

Oswald's diary

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FBI papers show volatile nature

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The personal papers of Lee Harvey Oswald among the FBI's just-released Kennedy assassination files — including a dramatic, romanticized account of a suicide attempt in Moscow — underscore the volatile nature of the man believed to have shot John F. Kennedy.

Oswald's diary, chronicling his 2 ½ years in the Soviet Union, revealed he

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was a very bad speller, craved attention, quickly became disillusioned with Russian living, had a sharp eye for women and married on the rebound.

Other undated papers from his months in the Soviet Union included a detailed account by Oswald of an interview he granted UPI reporter Aline Mosby, and criticism of Marxist theory. A long series of questions Oswald asked himself and then answered about his self-exile, in which he denied he was a Communist, ended: "Thank you sir, you are a real patriot."

Oswald started his diary Oct. 16, 1959, on his arrival in the Soviet Union by train from Helsinki. He said he was met by Intourist guide Rimma Sheri-

kova and told her he wanted to become a Soviet citizen, a statement that left her "flabbergassed," and sought an extension of his 5-day student visa.

At 6 p.m. on Oct. 21 Oswald noted the police told him he must leave the Soviet Union within two hours because his visa had not been extended.

"I am shocked!!" he wrote some days later, recalling his reaction. "My dreams! I retire to my room. I have \$100 left. I have waited two years to be accepted. My fondest dreams are shattered because of a petty official; because of bad planning I planned too much! 7.00 P.M. I decide to end it."

The diary, scrawled in English, said Oswald cut his left wrist, plunged it into a bathtub of hot water and thought about the shock Rimma would feel when she arrived at 8 p.m. to send him on his way and found him dead.

"Somewhere, a violin plays, as I watch my life whirl away. I think to myself, 'how easy to die' and 'a sweet death, (to violins) about 8.00 Rimma finds my unconscious (bathtub water a rich red color) she screams (I remember that) and runs for help."

The diary ended March 27, 1962, after he was given permission to leave the Soviet Union.