

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (62-3588)

DATE: 1/21/65

FROM : W.R. HEITMAN, SA

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REPORT OF
WARREN COMMISSION

I have reviewed Vol 1 of these hearings and have noted the following items of possible interest. Matters previously noted by the Bureau and on which appropriate action has been taken are not herein noted.

In the testimony of ROBERT EDWARD LEE OSWALD ON Feb. 21, 1964 on pages 410-412 the witness is describing an interview of MARINA OSWALD at the Inn of the Six Flags. The witness identifies one of the interviewing agents as MR. BROWN but did not know the name of the other interviewing agent. (C.T. BROWN, SA, has identified the other agent as SA JAMES P. HOSTY). The witness said (HOSTY) was harsh in his manner of interviewing MARINA. The witness said "they" were implying that if MARINA did not cooperate with the FBI "they" would deport her back to Russia. SA LEON GOPADZE of the USSS was interpreting and it appears SA MIKE HOWARD of USSS and ROBERT EDWARD LEE OSWALD were present during this interview of MARINA.

It is believed consideration should be given to bringing this point to the Bureau's attention for the purpose of a determination as to whether affidavits from SAS BROWN and HOSTY should be obtained in this regard.

The same witness on the same date (see page 410, bottom of page) stated that he realized there was some friction between the FBI and the USSS. He stated that he was of the opinion that the USSS did not want the FBI to be aware of a tape recording made by USSS of an interview of MARINA OSWALD.

I do not believe that much can be gained from either questioning ROBERT OSWALD or pressing the USSS on this point but it might be well to record this item for informational purposes in correspondence to the Bureau.

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This same witness on the same date (see page 446 middle of page) stated the FBI agents had kept MARINA in interview on the second occasion until she was almost exhausted. (It is believed witness referred to the first interview of MARINA conducted by SAS ANATONE BOGUSLAV and W.R. HEITMAN). In this connection it will be pointed out that reference to MARINA'S physical condition was referred to in 302 record of that interview. Also MARINA

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advised that the interviewing agents did not wish to exhaust her and she was requested to advise the agents if she needed a respite. It will be admitted the questioning was lengthy and detailed but it was an important interview and time was important. Her tiredness was not due completely to the questioning as will be readily recognized.

Witness JAMES HERBERT MARTIN in testimony on 2/27/64 (see page 494 495) describes a reported conversation between himself and SA HEITMAN concerning the possible way that the newspapers might have prematurely gotten the story about OBWALD's attempt on GENERAL WALKER'S life. The witness said he had wondered how the newspapers had gotten the story. He was asked by Mr. REDLICH of the Commission staff if he had asked any agents of the FBI or USSS and he replied, "Yes, Mr. HEITMAN". Witness then said HEITMAN had told him that the story had not come from the Dallas Office of the FBI but it was his opinion the story had gotten to the newspapers through Washington (the headquarters of the FBI, the Justice Department).

In this connection I make the following statement. I do not recall any conversation with MARTIN concerning this incident. I deny that I told MARTIN that the story came from the FBI in Washington or the Department in Washington. I would not have told MARTIN this under any circumstances. I was always most circumspect in my dealings with MARTIN.

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