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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you are aware, Marina Oswald recently testified before the Commission over a period of four days and members of the Commission staff are currently reviewing her transcript. Thus far, several items suggest that additional investigation be conducted and the Commission has requested me to pass them on to your Bureau for that purpose. After the review mentioned above has been completed, additional items may suggest themselves, however, for the time being we would appreciate the following:

(1) Marina made reference to "two thick books on the history of the United States" which were carefully read by Lee Harvey Oswald while they were reading on Elsbeth Street in Fort Worth, Texas, which do not appear to be part of the inventory of items in the possession of either your Bureau or Texas authorities. The Commission feels the books may have significant value in terms of underlining and marginal notation, and accordingly requests an appropriate investigation of Mrs. Paine and the Dallas Police to determine their identity and location.

(2) At one point in her Commission testimony, Marina flatly states that the rifle she saw at their Neeley Street, Dallas, Texas address, did not have a scope on it. Later in her testimony she stated that she saw the scope on the rifle at a later date and that it had probably been on before, although she had not paid attention initially.

In this connection, we are aware that the report of Special Agent Warren De Brucye dated December 2, 1963, at page 655 contains an interview of Mr. Waldman, an official of the Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, Illinois, in which he stated that the Store's records indicated the rifle believed to be used by Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy was shipped to Dallas

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"by parcel post not broken down with bolts and scope intact." We are further aware that another Bureau report, that of Special Agent Shannon, dated December 10, 1963, includes an interview of Mr. Mitchell Miller, another Klein Sporting Goods employee, in which the latter stated that the store's records were such as to indicate that if normal procedure were followed, the scope was attached to the rifle when the store shipped it to Dallas. Supplementing paragraph numbered 5 of my letter to you dated February 21, 1964, the Commission desires that an attempt be made to confirm or negate the apparent fact that the scope was attached to the rifle when it was shipped to Dallas would be most helpful because if, in fact, the scope was mounted when shipped, then Marina may have been viewing a different weapon. On the other hand, should your investigation show that the rifle sold by Klein's was shipped without the scope attached, then Oswald would have had to have it mounted if, in fact, Oswald used that gun and scope at the time of the Walker incident, which followed the shipment by approximately two weeks.

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(3) Marina testified that Lee Harvey Oswald practiced with the rifle in the vicinity of Love Field while they lived at their Neeley Street, Dallas, Texas, address during the period, March 3, 1963 to April 24, 1963. She stated that she accuses Oswald fired the weapon during this period because she saw him clean it. The Commission believes that a thorough investigation of the Love Field area together with any rifle ranges in the vicinity is appropriate. It further believes that a check of the route which Oswald would take to get to Love Field might indicate the store where he may have purchased ammunition and obtained scope mounting service if such was required by him.

(4) When testifying before the Commission, Marina identified the enclosed yellow legal size yellow sheet, on which are written Russian words with an English interlinear translation. She stated that the Russian words were written by George Souhe, and that she wrote the English words and that this document related to her study of the English language. This document is probably the one referred to in Special Agent Robert Gemberling's report, dated December 10, 1963. The Commission would appreciate a handwriting identification to confirm or refute the alleged fact that the Russian words appearing thereon were written by George Souhe. In addition, if this document is not the one referred to by Agent Gemberling as indicated above, we would appreciate your so advising.

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(5) Marina testified that Lee Harvey Oswald was right-handed. Marguerite Oswald in her testimony, contradicts this and claims he was left-handed. If feasible, an examination of the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald should be undertaken to settle this question.

(6) During her testimony, Marina stated she was unable to identify the 15 power telescope and a hunting knife with a 4-5 inch blade submitted by the Bureau. Accordingly, we would appreciate further investigation as to whether these items belong to the Paines and if not, an attempt to trace their origin and ownership.

For your further information, we wish to advise that during her testimony before the Commission, Marina stated that she believes Lee Harvey Oswald did not know how to drive. Inasmuch as different persons interviewed have made statements which leave the question unconclusively determined, we are passing the information so that you may be aware of her sworn statement in this regard.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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