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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLENS

FROM: Mr. Shaffer

SUBJECT: Mohammed Reggab, Moroccan Student

I have always been intrigued by the fact that Mohammed Reggab, a Moroccan student, advised the State Department on November 27, 1963, that he knew Marina Nikolaeva during the early part of 1962 in Moscow. On the chance - however unlikely - that the Marina he says he knew may be identical with Marina Oswald, it is well worth pursuing; for if it turns out to be the fact, a drastic change in previous evaluations of Marina Oswald will be required.

To support his claim, Reggab says he has, among his personal effects in Casa Blanca, a letter from Marina, dated July 1961. A handwriting analysis of this letter will settle his claim. Accordingly, I suggest that Reggab be interviewed in West Berlin by the Secret Service agent in Paris who is available to make the trip. In this connection I propose that he be given the contents of the State Department communique to the Secret Service dated November 27, 1963, copy of which is attached.

I also propose that the interview develop, in as much detail as possible, the following:

a. A full description of Marina, including exact color of eyes, color of hair, weight, distinguishing features.

b. A full description of Marina's mother.

c. A full description of Marina's house.

d. His contacts with Marina - where they went and with whom they associated.

e. Chronology of all the events he can remember immediately preceding, during, and following his contacts with Marina.

f. A description of Marina's handwriting, its degree of neatness, its slant, and any characteristic he can recall.

I further suggest that the interviewing Secret Service agent obtain a voluntary, signed, sworn statement before a Notary Public, or its equivalent, from Reggab, setting forth the substance of the interview together with a separate document signed by Reggab in which he consents to the search of his belongings in Casa Blanca for the letter from Marina and photograph to which he has made reference.

Upon securing the foregoing from Reggab, we will then be in a position to advise the most expedient and inexpensive means of obtaining these two documents.