

THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Agent Howard, U.S. Secret Service Dallas. This recording made in regard to the assassination of President John Kennedy. Investigation being made by the Dallas office. This recording is being made at the Inn of the Six Flags in Texas where Mrs. Oswald is being held by Agents Howard and Charles Kunkel of the Dallas office. This recording is being made in Russian. Our translator is Mr. Peter Gregory, interpreter from Fort Worth, Texas.

- (Q) OK, Mr. Gregory, would you ask her what her name is? Ask her what her date of birth is? Where were you born?
- (A) She was born in Sevrodysk (phonetic), Ark Angel District, July 17, 1941.
- (Q) How long did she live there?
- (A) She said that she was born in that city. She does not know how long she lived there. She does not remember. She was a little baby then.
- (Q) Where did she go to school?
- (A) She said that she continued her education in Moldavia and after that she returned with her parents to Leningrad in 1951.
- (Q) Do you remember the school that you attended?
- (A) Leningrad.
- (Q) Did you attend college?
- (A) After she graduated from Middle School - after she finished Middle School, equivalent to our high school, she attended a pharmaceutical school or a school for pharmacists. She is a graduate pharmacist and she worked in a drug store.
- (Q) You know what college you graduated from? What is the name of it?
- (A) She did not go to a college after high school. She went to a pharmaceutical or a school for pharmacists and she is a trained pharmacist.

- (Q) Where are her parents now living?
- (A) She does not have parents. They are dead.
- (Q) Where were they at when they died?
- (A) Her mother died in Leningrad and she does not know where her father died.
- (Q) But she does know that he is deceased?
- (A) She knows.
- (Q) How do you know?
- (A) Her mother told her that her father died.
- (Q) Your mother died in 1951?
- (A) Her mother died in 1954 or 1955.
- (Q) Do you have any relatives living here in the United States?
- (A) Yes, the mother of her husband and the brother of her deceased husband. His name is Robert Oswald.
- (Q) Are these all the relatives you have living here in the United States?
- (A) These are all the relatives that she knows of. There may be others with whom she is not acquainted.
- (Q) Do you have relatives living in Russia or other Communist territory?
- (A) She says she has many relatives that live in the Soviet Union. Sisters of her mother and the brother of her mother and their families.
- (Q) Do you have any relatives in the Russian military or any Communist military?

- (A) The brother of her mother is an engineer who graduated from civil engineering in construction but after the war he remained in the military service.
- (Q) What is his rating?
- (A) Either Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel.
- (Q) And to the best of your knowledge he is still in the military?
- (A) He is at an age where he could retire and receive pension but to the best of her knowledge he is still on active duty in the military.
- (Q) You heard from him lately in the form of writing or any communication with him?
- (A) He is not in the habit of writing and he never writes to her but her aunt, his wife, she writes instead of him and she writes for the entire family and she added that everything is just fine there.
- (Q) Do you recall the last letter, when it was you last heard from them?
- (A) It would be very difficult to remember when last time I heard from them.
- (Q) About when?
- (A) When I was pregnant.
- (Q) Prior to this year?
- (A) No, no, no. The last letter was written at the time of his birthday.
- (Q) His birthday?
- (A) No, her birthday, on February 23.
- (Q) Of this year?
- (A) Yes, in 1963.

(Q) Do you correspond with any other relatives that are not living in the United States?

(A) She corresponds with her half sister.

NOTE: Mr. Gregory did not translate - "after her second marriage."

(Q) What is her name?

(A) She lives in Leningrad. Her name is Tynia Medvedeva.

(Q) Do you correspond regularly with her?

(A) They do not correspond regularly. Her youngest sister is in school now and she writes very seldom.

(Q) All right, when did you first meet your husband? What is his full name?

(A) Lee Harvey Oswald. She said she met him for the first time in March or April 1961.

(Q) And where was this?

