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## Oswald Wanted to Kill

### Formerly Censored

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Marina Oswald told the FBI she had to lock her husband in the bathroom in April, 1963 to keep him from carrying out a threat to kill Richard Nixon, newly released FBI documents said today.

But J. Edgar Hoover concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald's Russian-born wife probably misunderstood, and that Lyndon B. Johnson, vice president at the time, more likely was Oswald's intended target.

New light was shed on the incident in today's release of 50,604 pages of censored, raw FBI investigative files and 8,150 pages of FBI communications with the Warren Commission.

These materials helped the commission conclude that Oswald, "moved by an overriding hostility to his environment," was John F. Kennedy's killer — and that he acted alone.

The documents also showed: • Chief Justice Earl Warren initially declined to head the commission appointed by newly installed President Johnson to investigate Kennedy's slaying, but later

agreed to take on the assignment.

• Warren Commission members, in an "emergency" meeting, discussed whether Oswald had been an FBI informant during the months he lived in Russia. If he had been, commission members felt, the FBI would have hidden that from them. Ultimately, they were persuaded Oswald had not been an undercover agent for the bureau.

• On Nov. 18, 1964, after nearly a year's exhaustive investigation, Hoover flatly stated the FBI had found no evidence of a conspiracy. "We have never developed information indicating anyone other than Oswald was involved in the assassination," his memo said.

Although Marina Oswald told FBI agents that Oswald wanted to kill Nixon on April 23, 1963, a check of newspaper records showed Johnson — not Nixon — was in Dallas on that day. Johnson was there to address a NASA conference.

The incident occurred only two weeks after Oswald fired into the home of Army Gen. Edwin Walker on April, 10, 1963 — a

shooting he confessed to Marina afterwards.

Marina said she "locked him (Oswald) in the bathroom," to keep him from leaving their home, she told the FBI.

Oswald's sister-in-law also told FBI agents about the incident. Vada Oswald, married to Lee's brother, Robert, said Robert told her in January, 1974 about an alleged Oswald threat to shoot Nixon.

In a signed statement dated March 15, 1974, Vada Oswald said her husband told her:

"Marina Oswald had told him that when Richard Nixon was in Dallas (and I don't know when this was) Lee Harvey Oswald had told Marina that he intended to shoot Nixon, and that Marina had locked him in the bathroom and kept him there all day."

Vada Oswald said Marina Oswald "did not discuss this with me."

In another development, the report on the final interrogation of Oswald, which ended 11 minutes before he was fatally shot, concluded it would have been impossible to obtain a confession.

# Scimitar

ow tonight mid-20s, high tomorrow mid-30s. (Details on Page 2.)

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529-2900  
529-2466  
529-2780

**FINAL**  
EDITION  
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Average: **Up 3.20**  
At **3:00 P.M. EST**  
Markets on Pages 41X, 41Y  
**PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS**

## Documents Show

# Nixon, Wife Told FBI

Oswald was composed throughout the 105-minute session, smoothly shrugging off questions he did not want to answer and firmly denying he owned a rifle or had shot either Kennedy or Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit, according to the report released today by the FBI.

The interrogation in the office of Dallas police Capt. Will Fritz was led by Postal Inspector H.D. Holmes, who wrote the report. Fritz took part in the questioning, and agents from the FBI and the Secret Service were present.

"Oswald at no time appeared confused or in doubt as to whether or not he should answer a question," Holmes wrote in an eight-page report dated Dec. 17, 1963.

"On the contrary, he was quite alert and showed no hesitancy in answering those questions which he wanted to answer, and was quite skillful in parrying those questions which he did not want to answer.

"I got the impression that he had disciplined his mind and reflexes to a state where I personally doubted that he would ever have confessed."

According to another document, Otho Carlton, a teacher, told FBI agents he and the Oswald family lived on the same street in Benbrook, Texas, in the mid-1940s. He said he went to the Oswald home one night and witnessed the following:

"Lee Oswald, the youngest boy, came running through the kitchen door and was chasing John Pic, his older brother. Lee Oswald had a long butcher knife in his hand and he threw the knife at John Pic, but missed him and it hit the wall."

He said Mrs. Oswald "only made the remark that they have these little scuffles all the time and don't worry about it."

The files reporting Earl Warren's hesitancy to serve as chairman of the presidential commission did not explain his reluctance, but Supreme Court justices historically have avoided taking other assignments in the government.

But Warren changed his mind almost at once, the memos showed, and the appointment of the commission of seven public servants was announced on Nov. 29, 1963, six days after Kennedy was slain in Dallas.



MARINA OSWALD