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MARINA OSWALD was interviewed in the office of Attorney WILLIAM A. MC KENZIE, Fidelity Union Life Building, Dallas, Texas, on February 19, 1964. She requested that she be interviewed in her attorney's office and made the further request that Mrs. DECLAN (KATHERINE) P. FORD be present during the interview, as Mrs. FORD speaks both Russian and English and as the subject matter of the interview was of a most delicate nature. Also present during part of the interview was Mr. WILLIAM A. MC KENZIE, MARINA OSWALD's attorney.

On February 20, 1964, MARINA OSWALD reviewed a typewritten statement prepared of the facts previously given by her and after she had made changes as requested by her, signed this statement. Also present at the reading of the statement was Mrs. FORD at the request of MARINA OSWALD.

The statement furnished by MARINA OSWALD is as follows:

February 19, 1964
Dallas, Texas

"I, MARINA OSWALD, give the following voluntary statement to ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV and WALLACE R. HEITMAN whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas, Texas.

"On about November 25, 1963, while I was residing at the Inn of the Six Flags, Arlington, Texas, under the security of the U. S. Secret Service, I was told by one of the Secret Service Agents that JAMES HERBERT MARTIN, whom I know as JIM MARTIN, had invited me and my two daughters to reside at his home as guests. I was invited to the MARTIN home for Thanksgiving dinner and I accepted this invitation. I had seen JIM MARTIN at the Inn of the Six Flags and had first thought he had something to do with cleaning up the room, but later I learned he held some position with the Inn.

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"During my visit at the MARTIN residence on Thanksgiving, 1963, MR. and MRS. MARTIN told me that they would like for me and my daughters to reside with them as guests. I agreed to do so and offered to pay my share of the expenses. I moved into the MARTIN house on about November 29 or 30, 1963.

"About two weeks after I moved into the MARTIN residence, I was told by Special Agent LEON GOPADZE, U. S. Secret Service, that MARTIN had advised that I needed an attorney, and he, MARTIN, had a good friend named THORNE, who was an attorney. At the same time, GOPADZE, who speaks Russian, told me, for MARTIN, I needed a business manager too. I suggested that one of my Russian-speaking friends in Dallas would be a good business manager. MARTIN asked, through GOPADZE, if it would be agreeable if he served as my business manager and I said that would be o.k. I had not requested MARTIN to be my manager, because I thought he was working at a steady job and would not have the time. Early in December, 1963, I signed contracts with JIM MARTIN and JOHN M. THORNE, designating them as my business manager and lawyer, respectively. At this time I felt MARTIN was a kind man and his interest in me was based upon sympathy for me.

"Sometime in December, 1963, my woman's intuition told me that MARTIN had a personal feeling of love for me. On New Year's Eve, 1963, MR. MARTIN and his wife WANDA went to a New Year's Eve party and returned about 1:00 AM, January 1, 1964. In the presence of WANDA, MARTIN asked me if he would give me a New Year's kiss and I refused. Later on that date, MARTIN caught me in the hallway when I went to attend to one of my children and told me he loved me and then he kissed me. I told him he should not kiss me. MARTIN replied I should not worry and that he would not harm me. During this early morning on New Year's day, MARTIN put on a Mario Lanza record in which he sang some tunes of love and while the record was on, MARTIN's 'eyes ate me up'. I felt flattered by this attention but

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felt that JIM probably did it because he thought I was alone on this day. JIM had been drinking and I thought he would forget the whole thing in the morning.

"Thereafter, while I was at the MARTIN house, MARTIN spoke of his love for me daily. He never missed a chance to hug me or kiss me. He always hugged me or kissed me when his wife or children or the Secret Service Agents were not around. I recall on one occasion, MARTIN had bought a phonograph record. He came to my bedroom and told me to come to the living room and listen to the record, particularly the second tune, which he said was for me. I came to the living room and MRS. MARTIN and JIM MARTIN were also there, listening to the record. I did not understand the words of the second tune and MRS. MARTIN explained the words to me, that the song was about a man who said that one woman owned his heart while another had his name. I became very ill at ease and I saw that MRS. MARTIN was very confused. Later I told MARTIN not to play any more records like that, as MRS. MARTIN was upset.

Then MARTIN began coming home earlier in the evening and calling me on the telephone during the day when he told me of his love. He was always ready to take me to the store if I needed to go or to the cemetery to visit my husband's grave.

