

BLAKEY NARRATION: MARINA (OSWALD) PORTER

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Marina Prusakova was born July 17, 1941 in the Russian village of Molostovsk near the White Sea. She was raised, for the most part, by her grandmother.

In August 1959, Marina moved to the city of Minsk, and in March 1961, at a dance, she met a young American who called himself Alik. Six weeks later, Marina Prusakova and Lee Harvey Oswald were married. It is fair to presume that in the succeeding years Marina was the closest person to Lee Oswald.

The Oswalds remained in Russia until June 1962, at which time they moved to the United States. They went to Dallas, the home of Lee's mother and brother. In the spring of 1963, they moved to New Orleans, then back to Dallas in September.

After Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy and then shot to death by Jack Ruby, Mrs. Oswald testified a total of four times before the Warren Commission. All of her testimony was in closed session.

In 1965, Marina married Kenneth Porter.

In October of 1977, Priscilla Johnson McMillan published her Marina and Lee, a book in which Marina cooperated so as to "speak, through her more capable words, the things that the people should know."

It would now be appropriate, Mr. Chairman, to call Mrs. Marina Porter.