

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan

August 26, 1964

- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Stokes

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD**

At approximately 12:10 p.m. on August 24, 1964, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, telephonically contacted the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and asked to speak to Special Agent in Charge J. Gordon Shanklin. Mrs. Oswald was advised that Mr. Shanklin was then not available, whereupon she stated that perhaps she should contact "Herbert Hoover."

Mrs. Oswald stated she wanted it known that she had nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy, but that as far as she was concerned, everyone else was under suspicion. She added that she had information which might involve an Agent of the FBI.

When questioned as to the identity of the Agent, she refused to divulge same over the telephone. She indicated a desire to give a deposition concerning the information in her possession and consented to be interviewed by our Agents from Fort Worth, Texas.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., August 24, 1964, Mrs. Oswald telephonically contacted Assistant Director William C. Sullivan. She stated that she desired to furnish some information, whereupon Mr. Sullivan told her he would accept the information. She then told Mr. Sullivan that she was not going to pay for the telephone call as she had considerable to say and it would be costly. She stated that she did not want to furnish her information to our local office in Texas and desired to be called back. She then furnished to Mr. Sullivan an indistinct telephone number and, when asked for the address from which she was calling, she discontinued the conversation.

At approximately 2:23 p.m., August 24, 1964, a woman identifying herself as Margaret (phonetic) Oswald

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of Fort Worth, Texas, and who claimed to be the mother of Leo Harvey Oswald, telephonically contacted Special Agent Robert P. Finzel of our Washington Field Office. Mrs. Oswald claimed to have received an anonymous telephone call on August 24, 1964, to the effect that the hotel bill of Mr. Hugh Aynesworth, a writer for "The Dallas Morning News," "was being paid by the FBI."

She continued that she thereafter telephoned Aynesworth at EA 7-3015 and the conversation was as follows:

Mrs. Oswald: Hello Hugh.

Aynesworth: How are you Lu (phonetic)?

Mrs. Oswald: How would you like another FBI scoop?

Aynesworth: Oh, it is you Mrs. Hosty (phonetic).

At this point Mrs. Oswald claims she hung up.

She identified Hosty as an FBI Agent of the Dallas Office and stated her belief that Hosty or Mrs. Hosty is furnishing information to Aynesworth.

She identified Aynesworth as a newspaperman who published Lee's (Oswald's) diary and other unauthorized articles connected with the Warren Commission Report.

Mrs. Oswald further advised that she learned from her informant, whom she refused to identify, that a former Agent of the FBI, John Fain, 52 years of age, retired, residing at Houston, Texas, "was in New Orleans and paid Lee's (Oswald's) fine at the time he was arrested on the Fair Play for Cuba charge."

Mrs. Oswald furnished no additional information and terminated the conversation.

On the afternoon of August 24, 1964, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, was contacted by Special Agents Robley D. Madland and Richard L. Wihl of our Dallas Office. She refused to be interviewed by the Agents stating that she gave the information in her possession to Mr. Sullivan of the FBI in Washington, D. C., by long distance



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telephone conversation on that date. Mrs. Oswald said she "decided to go to the top" with the information she had as it concerned a local problem in connection with "the case," and she did not want "to get involved." Mrs. Oswald said that the information she gave Mr. Sullivan would have to come from him as she had spent her money in order to call Washington, D. C., and she would not give the information to "ordinary Agents."

She volunteered that she did have some "gossip" which she desired to pass along. In this regard she said that some two weeks ago she was invited to New York to appear on the Les Crane television program. She said that on August 7, 1964, she was taping the program for the Les Crane show in New York City and was on a panel with Crane and Melvin Belli, former attorney for Jack Ruby. She stated that she "outsmarted" Belli on five different occasions during the program and the audience "absolutely loved it." Mrs. Oswald said she learned after this program that Belli came to Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, to confer with Jack Ruby in his cell which act she did not think was proper because he, Belli, no longer represented Ruby.

For purposes of clarity all times indicated herein are expressed as Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

**NOTE:**

Letterhead prepared for dissemination to President's Commission. One copy to Dallas with copy 8/27/64; letter to Commission and one copy to WFO by O-7 on 8/27/64.