

(Q) What was Lee doing at this time? Did you see him at the garage?

(A) Lee looked at television while the supper was being fixed and she was with the children. Then he helped her to fold diapers after that and then she said after supper he said he was going to bed while she stayed until half past eleven that night while she was attending to her - (subject interrupted) - and when she came to the room they shared, Lee was already asleep.

(Q) Does Lee subscribe to any type of sports magazines in general?

Subject said in Russian: We receive Times magazine, Russian Ogonek, and papers and also receives "Worker".

Mr. Gregory asked: "Daily Worker" - what kind of organization? Is it "Daily Worker"?

Subject said in Russian: No its "Worker."

Mr. Gregory asked: What kind of organization?

NOTE: The conversation here was whether it was Communist "Worker" or not and where it was published. They decided it was published in New York. It is not "Daily Worker" as such newspaper.

(A) Translation of Mr. Gregory: They receive Time magazine, a Russian magazine entitled Ogonek, which means Little Flame, and Russian newspapers and a newspaper called The Worker. Aside of football, he was not interested in sports. She laughed at him because he did not take any interest in sports.

(Q) When was the last time you saw your husband? When he left home for work? Let me rephrase this question. When he left home for work on Friday, November 22, when was the next time that she saw Lee?

(A) She said the next time she saw him was in the police.

Subject in Russian: I did not see him any more until I saw him at the police.

(Q) At Dallas Police?

(A) Yes, Dallas Police.

(Q) Since the time that you and Lee arrived in the United States from Russia, have you been contacted by any Federal agencies?

(A) Mr. Gregory: Repeat your question, sir. You mean government agencies like the FBI and the Secret Service and so forth?

(Q) Yes, has she or Lee ever been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation known as the FBI?

(A) When they lived in Fort Worth after they moved from her brother's, from Lee's brother's into an apartment, FBI came to see them. The first time that FBI contacted them was when they rented an apartment after they moved away from Robert Oswald's in Fort Worth.

(Q) About when was this?

(A) And they were also contacted by FBI in Irving and in Dallas and Irving this time, that means recently. FBI did not contact them in May when she lived in Irving but the FBI examined her the second time when she came back to Irving from New Orleans.

(Q) Let me go back here now and let's go over this again. You said that the FBI checked you and Lee?

(A) In Fort Worth, FBI came to the house, to the apartment where they lived and showed their identification card and asked Lee to come outside and get into machine with them and they were questioning him in the machine and she was in the house.

(Q) When did this take place?

(A) That happened either in July or August 1962.

(Q) Now, what was the address of your apartment at this time in Fort Worth?

(A) She said she cannot remember the exact address, it was across from the Montgomery Ward Department Store.

- (Q) Did they talk to you also - FBI?
- (A) No, only to Lee.
- (Q) Now, this was the first time that the FBI had contacted Lee at Fort Worth?
- (A) They talked for quite a long time, probably an hour, maybe more than an hour. The dinner got cold. The FBI came at the time they were eating dinner.
- (Q) When you are referring to dinner, is it the middle of the day or evening?
- (A) It was in the evening, between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock.
- (Q) But it was not in her presence? Do I understand her right? They took Lee out to a car?
- (A) Yes sir, they questioned him in the car and not in her presence.
- (Q) Did they drive away with him in the car or did they stay parked in the street in front of the apartment?
- (A) There were two FBI men. One came to the house, the other one stayed in the car. The first man came into the house and showed his identification, stayed for a few minutes and asked Lee to come outside. They had their conversations in the car by the curb at the house where they lived.
- (Q) Did Lee relate to you what the FBI said to him?
- (A) She said that she did ask Lee what they were asking him about and he told her that the FBI asked him whether any subversive agents, presumably from Moscow, came at any time to see him and if so, what they were talking about and that if any of them do come to see him to be sure to inform the FBI and what they want of him.
- (Q) What was Lee's reaction to the visit of the FBI?
- (A) She noticed that he was visibly affected by this visit.

Agent: Please repeat.

