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On February 19, 1964, WF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marina Oswald, wife of the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, and her party stayed at the Willard Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., during the recent period when she testified before the Presidential Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. By her party, WF T-1 meant her child, a nurso, Secret Service Agents, a Mr. John Thorne, and a Mr. Jim Martin. WF T-1 stated that Thorne was reported to him as her lawyer, while Martin described himself to WF T-1 as her business manager.

WF T-1 stated that the Abraham Lincoln Suite had been arranged for Mrs. Oswald through the United States Secret Service; that this suite consists of rooms 301-2 and room 345. He explained that the suite is entered from the hotel hallway into a small alcove or hallway; that off this alcove to the left is room 345 with two beds, and to the right 301 and 302, a combination bedroom and adjoining living room space. The two bedrooms face each other across the common alcove. Entrance to the suite, however, can only be gained through the common entrance from the hotel hallway. Occupants of the suite control access through this common entrance as well as to the individual rooms within the suite.

WF T-1 advised that registration E4246 in the name of Tom Kelley, Secret Service, was arranged for Marina Oswald for rooms 301-2 of the suite. A date stamp disclosed she registered at 9:23 a.m. on February 2, 1964. A date stamp also revealed her departure from the hotel at 9:41 a.m. on February 9, 1964.

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WF T-1 advised that registration E4247 in the name of Tom Kelley, Secret Service, revealed that room 345 was assigned to unnamed Secret Service Agents; that a date stamp indicated registration at 9:23 a.m. on February 2, 1964. A date stamp on the reverse indicated that departure was at 12:55 p.m. on February 7, 1964.

WF T-1 advised that room 345 was occupied by two Secret Service Agents; that registrations E4286 and E4285 pertain to these two agents and actually are clarifications of registration E4247. WF T-1 advised that Registration Number E4286 in the name of William Carter, Little Rock, Arkansas, revealed he occupied room 345. The time of departure stamped on the reverse is 12:55 p.m., February 7, 1964. WF T-X advised that Registration Number E4285 in the name of Bob Jamison, Miami, Florida, revealed he occupied room 345. The time of departure stamped on the reverse side is 12:55 p.m., February 7, 1964. No in stamp of registration appeared on E4286 and E4285, but WF T-1 said that the date stamp on registration E4247 of 9:23 a.m., February 2, 1964, applied to them; that they came in with Mrs. Oswald. WF T-1 said that registrations E4235 and E4286 bore a notation that they were associated with the Secret Service.

Thus, WF T-1 pointed out, these two Secret Service Agents checked out of room 345 on the morning of February 7, 1964. He said he had learned that the Secret Service exercised responsibility for Mrs. Oswald only during the period she testified before the Commission.

WF T-1 believed that a nurse stayed with Mrs. Oswald and her child during the period of her testimony; that because of the fact that there was no separate billing for this woman, he believed she was utilized by the Secret Service; that she departed the same time they did. WF T-1 said nurse occupied one of beds in same room as Mrs. Oswald, he believed. Mrs. Oswald's child slept in a crib moved into the suite.

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WF T-1 said that Mrs. Oswald's registration revealed that she did not check out according to a departure stamp thereon until 9:41 a.m. on February 9, 1964.

WF T-1 said that registration number E4310 in the name of Jim Martin, 11611 Farrar, Dallas, Texas, revealed a stamped arrival of 8:00 p.m., February 2, 1964. According to this record, Martin was originally assigned room 633. He subsequently moved to room 625. Then according to a room change or change of rate slip he moved from 625 to room 345 in the Abraham Lincoln Suite on February 7, 1964 at 5:19 p.m., as indicated by a date stamp on the slip. The time of departure stamped on the reverse of the registration form is 2:02 p.m. on February 9, 1964.

WF T-1 said that registration card E4311 for John M. Thorne, 302 W. College, Grand Prairie, Texas, revealed a date stamp showing he checked in at 8:01 p.m. on February 2, 1964. Thorne was originally assigned to room 632, moved to room 618, and then to room 345 of the Abraham Lincoln Suite. According to a room or rate change slip dated February 7, 1964, Thorne moved to 345 from 618 on that date. Although there is no time stamp on this slip, WF T-1 said the change was undoubtedly at the same time as Martin's since the same clork's name appears on both slips. The time of departure stamped on the registration card reverse is 2:02 p.m., February 9, 1964. No further change of rooms was indicated for Marina Oswald, Martin or Thorne, WF T-1 said.

WF T-1 said that the Presidential Commission was billed for expenses of Mrs. Oswald until the departure of the Secret Service Agents on February 7, 1964. Her subsequent expenses of about \$95.00 were billed to: Mr. Jim Martin, Box 1407, Prairie, Texas. Thorne's entire expenses were billed in the same manner.

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WF T-1 said he had gained the impression from the way Mrs. Oswald looked at her business manager, Martin, that she was "sweet" on him. He remarked to an unrecalled Sceret Service Agent that Mrs. Oswald seemed to be enamored with Martin, and the latter remarked, as if in agreement, that he felt sorry for Martin's absent wife. WF T-1 said the house-keeper who handled the suite in question said that Martin and Mrs. Oswald always seemed to be together whenever she was around the suite. WF T-1 said he had no further information in this respect. He did mention that Martin was quite attentive to her child while they were at the hotel, but thought part of this was for publicity effect.

WF T-1 said he had received no complaints whatsoever pertaining to Mrs. Oswald's stay at the hotel. He said that a complaint of any nature would have been brought immediately to his attention.

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