

This can be important.

What significance can you attach to the date September 17^{8/}? Year uncertain but probably 1963.

This is in connection with swotting Marina, the FBI's first exclusive crack at her. No Secret Service, no INS, no other people of any agency and with such secrecy that it was arranged with SS and within FBI that only those with need to know would even know it had happened. This is when she was offered the deal, cooperate or we deport. I mean when it was agreed to, 11/27 and 28, 1963.

With all these arrangements there is a ^{single} b1 withholding followed by a reference to "the September 17 matter."

Figuring in this is a name I do not place, HQ Inspector Don Moore. Even his Division or function can be important knowledge to me. (FBI.)

Sullivan worked out the details with Rowley. Tom Kelley was privy. SS DC phoned SS DL and said do it. This appears to have been prior to any WC existence or hint of it. I have Shanklin's memo to files on it.

This matter was a couple of days before Ruth Paine reached NO. In 1296 Sullivan(WC) wants to know "Where was OSWALD two days before Mrs. PAINE arrived at New Orleans on 9/20/63. ...Did Oswald leave" at "any time between 5/14/63 and 9/2-/63..." Also interested in the "two books" from the NO library.

(Sullivan is explicit in their taking a "con man" approach to her to "win" her over.

In 1297 return to date re interrogation:"...he was with her all the time. That covers the 18th. ...(11/29/63)

Reread what I have about her being blackmailed in WW. It is understated from this record. Long quotes in chapter Oswald's Government Relations. Their threat here is related to an article that will be written and she'll get no money and to her asking INS what "cooperation" entails.

Clear date is 1963, & 9/18.63. (Could it be related to the drunk scene at Pena's?)

There are several inferences that there was a definite placing of Oswald at two places at the same time vis unemployment claims. As with LHO still in processing at border 8 a/m. 10/3/63 he also "filed for his Unemployment Check on 10/3/63." Two places separated by 426 miles. Earlier record is 1343 (Vol 12.) San Antonio conjectures this can be done by plane but no Braniff flight known. "ASAC BROOKING (San Antonio) advised that cursory review of the signatures of the subject appear to differ to quite an extent." Leads include that SA Doyle Williams is to work on "bad checks ~~that~~ obtained from Braniff that were given by the subject." Hand note:"There are no bad checks per Williams." Another note partly removed in xeroxing.

1343: "...OSWALD ARRIVED NUEVO LAR DO FROM MEXICO ON OCT. THREE SIXTYTHREE BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT AM. ON SAME DATE OSWALD SIGNED APELICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS. ..." Back to 1373:"...He checked out of that hotel on 10/1/63; however, bill was paid through the night of 10/1/63."

July 9, 1978

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of the 1st, which ~~XXXXX~~ crossed in the mail with mine of the 5th.

Re your memo of 7/1 on FBI document 89-43-1295, the interview of Marina referring to "the September 17 [and/or 18?] matter." I can't be certain without seeing the document, of course, but this seems to refer to our old friend "D," who claimed to have seen Oswald at the Cuban consulate in Mexico on ~~XXXXX~~ one of those dates. (See p. 308 of the Warren Report.) The Schweiker Report went into some detail about the major flap D's allegations caused in the days after the assassination. I've seen quite a few relevant documents in the FBI and CIA releases; my recollection is that while the people in Mexico were working on D, eventually getting him to recant, * there was quite a lot of work on locating Oswald on 9/17-18 - at least until D recanted. Anything on the D story in the Marina interview ~~XXX~~ probably doesn't need to be withheld, but the fact that "the 9/17 matter" is being withheld seems to confirm that it is about D.

Yes, I would be pleased to see documents from your files, on a totally confidential basis if you want that. I can do the Xeroxing out here for myself, or for ~~XXXXXX~~ Howard, etc. Of course, I'll send you what notes I can put together.

In the field office files, anything from the few days after the assassination might be of the greatest interest.

I've still got requests pending at the FBI for various pre-assassination files. They seem to be working on them pretty slowly.

With best regards,

Paul

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

DATE: 11/28/63

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, 11/22/63
AFO

Asst. Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN of the Bureau called this morning and stated he had talked to Head of the Secret Service JAMES ROWLEY, Washington, D.C. and told him that we would like to interview Mrs. OSWALD early tonight alone -- just our Agent and her. He said that was completely alright with him. SULLIVAN stated he had approved this thing yesterday, and ROWLEY was told that we want to cooperate completely with his people.

SULLIVAN asked if we would mind telling Secret Service again, and I said I would call right away. SULLIVAN says we can point out if Dallas Secret Service says anything, that I have an understanding ROWLEY agreed to it - that the interview is to be only between the woman and our Agent. SULLIVAN says if there is any question re this, to call him.

ADDENDUM: I telephoned FOREST SORRELS, Agent in Charge, Secret Service, and he advised me that Inspector TOM KELLEY had received a call from Washington, D.C. and would talk to me.

