

Receipts for A-E
Chronology, informant
on LHO's
Wedding Ring

11/30/63 Secret Service interview by Gopadze

"Marina Oswald further stated that the following day (Friday) when she got up from her bed, after the departure of her husband, she noticed his wedding ring laying on the top of their bedroom dresser. She stated that he never to her knowledge took off his ring before, and that at that time she thought it was a strange thing for him to do."

2/27/64 J.H. Martin testified that sometime in December 1963 Marina had told him that Oswald had left his wedding band on the dresser and that she had found his wedding band on the dresser when she got up the next morning, which was strange. She did not actually say this to him personally, but Leon Gopadze translated from the Russian what Marina had said to him.

12/4/63 FBI interview, Marina Oswald

"She said she remembered that Oswald had on his wedding ring on the evening of November 21, 1963. Marina advised that on November 22, 1963, when the police came to the Paine house and searched it, they had found Oswald's marriage ring on a dresser in the room which she, Marina, used. She said she had not seen his ring on the dresser before that. She advised the last time she had seen the ring was on the hand of Oswald the evening before...Marina advised she thought it strange that Oswald should take the ring off his finger and leave it on the dresser, as he evidently did. She says she does not know why he did it. " She did not think the leaving of the ring had any special importance or was of a symbolic nature. She said it was possible that he may have left the ring because he knew he was not coming back.

12/9/63 FBI interview

"She said she had been shocked when she discovered the police had found her husband's wedding ring when they searched the Paine residence on November 22, 1963."

1/15/64 FBI interview

"Marina stated she had not discovered Oswald's wedding ring on the dresser in her room at the Ruth Paine home the morning of November 22, 1963, upon getting up that morning. She said she had not seen it until the police came to her house to search it, following the arrest of Oswald on November 22, 1963. She had not noticed the ring on the dresser before the police came. She advised she recalled calling Ruth Paine later in that day, November 22, 1963, or the following day, to tell her about the ring."

2/3/64 testimony: Mrs. Marina Oswald "After the police had already come, I noticed that Lee had left his wedding ring."

She says also that while at Fort Worth, LHO would remove his wedding ring because it was rather wide and bothered him, but he would not leave it at home. (If, as she says, he would remove it at work, how did she know about it? Did he tell her?)

3/13/64 Mrs. Katherine Ford testified that Marina had told her (after her WC testimony early February 1964), arguing that LHO was guilty, "Well, if Lee didn't kill the President why did he come home on Thursday and why did he leave his ring at home..." She felt that the leaving of the ring meant that he did not think he would return.

3/19/64 Ruth Paine testimony: "One or two FBI agents came to my home, I think Odum was one of them, and said that Marina had inquired after and wanted Lee's wedding ring, and he asked me if I had any idea where to look for it. I said I'll look first in the little tea cup that is from her grandmother, and on top of the chest of drawers in the bedroom where she had stayed. I looked and it was there...I had no way of knowing whether or not Marina had known that he left it. I was not instructed where to look for it...I gave it to Mr. Odum who was withme in the room..."

unknown date,
Contradicts Marina's
FBI interview testimony (she called
1/15/64 RP 11/22 or 23/63 "to
tell her about the
ring."

September 1964 WR 15 "On the dresser he left his wedding ring, which he had never done before."