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## SHE TALKED HIM OUT OF IT Wife Says Oswald Planned to Kill Nixon



SUBJECT OF BOOK—Marina Oswald with her two young daughters in a 1964 photograph.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Lee Harvey Oswald's Russianborn wife says she barricaded him in a bathroom and persuaded him to give up plans to kill Richard M. Nixon seven months before he assassinated President John F. Kennedy, the Ladies Home Journal said Sunday.

the Ladies Home Journal said Sunday. The quotation was in a copyrighted prepublication excerpt from a book entitled "Marina and Lee," written by Patricia Johnson McMillan. Mrs. McMillan based her book on interviews with Marina Oswald Porter, Oswald's widow.

Mrs. McMillan quoted Marina as saying she had persuaded Oswald to give up his plot by warning him she could lose the child she was carrying. Oswald, she said, had dreams of having a son who would grow up to be the President of the United States.

Marina said in the book that Oswald had decided to make an attempt on Nixon's life after reading a news story about his demands that the Russians be forced out of Cuba.

After throwing down the April 21, 1963, edition of the Dallas Morning News, she said, Oswald tucked a gun in his belt and told her he was going to "have a look" at Nixon, who was "coming to town."

That was less than two weeks after Oswald had come home, sweating and white with fear and announced that he had just made an attempt on the life of controversial, right-wing Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, the book said. "I know what your 'looks' mean," the book quoted Mari-

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Marina said she did not know at the time who Nixon was, but she was certain his life was in danger, the magazine said. So she did what she had done previously to forestall beatings by Oswald—she tricked him into going to the bathroom and then braced herself against the door.

Crying, Marina pleaded through the door: "How can you lie to me after you gave me your word? You promised me you'd never shoot anyone else and here you are starting in all over again.

"I'm pregnant. I can't take it all the time. I could lose the baby and you wouldn't even care," she was quoted as saying.

Oswald, the book said, demanded that his wife let him out. "Over my dead body I will," she said. "I have evidence against you (in the Walker shooting). I'll take it to the police."

Oswald relented, the excerpt said, when she protested again that she could lose the baby. "You'll have killed your