

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 11/28/63

FROM : SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Re FD-302 of SA's CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., and JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., reflecting interview with Mrs. MARINA OSWALD on 11/27/63.

Following this interview, SA LEON I. GOPADZE of the U. S. Secret Service furnished the following opinion of MARINA OSWALD, which should be considered for future interviews:

He considers MARINA OSWALD to be well indoctrinated, politically and mentally. He explained by this she was born in Russia, educated in Russia, and had lived in Russia, and was well indoctrinated into the Soviet system. He considered her to be of above average intelligence well educated, and she spoke excellent Russian. She has her own ideas about what to answer and she was quiet careful in not incriminating herself or her husband. She was very cool and poised and SA GOPADZE stated he found it very difficult to sway her one way or the other. SA GOPADZE was of the opinion that if she could be offered concrete assurance of help on her present problems she might cooperate. He stated he felt the uppermost problem in her mind at the present time is a desire for the assurance she could remain in the United States and she was desirous of some form of financial assistance. It was noted by all interviewing agents that MARINA OSWALD expressed a strong interest in the mail which she had been receiving, particularly the money and checks. She made the remark, "I did not realize I was so popular". She showed little emotion during the interview and appeared tired, both mentally and physically. She had a smattering of English and appeared to understand more English than indicated.

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