"About Saturday, January 4, 1964, JIM invited me to have dinner with him at the La Tunisia Restaurant in Dallas and I accepted. He explained to his wife that I needed to relax. We went alone and sat at a booth alone in the restaurant. Two Secret Service Agents sat at a table nearby. We had shrimp cocktail, lobster, salad, and a very good wine. At this restaurant he professed his love for me again and I replied that everything would be fine if it were not for his family.

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"I felt a sense of shame on several occasions when MARTIN was acting this way and I told him that we should stop this. Before we went to the La Tunisia Restaurant I had thought of moving out of the MARTIN house. After the date at the La Tunisia Restaurant, I told MRS. MARTIN that I would like to move out because I felt myself a burden. Both JIM MARTIN and WANDA MARTIN came to me and asked me to please stay. JIM accused WANDA of doing something to make me want to move. I decided to stay so as not to further aggravate the situation. MARTIN had told me it was better to reside at his house because there he could see me every day. He said if I moved and refused to see him, he would not even feel like coming back to his own home.

"I believed MARTIN when he told me that he loved me.

"I did not ever have sexual intercourse with MARTIN at his house. He suggested on a couple of occasions that we have sexual intercourse. He said that MRS. MARTIN played bridge on Tuesday morning and that would be a good time. I replied that I did not desire to soil the house in which I lived. JIM came back to the house on several Tuesday mornings, but we were never intimate on these occasions.

"I told MARTIN that I would never become his wife, because I did not want him to break up his family, but that I would not mind him being my lover for the period that he loved me. JIM and I discussed plans. We planned that I would have my own house and he would come to visit me and we would be lovers. He would tell MRS. MARTIN that he was going to New York or somewhere.

"During the time that I spent at the MARTIN house, JIM bought me various presents.

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"On about January 15, 1964, I decided that I would begin acting cool toward MARTIN. One evening during a meal, I was very cool toward him. I noticed that he became very distracted and after the meal was over, he left the house for a couple of hours. MRS. MARTIN told me that this was the first time in fifteen years of marriage that he had done anything like this. When he came back to the house, he caught me alone and told me 'What is the matter with you--do you want me to divorce my wife?' MRS. MARTIN at the time, was at the washateria. JIM said 'My only tie to my wife is my children!'. He begged me not to be cool toward him as it made him very unhappy. I felt he was sincere. However, on several occasions I told him that he was only playing with me but he professed his true love.

"Many times MARTIN told me that he desired me and wanted me to go to bed with him.

"MARTIN and THORNE accompanied me to Washington, D.C. on February 2, 1964, as I was to testify before the Commission on the assassination of the President. Secret Service Agents also accompanied me and I was under surveillance during my stay in Washington until about Noon, February 7, 1964. The Secret Service discontinued their surveillance at my express wishes. I had rooms at the Willard Hotel on the third floor, two rooms for myself and my daughter, JUNE. The Secret Service Agents were staying next to me in another room. MARTIN and THORNE occupied a room on another floor at this same hotel.

"During the days when I was testifying before the Commission, MARTIN made himself very useful by taking care of JUNE. At every opportunity, he professed his love for me and would hug and kiss me. He told me he hated to return to Dallas. He propositioned me to have sexual intercourse with him, but I refused him.

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"Sometime during the period of my testimony in Washington, Secret Service Agent LEON GOPADZE told me there were rumors that MARTIN loved me. He said these rumors might be so detrimental to me that it might lead to my deportation from this country. I told JIM MARTIN what GOPADZE had said. MARTIN replied that he had friends and if it came to a matter of deportation, he could arrange fictitious marriage, which would forestall deportation. MARTIN assured me that no one would know of our intimacies.

"On Friday, February 7, 1964, about Noon, the Secret Service ceased the surveillance of me. MARTIN and THORNE moved into the room which the Secret Service had occupied, about 4:00 or 5:00 PM the same day. On Friday, JIM and I went out to eat and thereafter, we walked around through the stores. We returned to the hotel about 7:00 or 8:00 PM. While we were walking around, JIM told me that persons who did not know, would think we were husband and wife and what a nice family we were. JIM liked that idea. At the time we were talking with JUNE. When we returned to the hotel about 7:00 or 8:00 PM, on Friday, February 7, 1964, THORNE was either there or came in shortly. We had the doors between MARTIN's and THORNE's rooms and my rooms open and were using all the rooms as an apartment. About 8:30 PM, THORNE went to his room to retire. JIM and I decided to go into THORNE's room and take a picture of him while he lay on the bed. When we entered the room, THORNE woke up. We did not take the picture.

