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| TYPE OF CASE Protective Research | STATUS Continued | TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald |
| INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana | PERIOD COVERED November 23, 1963 | Assassination of President John F. Kennedy |
| INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Anthony E. Gerrets | | |

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

This report pertains to information obtained from Mr. Art Bero, Supervising Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans, Louisiana, in a review of that agency's file on Marina Nikolaevna Oswald, a/k/a Marina Nikolilava Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mrs. Oswald is a native of Russia and the file at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans, which was reviewed on 11-23-63, pertained to her application for admission into the United States as the spouse of a United States citizen.

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| | | APPROVED <i>John W. Rice</i> 524 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE John W. Rice | DATE 12-6-63 |

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On 11-23-63 reporting agent interviewed Mr. Art Bero, Supervising Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans. He stated that at approximately 5:55 P. M. on 11-22-63 he had furnished Mr. Jim Sheridan, Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, complete information on Marina Nikolaevna Oswald, over long distance telephone, going through their file on her page by page.

Mr. Bero stated that one BYRON PHILLIPS, purportedly a credible resident and citizen of Willbarger County, Texas, had filed an affidavit on 3-13-62 before Thelma Lancaster, Notary Public, Willbarger County, Texas, vouching for Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina Nikolilava Oswald; that he (Phillips) guaranteed that she would not become a ward of any political sub-division of this country, and that he has ample property holdings and assets to provide for her in the event that it should become necessary. Copies of this affidavit were furnished me by Mr. Bero and were forwarded to Chief and the Dallas office by SAIC Rice with his office memorandum dated 11-23-63.

During my interview with Mr. Bero on 11-23-63 he exhibited the Immigration and Naturalization Service's file No. 12 530 645 on Marina Nikolaevna Oswald, nee Prusakova a/k/a Marina Nikolilava Oswald, with date of birth 7-17-41 at Severodvinsk, Province of Arkhangel'skay obl., U. S. S. R., which file reflected the following with regard to Marina Nikolaevna Oswald:

Maiden Name of Mother: Klavdiya Vasilevna Prusakova - Deceased

Name of Father: Not shown

Next of Kin: Uncle - Ilya V. Prusakov, Minsk, St. Kommunisticheskaya 39/42, Apt. Lived in Leningrad, USSR, from 1957 to 1959 as Student

Lived in Minsk, USSR, from 1959 to 5-21-62 (date of visa)

Child: June Lee Oswald - Born 2-15-62 at Minsk, USSR

Admitted to United States on petition of her citizen-husband. Petition approved under Sec. 101(a)(27)(A) on 2-28-62.

Admitted for permanent residence at New York on 6-13-62 as spouse of U. S. citizen

Arrived on S/S "TRASDAN", Passenger Vessel. Consular No. I-1229544.

Immigration Visa #52. Non-Quota Visa M-1 (Spouse of U. S. citizen) issued 5-24-62 at American Embassy, Moscow, USSR.

USSR Passport No. KU-37790, issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Moscow, USSR, on 1-11-62 - valid until 1-11-64.

Listed occupation on application for visa: Student - later shown as Pharmacist and also as Dental Technician.

On 6-25-63 applied at New Orleans Immigration Office for a new alien registration card, alleging she had lost her card - Immigration Form 151. New card issued on 7-25-63. Showed mailing address as: P. O. Box 30061, New Orleans, La. - also 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans, La.

Destination when arrived in U. S. was shown on visa as Fort Worth, Texas, and was destined to meet husband, Lee Harvey Oswald, at 7313 Davenport, Fort Worth, Texas.

Showed her address and that of her husband and child when applying for visa as: Minsk, St. Kommunisticheskaya 4, Apt. 24.

When husband filed petition for wife to enter U. S. on 10-9-61, he showed his local address as 7313 Davenport, Fort Worth, Texas, and his address abroad as Kalinina Street 4, Apt. 24, Minsk, USSR.

Lee Harvey Oswald attempted to renounce his American citizenship on 10-31-59 at American Embassy, Moscow, giving main reason that he was a Marxist. The file reflects that he was arrogant, and aggressive, and that he had declared that he had offered the Soviet any information he had acquired as an enlisted Radar Operator. The file reflected that action on his request for revocation of his American citizenship was delayed and he subsequently filed complaint saying that he had been deprived of his legal rights when his request was not granted on 10-31-59. He was advised as to how he could formally renounce his citizenship and that he should appear at the Embassy if he desired to prosecute his application.

Description of Marina Nikolaevna Oswald: White; female; 22 - DOB 7-17-41 at Severodvinsk, Province of Arkhangels - kay obl., USSR; 5-2; 105; blue eyes; brown hair; fair complexion; no identifying marks or scars.

The file reflected the following information re Lee Harvey Oswald:

Father: Edward Lee Oswald - Deceased

Mother: Marguerita Oswald, nee Claverie, 3124 W. 5th St., Fort Worth, Texas. On 4-28-60 employed at Methodist Orphan Home, 1111 Menning Ave., Waco, Texas.

Subject's birth recorded in Book 207, Folio 1321, with City Health Department, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. James E. Taylor, 4936 Collingswood St., Fort Worth, Texas, rented an upstairs apartment on 7-1-56 to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald and her two sons - Robert and Lee Harvey Oswald. Did not know the third son (Mrs. James E. Taylor). Robert later married and moved to another address. Subject lived at above address when enlisting in U. S. Marine Corps on 10-24-56. Received an honorable discharge from Marine Corps on 9-11-59. On same date entered as PFC in U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, from which he received an undesirable discharge on 8-17-60.

Brother: Robert Lee Oswald, 7313 Davenport St., Fort Worth, Texas (1960). Employed as salesman by Acme Brick Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother: John Edward Pic, (age 28 in 1960), Staff Sergeant, U. S. Air Force, then stationed in Hiroshima, Japan - Air Force Serial No. 11313239.

Mr. Bero furnished me with copies of a report dated 1-25-62 signed by E. W. Thurman, Investigator, which had been reviewed and approved by L. A. Mack, Officer in Charge also on 1-25-62, the report having been submitted from Dallas, Texas, with reference to Marina N. Oswald's application for admission to the United States from the U. S. For handwriting purposes he also furnished me with photostatic copies of three different hand written letters which Lee Harvey Oswald had written to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as well as photostatic copies of an "Affidavit of Support", dated Minsk, USSR, January 17, 1962, signed "Lee H. Oswald", affirming that he had the ability and desire to support his wife, Marina N. Oswald, from such time as she shall become a resident of the U. S. A., etc., etc. Photostatic copies of a fingerprint chart, dated May 24, 1962, bearing the fingerprints of Marina N. Oswald and signed by her, were also received from Mr. Bero.

Photostatic copies of the above-mentioned report, letters and affidavit of Lee Harvey Oswald, and fingerprint chart of Marina N. Oswald, were forwarded to Chief and to the Dallas office with SAIC Rice's office memorandum dated 11-23-63.

This phase of the investigation will be considered completed, unless additional information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans, is desired and requested.