

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: 2-20-64

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - D. J. Brennan
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan

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In connection with the incident that occurred between Marina Oswald and her business manager, James Herbert Martin, during Marina's recent stay in Washington, D. C. when she testified before the Commission, the Commission has requested this Bureau to conduct appropriate investigation to develop full circumstances surrounding the incident. One of the things the Commission desired us to obtain was whether the [redacted] between Martin and Marina Oswald occurred at a time when she was under protective surveillance of the Secret Service.

We contacted the Secret Service in this matter February 19, 1964, and have obtained from them the memorandum setting forth details of its protective detail for Mrs. Marina Oswald. In its memorandum, Secret Service sets forth circumstances which placed Marina Oswald in contact with James Martin on November 24, 1963. Secret Service also sets out data concerning its protective custody of Marina in Dallas during the period following the assassination.

Secret Service also sets out in detail its coverage of Marina Oswald during the period February 2 - February 7, 1964, when Marina testified before the President's Commission. Secret Service reports that it afforded Mrs. Oswald protective attention until 2/7/64 at approximately 2:30 P.M. when Secret Service discontinued its protection at the request of Mrs. Oswald.

The Secret Service memorandum reports that Agent Gopadze notified his superior February 3, 1964, that Mr. Norman Redlich of the Commission's staff reported to him a rumor which had been received by the Commission that Martin and Mrs. Oswald were in love with each other. Special Agent Gopadze was instructed to interview Marina about this rumor and Marina indicated that she felt Martin was falling in love with her and that Martin had told her she should buy a small house in Dallas and perhaps some day they could be married. Special Agent Gopadze indicated he told Marina she was playing a very dangerous game; and that if she got messed up in a divorce suit, she might find herself in trouble with immigration authorities.

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The Secret Service memorandum reveals that Secret Service Inspector Thomas J. Kelley informed Mr. Rankin of the Commission on February 6, 1964, that Marina desired to be relieved as soon as possible of the Secret Service protective detail and that Mr. Rankin indicated the Commission did not insist on any further surveillance of Marina but would leave the decision as to the withdrawal of the security to Secret Service.

The Secret Service memorandum also reports that one Secret Service agent who had the midnight shift 12:00 to 8:00 A.M. stated that Mr. Martin would not leave Marina's suite until 1:30 or 2:00 A.M. each morning during the period Secret Service maintained its coverage. This agent stated he assumed they stayed up late looking at television since he heard the television on very late and he did not consider the incident as being significant in view of their past relationship.

In connection with the above, it is noted that in our interview with Marina Oswald February 19, 1964, at which time she admitted engaging in [redacted] with Martin, she stated such act took place on the night of February 7, 1964, and after Secret Service had withdrawn its protective detail.)

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to J. Lee Rankin furnishing him a copy of the Secret Service memorandum wherein Secret Service set out information concerning its protective detail for Mrs. Marina Oswald.

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