

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1963

MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at 11611 Farrar Street.

A photograph of the sling which was attached to the rifle found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building on November 22, 1963, was exhibited to MARINA, and she advised she did not recognize this sling.

With regard to the rifle which OSWALD had at the NEELEY address and at the PAINE garage, MARINA advised she did not recall when OSWALD had purchased the rifle, nor did she know where he purchased it until she found this out from the publicity resulting from the assassination of the President.

She recalls OSWALD's rifle was kept at the NEELEY house in the room where OSWALD had some personal effects. She does not recall how it was transported from Dallas to New Orleans when the OSWALDs moved to the latter city. She said OSWALD had left Dallas for New Orleans about two weeks before she had. Before he left for New Orleans, OSWALD packed some of the effects of the OSWALDs. On the day before he left by bus for New Orleans, several boxes of these effects were

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the rifle. This was the same room in which he kept the "Hands Off Cuba" throw-aways when they arrived by mail.

MARINA did not see OSWALD either take the rifle with him from the house in New Orleans or bring it back with him to the house on any occasion. She never saw him clean it, nor did he ever hold it in her presence as best she can recall.

She cannot recall that he ever practiced firing the rifle either in New Orleans or in Dallas. She does not think he did practice in New Orleans because as a rule he stayed home when he was not working. When he did go out, she did not see him take the rifle.

OSWALD did not have any ammunition for the rifle to her knowledge in either Dallas or New Orleans, and he did not speak of buying ammunition.

MARINA also advised she does not know how the rifle was transported back to Dallas from New Orleans. She opines that the rifle was probably wrapped up in a blanket and was packed by OSWALD when he was packing other effects in New Orleans. She stated that it could have been packed and transported in the PAINE station wagon from New Orleans to Dallas and placed with the other effects in the PAINE garage, but she does not recall that to be the case. She said on the other hand OSWALD may have brought it back. She does not recall that he brought the rifle with him when he returned to Dallas from New Orleans.

After leaving New Orleans, she recalls the next time she saw the rifle was on one occasion when she was in the PAINE garage looking for some steel legs which fitted on her baby JUNE's bed. She noticed the blanket with something wrapped up in it, and she opened one corner to see what it was. She then noticed the stock of the rifle.

She said, as she has related before, on the day of the assassination of the President after Mrs. PAINE told

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her that the President had been shot and the shots had supposedly come from a window of the Texas School Book Depository, she immediately thought of her husband's rifle and went to the garage to see if the rifle was still wrapped up in the blanket. It appeared to her that the blanket had its usual shape and that the rifle would therefore still be in it. She was much surprised when the police later on that day searched the garage and failed to find the rifle in the blanket.

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MARINA recalled other particulars relating to the evening during which she found what she considered to be a farewell note from OSWALD, following which OSWALD had entered the house and made a confession that he had tried to assassinate General WALKER. She said that on the evening in question, OSWALD had departed from the house on Neeley Street ostensibly to attend his typewriting class. He usually returned about nine o'clock from these classes. On this evening when he had not returned by ten o'clock, she became worried. She said intuition led her to the room where OSWALD kept certain personal effects and in this room on a small end table she found the farewell note and on the same table was a key to the mailbox. She stated when she read this note, "her hair stood on end." She could not understand what OSWALD meant by his reference to being taken prisoner. In her mind there was a definite connection between the note and OSWALD's tardiness in returning home. She did not know what to do or to whom to go as she did not speak English. She walked around the apartment, bathed her daughter JUNE, and waited. She does not now recall exactly what she did with the note on the evening of the attempted WALKER assassination but recalls that sometime later she put the note in her cook book, and it stayed there until later found by investigators. There is no doubt in her mind that the author of the note is OSWALD.

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