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Mr. Jesse Curry,
Chief of Police,
Dallas, Texas.

Re: Attempted assassination of
General Edwin A. Walker, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Chief Curry:

The following information was developed by this Service relative to the attempted assassination of Retired General Edwin A. Walker, in Dallas, Texas, on April 10, 1963.

On December 2, 1963, there was received from the Irving Police Department, Irving, Texas, some belongings of Mrs. Marina Oswald which had been brought to the Police Station by Mrs. Ruth Paine with whom Mrs. Marina Oswald had been living. When these articles were examined in the Secret Service Office there was found in a book a note written in very poor Russian which was in the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald and which apparently was instructions to his wife what she should do in the event that he should be alive and taken as a prisoner.

On December 3, 1963 Mrs. Marina Oswald was questioned about this note by one of our special agents who speaks Russian and she stated that this note had nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy and that the note was written by her husband prior to his attempted assassination of former General Walker, whom she classified as the head of the Fascist Organization in the United States and who lived in Dallas, Texas, when they, the Oswalds, lived on Neely Street in Dallas; that the note, together with a Post Office key was left on a dresser of their bedroom and after reading the note she was afraid that her husband was planning on doing something dreadful due to his hate for the Fascist Organizations and their beliefs. She also stated that when her husband returned home late that night he was very nervous and finally told her that he shot Walker with his rifle and that it was best for everybody that he got rid of him.

Mrs. Oswald further stated that when it was learned the next day from radios and newspapers that the rifle shot fired by an unknown person had missed Walker that she decided to keep the note as a threat against her husband so that he would not mistreat her again (it was determined that when the Oswalds lived on Neely Street that people living downstairs beneath the Oswalds had complained to the landlord about Oswald beating his wife) which he had promised not to do. She further commented that she did not report this matter to the Police as she loved her husband and particularly that she did not report it to the Police on account of their child. She stated,

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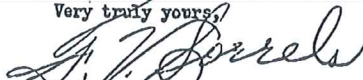
however, that had the shot hit General Walker, that she would have reported the matter to the Police. She was apprehensive about this matter being reported to the Police because she had a fear of being taken in custody by the Police because the information contained in this letter regarding the General Walker incident and the rifle would show that she had not told the Police all she knew when she was shown and questioned about the rifle that was used to assassinate President Kennedy.

On Dec. 10, 1963, our Special Agent had an opportunity to question Mrs. Marina Oswald more in detail regarding the General Walker incident and she stated that Lee Harvey Oswald told her that once before taking the shot at General Walker on April 10, 1963, he had gone to the Walker residence for the same purpose but he had changed his mind as the place had not looked just right for him and that 3 days prior to April 10, 1963, he took his rifle out of the house and buried it in a field near Walker's house. Mrs. Oswald further stated that upon her husband's return to the house after he had tried to kill General Walker and telling her about it that 3 days later she saw him taking his military green raincoat for the purpose of wrapping the rifle and bringing it home. However, she stated that when he returned home she did not see the rifle but several days later she saw the rifle on a shelf in the apartment where he always kept it. She also stated that the evening her husband shot at Walker he told her that the church which is located near the Walker house had some gathering; that there was plenty of noise and that after the shooting of Walker he buried the rifle in the same place.

Mrs. Marina Oswald further stated that Lee Harvey Oswald told her after reading in newspapers that some young man saw an automobile containing three men pulling away from the scene of the shooting; that the Americans always think they should have a car to get away from the scene of the crime but that he had rather use his feet to do so rather than a car, and he stated that he had taken a bus to go to the Walker residence and that he took a different bus to return home after the shooting.

Mrs. Marina Oswald was questioned as to how she was able to explain to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, concerning the attempted assassination of General Walker by her husband, and she replied that she did to the best of her knowledge of the English language, and that no one else knew about the shooting at General Walker by her husband excepting her and her mother-in-law.

Very truly yours,


Forrest V. Sorrels,
Special Agent in Charge.

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