

Answered by  
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Dear Mrs. Meagher,

Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions I recently addressed to you. I imagine, that by this time, I'm only one of many individuals whom have knocked-at-your-door.

I'm sending along copies of some letters I have received; most of them cover some of the areas of the Commission's work that you, and others have mentioned. Time really flies, and most of the members of Congress and the press are worthless - when it comes to more prodding.

I have questions in two areas, if you can answer them. The first concerns Oswald's revolver - purchase. WR 172-174 discusses this subject. The Michaelis Exhibits on WR 173 do not show the date on which 'Hidell' received the pistol. Does Michaelis Exhibit #3 or CF 135, indicate that date? Cong. Fred Rooney is trying to find out what happened to the RFA receipt, which 'Hidell' must have signed when he went to get the pistol. The local RFA office informed me, that they request persons receiving (OD) items to fill out the OD draft, so that they are 'covered', as far as mistaken money-amounts are concerned. I'll let you know what Mr. Rooney discovers.

The other question concerns Oswald's trip to the USSR. You pointed out the Commission's 'non-finding' of the route from London to Helsinki. The copy of the letter from the Swedish Embassy is enclosed; the Finnish Embassy also replied, but dodged the question concerning his entry.

On WR 690, we have, \* (at end of 2nd para. from bottom) "He left Helsinki by train on the following day, crossed the Finnish-Russian border at Vainikkala, and arrived in Moscow on October 16." <sup>483</sup>  
The footnote refers to three items: WR 862 - Oswald's Passport, His Diary, and evidently some document supplied by the USSR. What I would like to know is this, what do the

entries on page 8 of Oswald's Passport consist of? You can't tell from the footnote - whether all the items cited concern his arrival in Moscow, or not. Also, is there an entry in the passport concerning the place where he entered the USSR?

I want to get this information prior to getting one of my 'friendly' members of Congress to go to work on Finnair, SAS, BEA on the passenger lists referred to in the letter from the Swedish Embassy.

The more I read on the story, the thing that impresses me, is the almost consistent fault of the staff lawyers (plus the Commission, itself) to fail to ask the 'next' logical question of so many witnesses.

You may think I've gone off the deep-end, but I've noticed some remarkable contrasts in the photos of Oswald. I realize that cameras differ, the angles at which pictures are taken differ, etc; however after reading Bogard's testimony, etc; do you know if the fingerprints of Oswald (upon his entry into Marines, his arrest in New Orleans, and his Dallas arrest) have ever been compared? The Marine record would probably include only his thumb-print. The New Orleans' one, is the print I'd like to see compared to the other, two.

If you can answer my questions concerning the passport and the pistol-purchase, I would really appreciate it.

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