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Mrs. DOROTHY GRAVITIS, 6911 East Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in the presence of her son-in-law, Mr. ILYA MAMANTOV, at whose home she resides. Inasmuch as Mrs. GRAVITIS speaks no English and is of Russian nationality Mr. MAMANTOV interpreted the information which she furnished making translation to English from Russian. All of the information herein is set forth as it was furnished by Mr. MAMANTOV as a result of information given him by his mother-in-law simultaneous to the translation.

Mrs. GRAVITIS first became acquainted with Mrs. MICHAEL PAINE through the fact that Mrs. GRAVITIS had done some teaching of Russian at Berlitz School in Dallas, and Mrs. PAINE had been a student of Russian at this school. Mrs. PAINE had allegedly been a student of Russian previously, possibly at a college in Pennsylvania. Mrs. PAINE's lessons cost her \$6.00 at Berlitz School and subsequent to that time Mrs. GRAVITIS gave Mrs. PAINE lessons in Russian at her, Mrs. GRAVITIS', home at the rate of \$3.00 each. Mrs. PAINE was a good student. Mrs. PAINE corresponded by mail with a teacher in Russia as a means of practicing Russian. Mrs. PAINE allegedly wrote letters to this Russian teacher in Russian, and the teacher corrected the letters grammatically and sent them back to Mrs. PAINE. This Russian teacher was allegedly an instructor in English in Russia. Mrs. GRAVITIS reviewed letters that had been sent to Russia and returned to Mrs. PAINE by the Russian teacher and recalled that the letters discussed domestic matters that might have been of mutual interest to two women, but contained no political discussion.

As a result of her acquaintanceship with Mrs. PAINE, Mrs. GRAVITIS had her first conversation with MARINA OSWALD in about May or June, 1963, by telephone at a time when the PAINEs were out of town. MARINA OSWALD allegedly lived with the PAINE family at that time. Mrs. GRAVITIS had a fairly long conversation with MARINA OSWALD on the first occasion and by way of conversation asked MARINA various questions which as best she can now recall included a question as to where MARINA was from and upon being told that she was from Russia Mrs. GRAVITIS asked

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her where she lived in Russia. MARINA replied that she had lived in Leningrad and had also been in Minsk. Asked why MARINA came to the United States, MARINA replied she came with her husband. When asked if MARINA knew anybody locally, MARINA said she had met some people of Russian descent, apparently in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and that they had helped her a lot. When asked how MARINA and her husband entered the United States so easily, MARINA replied that they had luck. MARINA said she did not want to have further contact with the people who helped her in Dallas and Fort Worth because her husband did not agree with them personality-wise. MARINA described her husband as an idealist. Although MARINA did not refer to her husband as a Communist, Mrs. GRAVITIS interpreted that MARINA's husband was a Communist because she was aware that when someone in Russia says a person is an idealist it means that they support the Communist movement.

When asked where her husband worked, MARINA stated that he was out of work. Mrs. GRAVITIS told MARINA that anybody can get work in this locality; that there is plenty of construction work going on. MARINA replied that construction work was beneath the dignity of her husband. MARINA indicated, however, that she herself would take any kind of employment except for the fact that she had a small child to care for. Mrs. GRAVITIS, thinking that because young men who had gone to Russia from Latvia in years past had returned as photographers, asked MARINA if perhaps MARINA's husband wanted to be a photographer. MARINA replied that he did. When asked if it was difficult to leave her country MARINA replied that it was not difficult and that she had no parents and, therefore, it made it easy for her to leave. MARINA indicated to Mrs. GRAVITIS that her husband had moved about very freely when he was in Russia; that as an American OSWALD was able to have a separate room in which to reside, this room being in effect the same as an apartment. MARINA indicated that had her husband not been an American they may have had to share a room or apartment with others. This was considered a luxury for MARINA and her husband to have been able to reside in a separate room. When they wanted to discuss a matter without being overheard they would take a walk and carry on their discussion while walking. Mrs. GRAVITIS received no information from MARINA that OSWALD had been

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able to possess a gun while in Russia or that he had been able to go hunting while there.

MARINA told Mrs. GRAVITIS that she liked the United States and was very impressed with how freely everything occurred in the United States; she made favorable comments regarding the United States. MARINA told Mrs. GRAVITIS that she baptized her child at St. Serafim Church, an Eastern Orthodox church in Dallas.

After the initial conversation with MARINA OSWALD, Mrs. GRAVITIS had approximately two other conversations over the telephone with MARINA OSWALD, in addition to other conversations with Mrs. PAINE. Mrs. GRAVITIS never met Mrs. OSWALD in person. Mrs. PAINE asked Mrs. GRAVITIS why Mrs. GRAVITIS and her family did not want MARINA OSWALD's husband to come to their house. Mrs. GRAVITIS told Mrs. PAINE that she herself felt that OSWALD was a traitor to the United States inasmuch as he had gone to Russia and then had come back to the United States. Mrs. GRAVITIS made comments to Mrs. PAINE to the effect that Mrs. OSWALD was likely in the underground in the United States as a Communist, and Mrs. PAINE did not reply, therefore, Mrs. GRAVITIS presumed this to be true. Mrs. PAINE never committed herself politically. Mrs. GRAVITIS considers Mrs. PAINE to be a loyal American.

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