- (A) She said Lee was visibly affected by this visit and was afraid that he might lose his job by this visit.
- (Q) Did he mention anything specific about the FBI or about the visit? What was Lee's opinion of this visit by the FBI?
- (A) She said that Lee sort of laughed and said, "Who in the dickens and what kind of Moscow agent would come out to see me." And then he added, "They must be foolish people."
- (Q) Did the FBI contact you or Lee any more or any other time while you were living at Fort Worth?
- (A) She said that was the only time the FBI contacted them in Fort Worth. They did not contact them when they moved to Dallas where he found a good job and as she previously referred to as that photographic offset; but when Lee suddenly lost that job she thought it was due to the fact that the employer apparently either didn't like that the FBI checked on Lee or something like that.
- (Q) OK, you went to New Orleans from Dallas and did the FBI contact you or Lee while you were living in New Orleans?
- (A) No, the FBI never contacted them in New Orleans.
- (Q) All right, then you returned back to Dallas.
- Mr. Gregory corrects: Irving.
- (Q) Right, did the FBI contact you or Lee after you returned back from New Orleans?
- (A) After they returned from New Orleans to Irving, the FBI came by the house. She was not at home, and I presume Lee was not at home; at the end of October, 1963, FBI came by, they were not at home, and FBI was inquiring at neighbors whether Oswald lived in this particular house.

Mr. Gregory said: Made a mistake.

FBI asked the neighbors who lived in that house where she lived and whether any men were visiting or coming by.

- (Q) Did you say this was the last of October 1963?
- (A) It was at the end of October 1963, because she already had her baby and the baby was born October 20.
- (Q) All right, but the FBI on this occasion did not talk to you or Lee?
- (A) After the first visit to the neighbors, the FBI visited the neighbors, when they inquired who lived at the next house. The FBI came again and (Mr. Gregory rephrased questions to Mrs. Oswald as it was not clear the events of that second visit).

On the second visit, at the end of October, toward the first few days of November, FBI came - one man came from FBI and examined her but since she could not speak English he was examining mostly Mrs. Payne and he wanted to know where Lee Oswald lived in Dallas and the man told them that he had made a previous visit when they were not at home.

- (Q) Did this man, this FBI man, tell you his name? Do you recall his name?
- (A) He left his name and telephone number in case Lee wanted to call him. He also asked where he worked.
- (Q) Did you tell them where Lee was living and where he was working?
- (A) She told them, the FBI agent, where Lee worked but she did not know where he lived.
- (Q) You did tell the FBI agent where Lee was working. Now, at this time where was Lee working?
- (A) He worked at that time in the School Book Depository.
- (Q) You don't recall the FBI agent's name?

- (A) When Lee came home, she told him that the FBI agent visited them and that he left his name and telephone number and she does not remember. When FBI agent left this note with his name and telephone number, he left it with Mrs. Payne. She did not see the slip of paper with the Agent's name and telephone number and when Lee came, Mrs. Payne gave it to him and she asked Lee what the name of the agent was and he replied Johnson or Thompson; they are all the same. They all have simple names and that it does not necessarily mean it is their true names.
- (Q) Was this the same FBI agent that contacted you and your husband, Lee, in Fort Worth when you were living in Fort Worth?
- (A) When the FBI visited them when they lived in an apartment in Fort Worth there were two FBI men, one came to the house, the other one stayed in the car. The one that entered the house was not the same one that came to see them in Irving and she did not see the features of the one who remained in the car.
- (Q) Do you recall the name or names of the FBI agents that came to your's and Lee's apartment in Fort Worth?
- (A) She said she really does not know.
- (Q) As I understand it, the last time that the FBI interviewed you was around the first part of November, this year, 1963, when you were staying at the Payne's residence in Irving, Texas?
- (A) At the end of October this year, the FBI agents came but they were not at home, and the second time the agents came was the first part of November of this year. Approximately one week later, one week from the second visit to Mrs. Payne's apartment in Irving, an FBI agent and another man came again but they talked to Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Oswald heard the voices but they were already saying goodby.
- (Q) How did she know they were FBI agents?
- (A) She recognized the first man as being the FBI agent who previously visited them. She did not know who the second man was. He may have been a friend of his.

- (Q) Lets go back, do you recall the FBI agent's name that came to see you while you were living in Fort Worth?
- (A) She says she does not know the name of agent or agents who visited them in Fort Worth.
- (Q) Getting back to Dallas and Irving, when was the very last time, I think you have been approached by FBI agents three different times?
- (A) She said yes, they came to see them three times. The first time we were not at home. She saw the FBI agents twice after that.
- (Q) Did Mrs. Payne relate to you or tell you why the FBI was there to see her?
- (A) She says that the FBI agents were talking to Mrs. Payne to find out who lived in that house where they were occupants. Also, if Lee Oswald visits them at the house.
- (Q) When did this take place? When did the FBI come to see Mrs. Payne?
- (A) 27th or 28th day of October. At the time Lee saw them for the first time and three days prior to that when they came to see the neighbor, she, Mrs. Oswald, did not see the FBI agents.
- (Q) I believe she mentioned about them coming in November?
- (A) She referred to the three days prior to the 27th or 28th day of October when she was not at home and the first time she saw the FBI agents was on the 27th or 28th day of October and the second time in the early part of November, about one week later in November and the third time (conversation in Russian to establish proper dates when Mrs. Oswald saw the FBI agents).