(A) She met him at a youth meeting in Minsk, but she says at a dance in Minsk.

(Q) How did this meeting come about? Someone introduce you to him?

(A) She was introduced to Lee Oswald at the dance.

(Q) When did it take place?

(A) In Minsk, she was introduced to him at the dance by a friend of his who was studying in college medicine.

(Q) Where was it at?

(A) In the Institute of Medicine in Minsk.

- (Q) Do you have this friend's name?
- (A) His first name is "Yura" but she does not remember his last name. Several young men came to her and simply said, "Here, this is Lee Oswald." He invited her to dance and at that time she did not know whether he was an American or what.
- (Q) Did Lee Oswald ask you for a dance or invite you to dance?
- (A) After he was introduced to her he asked her to dance.
- (Q) Did you know he was an American?
- (A) No.
- (Q) Did you know any background about him at the time of this meeting?
- (A) When he was taking her home after the dance she asked him what his nationality was because he did not speak Russian very well and she thought that perhaps he came from some region of the Soviet Union. He had an accent as if he was a resident of the Baltic region of the Soviet Union.
- (Q) Where were you living at at this time?
- (A) She said she lived with her uncle which she related previously - the Colonel.
- (Q) The uncle who is in the Soviet military?
- (A) Yes. After she finished the college of pharmacy in Leningrad, she went to Minsk and there she lived with her uncle, the Colonel.
- (Q) Do you remember what date this was when you first met him - Lee Harvey?
- (A) She said she met him approximately the 5th of March, 1961.

NOTE: First she says in April then she corrects herself to 5th of March, 1961.)

- (Q) Did you ask him any questions? Did you ask him where he lived or what part of the country he was from?
- (A) She says no. At that time, because they were among other friends and she did not have time to ask him about it.
- (Q) When was the next occasion that you had to meet Lee Harvey? About when was it?
- (A) She said that when he took her home from that particular dance, the first meeting, when they were going home, she and Lee and other young people, he asked her if he could see her again and she said yes, that she would come back to the same place where they had been dancing.
- (Q) When you say other people, were these people known that were with you on this date? Were they known to Lee Harvey or just to you?
- (A) He knew one of them quite well but not all of them and she does not remember the name of the man whom he knew and who invited him to come to the dance.
- (Q) Was he an American, this other party that Lee Harvey knew, or was he from some other country?
- (A) She said he was a Russian and he was a ^{CO-} ~~coal~~ worker with Lee at the plant manufacturing radios.
- (Q) Where was this plant located?
- (A) In Minsk.
- (Q) All right, I asked you awhile ago when did the next meeting come about between yourself and Lee Harvey?
- (A) She says the next time she saw him was at a dance at the same place sometime later.
- (Q) Same place where she met him?
- (A) Yes, and she was waiting for him there.

(Q) In terms of time, about how long was this after the first meeting?

(A) More than one week.

(Q) Did you find out anything about his background on this meeting, on this second meeting?

(A) She said that she already knew that he was an American, that he was employed at the radio factory, and that he was studying Russian.

(Q) How did she find out this information?

(A) From him during the second meeting.

(Q) From the second meeting, did you have other meetings with him?

(A) She says that they had another date for a Friday, but he could not keep the date because on a Thursday he became ill and he had to go to the hospital. He called her from the hospital and asked her to come see him there.

(Q) Did you go and see him at the hospital?

(A) Yes. She went to see him at the hospital on Sunday. He had an earache or he had trouble with his ears.

(Q) Did you ever ask him what he was doing in Russia or what his reason was for being in Russia?

NOTE: In answering, the subject understood the Agent before translator had chance to translate the last few words.)

(A) Yes, she said she asked him and he replied that he came there as a tourist and decided to remain there. At first he lived in Moscow and later he was sent to Minsk where he got a job at the radio manufacturing plant.

(Q) Did you know him prior to Lee's going to Moscow?

(A) No, she did not know him.