

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. PETER PAUL GREGORY, 3513 Dorothy Lane, Consulting Engineer, Continental National Life Insurance Building, furnished the following information:

GREGORY was born in Russia, has lived in the United States for approximately 45 years, and is a naturalized citizen. He has been teaching Russian at the Fort Worth City Library for many years. During the latter part of May, 1962, he received a telephone call from a man by the name of OSWALD. OSWALD told him that he had obtained GREGORY's name from some person at the Fort Worth Public Library. OSWALD stated that he spoke and translated Russian and was interested in getting a part-time job as a translator in order to make some money. GREGORY told him that he would have to talk to him and acquire some knowledge of OSWALD's Russian before he could recommend him as a translator.

A few days later, OSWALD came by the office of GREGORY and talked to him. GREGORY gave him a book in Russian, and OSWALD translated it into English without any trouble. He stated that OSWALD had very good command of the Russian language. He told OSWALD that he would qualify as a translator; and in the event he heard of anyone needing his services, he would get in touch with him.

At that time, OSWALD was living with his brother in West Ridgelea. Sometime during the early part of June, 1962, GREGORY and his son, PAUL GREGORY, went to the home of OSWALD in West Ridgelea to talk to OSWALD and his wife about PAUL GREGORY's taking lessons in Russian from Mrs. OSWALD. PAUL GREGORY had been studying Russian, but he desired to become a better translator and speaker of the Russian language. They visited with OSWALD and his wife a short time, and Mrs. OSWALD agreed to teach Russian to PAUL GREGORY. PAUL GREGORY took lessons from Mrs. OSWALD about twice a week during the three months of the summer of 1962. On one occasion, Mr. GREGORY took his son to the home of OSWALD for this lesson. At that time, they were living in a small duplex apartment near Montgomery Ward Store in Fort Worth. GREGORY talked to OSWALD and his wife a short

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time on this visit and inquired as to the living conditions and everyday life in the Soviet Union. Mrs. OSWALD told him that she was born in St. Petersburg and that her parents had died when she was a very small child and her uncle and aunt had reared her in Russia. She also said she had one sister still living in Russia. GREGORY did not discuss any policies or form of government with either Mr. or Mrs. OSWALD.

During the latter part of August or around the first of September, 1962, Mr. GREGORY and his wife decided to have a small dinner for the OSWALDS so that they could meet some other Russians from Fort Worth and Dallas. They invited OSWALD and his wife as well as Mrs. ANNA MELLER, 5930 $\frac{1}{2}$ La Vista in Dallas. He also invited Mr. GEORGE BOUHE from Dallas. During this visit, they never discussed politics or any form of government but talked more about living conditions in the Soviet Union. GREGORY related that he did not see or talk to the OSWALDS any more after this dinner at his home in 1962. He heard from mutual friends in Dallas that the OSWALDS had moved to Dallas and that they had had some domestic trouble and also that several of the Russian people in Dallas had tried to help Mr. and Mrs. OSWALD, but they were not too successful in this venture.

GREGORY stated that on Saturday, November 23, 1963, about 4:00 a.m., Secret Service agents came to his home and questioned him about LEE OSWALD and his wife. On the same date at about 4:00 p.m., Secret Service agents came back to his home and asked him if he would go to Dallas and assist them in interviewing OSWALD and his wife. They asked him to be the interpreter, and he stated he would be glad to assist in any way possible. He left his home with Secret Service agents and went to the Dallas Police Department, where he met Mr. ~~ROBERT~~ SOBRIE, who is in charge of the Secret Service Office in Dallas. He sat around the Dallas Police Department for about an hour but never interviewed OSWALD. At that time, the Secret Service agents took him to the Adolphus Hotel, where Mrs. OSWALD and the mother were supposed to be staying. They asked him to be the interpreter in an interview with Mrs. LEE OSWALD.

