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MARRIAGE TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD

MARINA OSWALD advised on November 30, 1963, she had been invited to attend a social affair to be held at the Palace of Culture in Minsk by some medical student friends. This was about the middle of March of 1961. She went to this dance and there was introduced by a mutual friend of hers and OSWALD, YURI MEREZSHINSKY, to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She was invited to dance by OSWALD and she accepted, and thereafter they spent much time together that evening. She noted OSWALD's Russian, although good, bore a definite accent. She thought OSWALD possibly had come from one of the Russian-speaking Baltic countries. That evening OSWALD asked if he could see her again.

Subject advised in an interview on December 1, 1963, that she and a girl friend had again gone to the Palace of Culture a week later to attend a dance, and she found OSWALD waiting for her. She and OSWALD joined company and spent the entire evening dancing and thereafter OSWALD took her home. At this time she was residing in the apartment of her aunt and uncle. She and OSWALD made arrangements to meet the following Friday on a certain street corner in Minsk. During that following week, her aunt told her that a boy named ALIK had called on the telephone and asked for MARINA, and ALIK had told the aunt he was in the Fourth Clinical Hospital in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department. MARINA explained OSWALD was known to her as ALIK because the Russian people preferred to call him ALIK in preference to LEE. She said the pronunciation of the name LEE is foreign to the Russian ear. She visited OSWALD at the Fourth Clinical Hospital and discovered he was a patient for correction of a glandular ear problem. She visited him everyday while he was at the hospital.

Subject explained she had found out that OSWALD was an American on the occasion of their first meeting at the Palace of Culture. She found this out through a third party. On her first visit to the hospital to see OSWALD, she asked him some questions about America. OSWALD told her he preferred America to Russia because he could not take the hard winters. He said he did not think he could live through another hard Russian winter. She asked him why he had come to Russia, and he replied

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