost daily professed his love for her and frequently surreptitiously hugged and kissed her. In addition, he propositioned her to have sexual relations which she refused. She said she told Martin that she was willing to be his mistress and they made plans when she would have a place of her own at which he would visit her clandestinely. Martin also gave her several gifts.]

About January 4, 1964, Martin took her alone to the La Tunisia restaurant in Dallas. Two Secret Service Agents occupied a table nearby. On this occasion Martin professed his love to her and she replied to the effect that everything would be

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

fine if it were not for Martin's family. She maintained that she did not have sexual relations with Martin at the Martin home.]

Following her testimony in Washington, D. C., on Friday, February 7, 1964, she requested the Secret Service to withdraw its surveillance on her and, accordingly, the surveillance was withdrawn about noon that day. [She said she had two rooms at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., on the third floor and that on Friday, February 7, 1964, John K. Thorne, her attorney, and Martin moved into the room adjoining hers which the Secret Service occupied until its withdrawal. On February 7, 1964, she, Martin and her daughter, June, ate together and, thereafter, took a walk in Washington. They returned to the hotel about 7 or 8 p.m. and that evening slept together and engaged in sexual intercourse. They slept together the entire night. This was done with Mrs. Oswald's consent and there was no force whatsoever on the part of Martin.]

[While in Washington, Secret Service Agent Leon Gopadze told her that there were rumors Martin loved her and these rumors might be so detrimental as to lead to her deportation from this country. She said that Martin told her he had friends who could fix up a fictitious marriage which would forestall deportation.]

On Sunday, February 9, 1964, Robert Oswald came to the Martin home in Dallas and took Marina and her daughter, June, to the cemetery to visit the Oswald grave. Robert Oswald suggested she leave the Martin home and after agreeing to do so, she accompanied Robert Oswald to his home in Denton, Texas. On February 11, 1964, she telephoned Martin at his home from Robert Oswald's home and while Mrs. Martin listened on an extension, they engaged in a three-way conversation. She, at that time, told Martin she was dispensing with him as a manager (and as a lover) and suggested that Mrs. Martin be told the whole truth. Mrs. Martin told her that her husband had told her the whole truth. 1

On February 14, 1964, she sent registered letters to both Martin and Thorne dismissing them as her manager and lawyer, respectively. The letters were sent on the advice of Mr. and Mrs. Declan Ford, friends of Mrs. Oswald, with whom she now resides. On the advice of Ford and Robert Oswald, she has retained Mr. William A. McKenzie of Dallas as her attorney.

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After taking up temporary residence with Robert Oswald she decided to return to Dallas and contacted Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Ford came to Denton, Texas, and Mrs. Oswald asked her if she could stay in the Ford home temporarily. Mrs. Ford agreed to this and on Thursday, February 13, 1964, Mrs. Oswald took up residence with the Fords where she now resides.