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Lee's Letter to Marina Hinted at Fateful Future

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Edwn Walker the previous spring. The letter concludes by telling her the site of the city jail in case "I am alive and taken prisoner."

The files show that Marina told the FBI she was watching television with a friend when the bulletin about the President's shooting was broadcast that Friday noon. When she heard that the shots might have come from the Texas Schoolbook Depository, she said she exclaimed: "Did my crazy one do it?"

She then ran to the garage where Oswald kept his mail-order Italian rifle wrapped in a blanket and saw that the blanket was still there in its usual shape and assumed the rifle was still inside.

Marina Oswald also said that on the night before Kennedy was killed, her estranged husband visited her and stayed the night, once again wearing his wedding ring. After the shooting, she noticed that he had left the ring on her dresser, something he never did before. She speculated that he left it "because he thought he was coming back."

Although J. Edgar Hoover identified Oswald hours after the shooting as a

suspect, describing him as a "leftist nut", the files show the FBI had trouble at first in evaluating a man who one day would hand out leaflets on a New Orleans street corner for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, then walk into a storefront headquarters for an anti-Castro group the next day and offer his services. He boasted that as an ex-marine he had familiarity with "guerrilla tactics."

The files also show that Oswald and his wife wanted to return to Russia as late as two weeks before Kennedy's death.

In a Nov. 9 note to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, Oswald asked to return and referred to his recent trip to Mexico City where he had stopped at the Soviet Embassy there.

He said they were "unprepared" for him at the embassy in Mexico City and added, "Had I been able to reach the Soviet Embassy in Havana, as planned, the embassy there would have had time to complete our business."

It has been known that Oswald visited both the Cuban and Soviet consular offices in Mexico City.