"THORNE had taken a picture of me earlier, while I was resting on the couch in my room. He had put his coat on the couch and his hat, a gin bottle and a glass on the table nearby as props. THORNE took this picture with a Polaroid camera. He said he did this for a joke. THORNE kept the picture.

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"After we left THORNE in his room, MARTIN and I returned to my bedroom. I took a bath and was partly dressed when I re-entered the bedroom. JIM finished undressing me and we thereafter had sexual intercourse. This was with my consent and I did not resist. MARTIN did not make me perform any unnatural sex acts. During the night when we were sleeping together, JIM told me that he had no assurance that if he divorced his wife and married me that I would not drop him in a year or two and then he would be without his own family and without me too. I told him that I did not want him to divorce his wife. We returned to Dallas on Saturday, February 8, 1964. The night of February 7 - 8, 1964, is the only time that I have ever had sexual intercourse with MARTIN.

"After returning to Dallas on Saturday, February 8, 1964, I stayed at the MARTIN house. ROBERT GEWALD, my brother-in-law, came to the MARTIN house on Sunday, February 9, 1964, about 10:00 AM. JUNE and I accompanied him to the cemetery to visit my husband's grave. ROBERT recommended that I leave the MARTIN house, and I agreed to do so. He suggested that I come and live with him at Denton, Texas, which I agreed to do. He told me that it was my own decision to make as to whether I should dismiss MARTIN and THORNE as my manager and attorney. I told him that I desired to dismiss them and ROBERT agreed that this was a wise decision. That day ROBERT took me and my children to his house in Denton, Texas.

"The next day, Monday, I was taken to the doctor by WANDA, ROBERT's wife, and we stopped by the MARTIN house, where I picked up my clothes. MARTIN was not there but while I was there he called and I talked to him on the telephone. I told him he and I and WANDA should get together to talk the whole affair over and his wife should know the whole truth. He agreed to come to ROBERT's house on Tuesday, the next day.

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"MARTIN did not show up at ROBERT CONRAD's house on Tuesday, February 11, 1964. That evening I called MARTIN on the telephone. His wife was on the extention telephone and we had a three-way conversation. I told MARTIN that I was ending his services as my business manager and as my lover. I told him that he should tell WANDA everything and WANDA said that JIM had told her everything. WANDA, while on the telephone, reminded me of what she said in a previous conversation with me - that if JIM found another woman she would divorce him. WANDA said she now knew that JIM loved her and still loves her and the family and that she would not divorce him. During this conversation I asked JIM why he had told me he loved me when it was not true. He replied he did not know what had happened - that he had loved two women at one time.

"On February 13, 1964, I talked to MR. WILLIAM A. MC KENZIE, an attorney in Dallas, upon the suggestion of ROBERT CONRAD. MR. and MRS. DECLAN FORD, friends of mine with whom I now reside went with me to MC KENZIE's office. MRS. FORD translated for me. MC KENZIE told me that he could not represent me until I advised both MARTIN and THORNE by registered letter that I was dismissing them as business manager and attorney, respectively. On February 14, 1964, MR. FORD wrote these letters for me and on the advice of MR. FORD and his wife, I signed them. MR. MC KENZIE is now my attorney.

"After going with ROBERT to his home on Sunday, February 9, 1964, I decided that I wanted to reside in Dallas. I knew MRS. DECLAN FORD, whom I knew as KATHY, and trusted her as a friend. KATHY came to see me at ROBERT's house and I asked her if I could come to live with her temporarily and she invited me to do so. Last Tuesday, February 11, 1964, I began living with the FORDS, at 14057 Brookcrest, in Dallas. I am staying at this house at the present time.

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"Statement in Russian language.

"/s/ Mrs. Marina N. Cowald

"Witnessed:

Wallace R. Heitman, Spec. Agt. FBI, Dallas, Texas, 2/20/64.
Anatole A. Boguslav, Spec. Agt. FBI, Dallas, Texas, 2/20/64.
Katherine Ford, 14057 Brookcrest Dr., Dallas 40, Tex.

"English translation of the above Russian writing is as follows: I read this statement on this and 9 other typewritten pages. All this is correct and true to best of my knowledge. This statement was translated to me into Russian language by S.A. ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV in the presence of Mrs. Kathy Ford who knows both English and Russian. My initials are under each correction. /s/ Anatole A. Boguslav."

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