Mr. Gregory said: Lets review this. The first time the FBI agents came to Irving when she was not at home. The first time the FBI agents came when she was at home was on October 27 or 28th and then again approximately one week later or the early part of November which was the third or fourth of November. She was at home on the second occasion too.

- (Q) What was Lee's feelings about Cuba?
- (A) She said he was in sympathy with Castro Cuba.
- (Q) Did he ever belong to any organization that had any dealings with Castro or Cuba?
- (A) She said that Lee told her that in New York there existed an organization which dealt in spreading the literature, the sympathy literature about Castro Cuba.
- (Q) Did he ever receive any of this literature?
- (A) Yes, he received literature from there. Basically, those were leaflets such as "Long Live Cuba" and so forth.
- (Q) Does she recall the name of the organization?
- (A) No, she said she does not remember. She said that on the envelopes containing this literature she recalls seeing Post Office Box 804, New York.
- Subject corrected herself: Instead of Box 804 she said Box 807.
- (Q) Now, that was Post Office Box 807, New York?
- Mr. Gregory said: And that was on the cover of the literature that he was receiving from New York.
- (Q) All right, would you recognize the name of this organization, this Cuban organization, if you were to hear it?
- (A) She said probably so.
- (Q) Has she ever heard of the Cuban Sympathizers Organization?
- (A) Would you repeat the name?
- Agent: Cuban Sympathizers Organization.
- (A) No, she has not heard such a name.
- (Q) Has she ever heard of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?
- (A) She said it sounds like it.



(Q) To what extent was Lee involved in this Committee?

(A) She said that he never made any trips to New York and never made any trips but he did receive the literature from that Committee but since she does not read English she said she does not know anything about it.

(Q) Do you know how Lee first - how did he make contact to receive this literature?

(A) She said that she thinks that he probably wrote or had written to New York about this organization and started to receive this literature and the literature was not addressed to his home address but to a post office box in New Orleans.

(Q) In New Orleans?

(A) Mr. Gregory said: That is where he started getting his literature.

She thinks that Lee made the initial move. In other words, it was his own desire and no one was responsible or made a move for him to join it. He was the one who wanted to make the move to join the organization.

(Q) What is your feelings for Castro and Cuba, not now but then - what was your feelings?

(A) She said that when the Castro revolution took place in Cuba, she lived in the Soviet Union and the news of that revolution was welcomed in the Soviet Union and since she heard nothing but good about Castro and his regime there, she sympathized with it. She said that the same feeling - and that she retains the same feeling to this date.

(Q) This feeling we are talking about - when you had this feeling for Castro, did you think he was a Communist?

Mr. Gregory said: Did you say did you think he was a Communist?

Agent: Let me rephrase this. She said that during this revolution of Castro in Cuba, that she was living in Russia. Now, when she heard about this she said she was for Castro. Did she think that Castro was a Communist?

- (A) The way Mrs. Oswald replied - at first she said she did not know whether he was a Communist or not then she said she thought he was a Communist, but all the reports she had in the Soviet Union were fair because people were happy and so forth.
- (Q) So in her opinion, then she said in her opinion Castro was a Communist or in sympathy, or not in sympathy, well, was a Communist?
- (A) She said probably Communist.
- (Q) And then go back over this last question, that one still even now your feelings are that you are still on Castro's side; in other words, you didn't say that awhile ago but you still have strong feelings for Castro?
- (A) Mr. Gregory said: The answer is very long. The gist of it is that she thinks that Castro is a smart man; that he gave the land - distributed the land and gave work to people so she thought that he was a smart man and that it is good for the country.
- (Q) She is still in sympathy with Castro? Are you still in sympathy with Castro and for everything he stands for?
- (A) She says that all she learned about Castro and Cuba was when she was in the Soviet Union. She said here in America she does not know what is going on there but that she retained her first impression that she had about Castro when she was in the Soviet Union. She says you probably don't like it but she is telling the truth.
- Agent: That is what I want her to do, to tell me the truth regardless.
- (A) She says that all her opinions were foreign - while she was in the Soviet Union where she read the reports about the Castro Cuba there and they were all favorable. If she knew differently; if she had different reports about it, she probably would change her opinion. She says that if a person is doing things that are good for the country and the people, she is in favor of it and if they are not good, then she is not in favor of it.