

Dear Mark,

5/22/85

Today I received from Jim "oscar, to whom a carbon, several more excerpts from the FBI JFK assassination ticklers, disclosed 4/25/85, to Mark Allen. A couple may be of interest to you.

In the Marguerite Oswald tickler, Documents 32 and 33, reflect FBIHQ directives to Dallas to establish a separate Marguerite Oswald file. It thus did not require any discovery from me to locate this file and no discovery from me could have enabled it to prove that it had complied. Now Evidence, I'm pretty sure the second of this nature subsequent to the case going up on appeal.

I enclose one page only of Document 1 from the Marina Oswald tickler, page 6. It recounts how the alleged assassin was so intent upon making his place in history he almost overslept his rendezvous with destiny.

The Marina Oswald Tech. Surv. tickler holds the news account of an FBI statement after its electronic surveillances on her were disclosed. I include it to give you an illustration of how the FBI lies without seeming to lie. Its own statement is that it "had conducted apart electronic surveillance on Marina Oswald's residence from Feb. 29, 1964 to March 12, 1964, based upon written approval of the attorney general of the United States." The FBI did not seek or get approval for bugging her house before she moved in. It did get approval for the wiretapping only. Its reference to those surveillances is in the singular.

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SAC, Dallas

11/29/63

Director, FBI

MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD  
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Captioned individual is the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Inasmuch as it appears subject will be of interest to the U.S. Government in the future due to her voluminous contacts with individuals of prominence and various U.S. Government agencies in her efforts to "clear her son of responsibility for the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy," Bureau has opened a separate file on subject. Each of the recipient offices should do the same.

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Letter to SAC, Dallas  
RE: MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD

The above information is being furnished for the information of each of the recipient offices. Bureau does not desire that any investigation be conducted concerning subject in connection with her contemplated trip to Russia. Any information coming to the attention of any of the offices bearing on subject's trip to Russia or any other aspect of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy as it involves subject should be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Subject has exhibited behavior since the assassination that she is emotionally unstable. She is telling any one who will listen to her that her son was not the assassin or was not involved alone in the assassination. She has contacted our FBI Office in Dallas on a number of occasions to furnish information she feels is of value. We are accepting information she furnishes but are conducting no investigation of her. For filing purposes and for ready reference in the future, desirable we maintain a separate file on subject. Heretofore information concerning her has been filed in the main case file of Lee Harvey Oswald.

DIRECTOR, FBI

12/3/65

SAC, DALLAS (105-2190) (P)

MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD  
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ReBulet to Dallas, 11/29/65.

Relet instructed that any information coming to the attention of any of the offices receiving relet (Dallas, WFO, New York and New Orleans) bearing on subject's trip to Russia, or any other aspects of the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, as it involves subject, be promptly furnished the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that subject is mentioned frequently in the news media in connection with her allegations that her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was innocent, duped, <sup>involved</sup> in a mercy killing of the President by the U. S. Secret Service, and other absurd statements.

UACB, such newspaper articles will not be included in LHM but will be furnished the Bureau by routing slip, attention Crime Records, as has been the practice in connection with newspaper clippings bearing on the assassination in the past, and copies of such newspaper articles will be filed in the Dallas Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-147805)

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SAC, DALLAS (105-2190)(C)

MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD  
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ReBulet to Dallas dated 11/29/65 and Dallas letter to Bureau dated 12/3/65.

ReBulet stated that the Bureau does not desire that any investigation be conducted concerning subject's contemplated trip to Russia.

Inasmuch as there is no investigation outstanding in the Dallas Division, the Dallas Office is closing its file in captioned matter, but will continue to furnish to the Bureau any information received concerning subject's trip to Russia or any other information bearing on the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, as it involves subject.

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Once when Mrs. Paine was having a birthday party for one of her children, and the other when Oswald went looking for another job.

On Thursday, November 21, 1963, Oswald appeared unannounced at the Paine residence, at about 5:45 p.m., and asked to see Marina. He stated that he was lonesome. Oswald played with the children and watched television, then about 8:30 p.m. he went to bed.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, Marina said she awoke at 6:40 a.m. and began to feed the baby. At around 7 o'clock Marina awoke Oswald and told him he had better get up or he would be late for work. As he dressed he told Marina that he would fix his own breakfast. Marina does not believe that he did this, as she found the coffee pot to be cold when she went into the kitchen about 7:20. Marina advised that she does not know of anything that Oswald took with him from the Paine house to work on November 22, 1963.

Marina and Mrs. Paine were looking at the motorcade on television when it was announced that the President had been shot, and that the shots had supposedly come from the Texas School Book Depository building. A thought immediately entered Marina's mind: "Did my crazy one do it?"

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# FBI Didn't Report Oswald Wife Tap

New York Times News Service

The FBI tapped the telephones and bugged the living quarters used by Marina Oswald after the assassination of President Kennedy, but it failed to report either the fact of the surveillance or its product to investigators for the Warren Commission, according to a former FBI official.

The official, who was closely involved with the investigation conducted by the Bureau in the wake of the assassination, said that the electronic surveillance was instituted on the Russian-born Mrs. Oswald shortly after her husband, Lee Harvey Oswald, was identified as the principal suspect in Kennedy's murder.

The surveillance, the former official said, continued for "some months" after the death of Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, and the killing of Oswald himself two days later by Joe's Ruby, a Dallas nightclub operator.

BUT HE SAID that, to the best of his recollection, the surveillance never produced information that bore directly on Oswald's motives or supported suspicions held by some FBI officials that he had been involved in a conspiracy against the president's life. It was those suspicions, the former official said, that prompted the bureau to initiate its electronic "coverage" of Mrs. Oswald.

The FBI said in a statement yesterday afternoon that the agency had "conducted an electronic surveillance of Marina Oswald's residence from Feb. 29, 1964, to March 12, 1964, based upon written approval of the attorney general of the United States."

At the time, the government contended that in "national security" cases court permission was not required.

THE FBI did not deal with its reported failure to inform the Warren Commission of the eavesdropping effort.

None of the volumes of testimony or evidence published by the Warren Commission contain any hint that commission lawyers were told by the FBI of its surveillance of Mrs. Oswald.

Key commission counsel and investigators confirmed that they could not remember having been told that her conversations had been monitored.

David W. Belin, a Des Moines lawyer who was an assistant counsel to the commission, said that if this account was accurate, "it strikes me as horrible" that the commission was left uninformed.

HIS SENTIMENTS were shared by Albert E. Jenner Jr., also a former assistant

commission counsel and now a Chicago lawyer, who said that whether the surveillance of Mrs. Oswald had come out "positive or negative," the panel should have been allowed to weigh whatever information was gleaned.

The commission, named for Earl Warren, the late chief justice who acted as its chairman, was set up by former President Lyndon B. Johnson within a week of Kennedy's death, with instructions to determine the circumstances that surrounded the assassination.

- The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_
- Washington Star-News \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
- The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_
- The Los Angeles Times \_\_\_\_\_

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