After arriving at the Adolphus Hotel and waiting around a considerable length of time, the Secret Service agents told him that some persons from Life Magazine had picked up

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Mrs. OSWALD, the wife, as well as the mother and two children and had taken them away from the Adolphus Hotel. He stated at that time the Secret Service agents brought him back to Fort Worth, Texas.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, around 7:00 or 7:30 a.m., he received a call at his home from some unknown person. The woman talked rather excitedly and stated she needed some help. She said she was in Dallas and that she knew him from Fort Worth. GREGORY finally asked her if she was Mrs. OSWALD, the mother of LEE OSWALD. She told him that was correct but not to use her name over the phone. The mother stated that she needed some help over in Dallas and that she wanted to get away and she did not know anyone to call other than Mr. GREGORY. GREGORY told her he would see what he could do, but he did not know exactly how he could help her.

Around 8:00 or 8:30 a.m., this Sunday morning, GREGORY called Mr. MIKE HOWARD and told him about the phone call he had received from the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HOWARD said he would come by and pick up GREGORY and see what they could do. HOWARD did pick up GREGORY, and they drove to the Howard Johnson Restaurant on the Fort Worth-Dallas Turnpike where they met ROBERT OSWALD, brother of LEE OSWALD. ROBERT was in another car with some Secret Service agents. At that time, both cars drove to the Executive Inn, Dallas. ROBERT OSWALD and GREGORY went to the room of Mrs. OSWALD, where they found the mother, wife of OSWALD, and the two children. He and ROBERT OSWALD told them to pack their things as they were leaving. The mother told ROBERT OSWALD that she had \$50.00 that Life Magazine had given her to pay their bill. The brother made the remark, "I do not want any of that money. I will pay the bill myself." GREGORY and ROBERT OSWALD did pay the bill at the office.

The mother, wife, and the two children then left in the two cars and started back toward Fort Worth. After a short distance, Mrs. OSWALD, the mother, said they needed some diapers and other things for the children and they had to go by Mrs. PAINE's house in Irving. The Secret Service men as well as everyone else told Mrs. OSWALD that that would be very bad as a lot of people were around that house and they told her they would not go back to the home

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in Irving. The mother insisted, stating she was an American citizen, that she had certain rights and, "I demand under my rights to go by that house and pick up some clothes for the baby." The Secret Service agents then contacted the Irving Police Department over the radio. They were advised by the Irving Police Department not to go to the house in Irving. The Chief of Police said they could drop by his house and all of them proceeded to the home of the Chief of Police, where they stayed a short time waiting to pick up these clothes. During this time, Mr. HOWARD learned of the shooting of LEE OSWALD. He told MARINA OSWALD and the mother that LEE OSWALD had been shot, but he did not know the extent of his injuries. While they were waiting to get these clothes, they learned that OSWALD had died at Parkland Hospital. The mother then said that she wanted to see the body of her son. The Secret Service men said they could not go to the hospital. They told her that would be very unwise as a lot of people were around that hospital and that would place their lives in danger as well as the lives of the children. The mother again argued with the Secret Service agents as well as with GREGORY and stated that she was an American citizen and she had a right to see her son and that under her rights she was going to see her son. The authorities argued with Mrs. OSWALD and the wife but to no avail. They then drove to Parkland Hospital, where the mother and the wife did see the body of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The brother, ROBERT OSWALD, arrived a little later, but he never was able to see the body of his brother.

They left Parkland Hospital and then drove to a place out in the country not too far from Fort Worth, Texas. GREGORY stated he had been asked not to divulge this location to anyone and he would prefer the FBI obtain this information from the Secret Service.

He remained at this location with Secret Service agents and acted as an interpreter all during the time that the Secret Service agents interviewed Mrs. MARINA OSWALD.

GREGORY believed that Mrs. MARINA OSWALD was telling everything that she knew; and as a result of this interview, he, in his own opinion, did not believe that MARINA OSWALD knew anything about the outside activities of her husband and did not know anything about this assassination other than what she had told the Secret Service.

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