

18 December 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: JOHNSON, Priscilla Mary Post

1. The following is an excerpt from a Washington Post article of 1 December 1963 regarding Lee Harvey OSWALD, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy:

"In Moscow, OSWALD had met a fellow American, Soviet affairs expert, Priscilla JOHNSON. She remembered him as 'pleasant enough but helpless and lost. His intellectual grasp was secondary, his hostility was the strongest element. I soon came to feel that this boy was the stuff of which fanatics are made.'"

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3. In 1953 JOHNSON was employed by Senator John F. KENNEDY.

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Memorandum

TO : Deputy Director of Security

DATE: 10 March 1964

FROM : Deputy Chief,

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey OSWALD

1. "Human Events" issue of 14 March 1964 quotes a portion of a recent Scott/Allen report concerning Subject, as follows: "State Department records show OSWALD had several meetings with the CIA representative in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow. During this period, the assassin was seeking to renounce his citizenship. One State Department cable, No. 234, dated November 2, 1959, reports that OSWALD was interviewed by the CIA and other embassy officials."

2. State Department Despatch No. 234, dated November 2, 1959, which is a part of the OSWALD OS file, consists of an interview of OSWALD by 2nd Secretary Richard E. Snyder concerning OSWALD's renunciation of U. S. citizenship. There is no indication from the Despatch that any other Government employee participated in the interview. A copy of the Despatch is attached.

3. It should be noted that two separate newspapers, the Washington Post of 1 December 1963, and the Evening Star of 20 February 1964 (Leonard Lyons' column) referred to interviews of OSWALD conducted in Moscow by Priscilla Johnson. Second article also states Johnson has written an article on OSWALD for Harper's.

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Johnson's biographic data reflects that from December 1955 to April 1956 she worked in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow as an employee of the Joint Press Reading Service (although other sources show employment variously as "free lance"; translator, U. S. Embassy; North American Newspaper Alliance; New York Times) and during 1958-60 she was employed in the USSR by the North American Newspaper Alliance.

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7. Information from the Scott/Allen report is being passed  
to | this date.

Attachment:

State Dept. Despatch No. 234