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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Enclosed please find the answer to your letter from Marina Porter. She asked me to take down her statement for her so she could use her own words and not have to struggle with the spelling or proper grammar. I choose to leave her statement in her own words and not worry about sentence structure or even grammar. She did just fine on her own and I thought it would be more valuable to you this way.

I have taken much time to read Mr. Mailer's book. I feel I can state wholeheartedly that he purposely used Marina's private life to spice up the otherwise nothing information he received in Minsk. Marina and I agree the method of Mr. Schiller and Mailer's interviewing reminded us of brainwashing techniques. First they gained her trust, then they isolated her from her home and had her in an environment they could control. Then they met with her separately, sort of a "good cop-bad cop" approach until she confided in them her closest and deepest secrets. They are both despicable. Mr. Weisberg, I believe that while Lee may not have had a trial, Marina certainly has. I know she feels grateful to you for undertaking a rebuttal to Mr. Mailer's book.

Where in *Oswald's Tale* is the documentation that would have been demanded of any JFK "buff"? Where are the photos or signed statements from the subjects of his interviews? I can't help but wonder if this book would have been written by a non-famous person, this cut and paste (2/3rd's of the book) job, would it have been published at all? Would it have been tolerated by the national press?

His book offers no new evidence to advance study of this case. It only contains the opportunity to hear Mr. Mailer's views and personal opinions of whether he feels LHO was capable of murder. This effort could have been accomplished with a one paragraph press release from Mr. Mailer that then could have been ignored as this book should be.

If I could be any assistance, please let me know. We received your latest book, *Never Again!* If you will send a copy of the index, we will copy and insert it in each copy sold for you. Please give my regards to your wife and I hope you are both feeling well.

Best Wishes,

Debra Crouch