

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-10461)

DATE: 2/18/64

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI (Phone) (6:00 PM)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-R-CUBA

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION - Dated 2/18/64.

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2/17/64 advising the Commission regarding the information recently furnished by ROBERT OSWALD through a Bureau confidential source to the effect that MARINA OSWALD [REDACTED] business manager, JAMES HERBERT MARTIN, sometime during her recent stay in Washington when she testified before this Commission. b7c

"After receiving this information from you, I inquired of the Secret Service as to their period of protective service, the rooms occupied by MARINA OSWALD and Mr. MARTIN during their stay in Washington, and the existence of any notice the Secret Service personnel may have had of the situation.

"The Secret Service has informed me that during the period of their surveillance, JAMES MARTIN and JOHN THORNE were assigned quarters in the Willard Hotel on a different floor than the one on which MARINA OSWALD was located, and that its personnel occupied a room which was part of MARINA's suite until the early afternoon of Friday, February 7, when, at MARINA OSWALD's request, protective surveillance was discontinued.

"I am informed also that after the surveillance was discontinued, [REDACTED] b7c

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If such were the case, however, it is possible that MARINA OSWALD and THORNE and MARTIN [REDACTED]

"I would appreciate very much if you would have your Bureau undertake an appropriate investigation of the matter in an effort to develop the full circumstances surrounding the referred-to incident. In the judgment of the Commission, it is important to ascertain:

"(1) Whether [REDACTED] MARTIN and MARINA OSWALD occurred at a time when she was under the protective surveillance of the Secret Service.

"(2) [REDACTED]

"(3) When and with whose assistance she decided to dismiss JAMES MARTIN and JOHN THORNE from further association with her business interests, and

"(4) The circumstances surrounding her taking up residence with the DECLAN P. FORDS.

"In pursuing your investigation, the Commission respectfully suggests that among the persons interviewed regarding the alleged incident your Bureau obtain, if practicable, signed statements from MARINA OSWALD, JAMES MARTIN, JOHN THORNE, ROBERT OSWALD and the DECLAN P. FORDS. The statements of the latter three will probably be limited to what, if anything, MARINA said to them about the alleged incident."