I talked to Inspector KELLEY, and he stated that he had been instructed to make Mrs. OSWALD available for interview by herself under circumstances requested by this office, and that he certainly desired to comply. He was contacted at 2:15 PM and advised that he would probably have four people go out. He suggested that he be called immediately upon our possible departure time and that he was going out personally to insure that the procedure went off as desired and that Mrs. OSWALD would be interviewed alone. He actually expected to "kick the mother loose" this afternoon so that she would not be around. He suggested that we go direct, particularly if CHARLES BROWN went out, since he knew the way.

Mr. ELBERT W. THURMAN, Regional Director, INS, had been previously contacted by me and he is desirous of being out at the airport to meet Mr. HARVEY. I had mentioned this to

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Assistant Director SULLIVAN, who said he thought it would certainly be OK.

THURMAN stated he would meet Supv. HOWE out at the airport at approximately 4:30 PM.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 11/28/63

FROM : INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY, 11/22/63
AFO

Inspector DON MOORE advised this morning that the Bureau had been in touch with ~~MARIO NOTO~~, Associate Commissioner, INS, Washington, D.C. relative to the Immigration Service advising Mrs. LEE OSWALD that she would be permitted to remain in the United States if she were willing to cooperate with Federal authorities. MOORE pointed out to Immigration Service that she is an alien in the country on a permanent visa and that on the basis of what has happened, Immigration Service actually would not have any reason to deport her at this time. He stated, however, that Immigration was more than willing to cooperate to the fullest extent in talking to her and assuring her that the U. S. Government would let her remain in this country if she were willing to cooperate.

Mr. MOORE advised that arrangements had been made for Special Agent ANATOLE BOUGASLAV (phonetic), who was in New York, to be flown to Dallas today in order to handle an interview with Mrs. OSWALD tonight. BOUGASLAV is the best qualified Russian interpreter that the Bureau has at the present time and is familiar with security work. MOORE stated that Immigration Service was sending FRED HARVEY, one of their Washington representatives, to Dallas and arrangements were being made if possible for BOUGASLAV and HARVEY to be flown into Dallas on an Air Force plane, which would probably arrive in Dallas around 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM. Full details will be furnished by telephone later in the day.

MOORE stated that BOUGASLAV should be thoroughly briefed concerning the OSWALD situation in order that he would be able to proceed with the interview as quickly as possible and that the Agent best qualified and who has the most knowledge concerning the situation should accompany BOUGASLAV on the interview. MOORE advised that Immigration Service has

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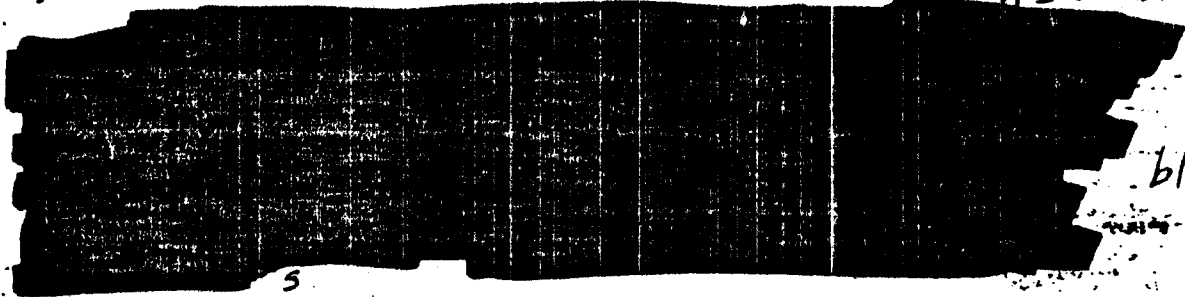
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arranged with our men to conduct their part of the interview first and will immediately withdraw from the interview so that the Bureau can take over its phase of the work in the absence of any Immigration people. He also stated that no Civil Service representative was to be present during the interview; that at the suggestion of the Dallas Office, MOORE advised that he would arrange with JAMES ROWLEY, Head of the Secret Service, to instruct their Dallas Civil Service representatives concerning this interview, and that they were not to sit in on the interview.

MOORE subsequently advised that these arrangements had been made. (See separate memo.)

MOORE requested that this interview with Mrs. OSWALD should be handled with the purpose of securing complete information from Mrs. OSWALD concerning her relation with LEE OSWALD in Russia, including when she met him, where, how long she was acquainted with him prior to their marriage; whether or not she was given any instructions by anyone to become acquainted with him, whether or not she was in touch with any Russian Government organization, such as the Russian Secret Police, or anyone else concerning her relationship with OSWALD. The interview was to cover in detail any instructions she may have received prior to leaving RUSSIA. The interview should also cover in detail all activities of Mrs. OSWALD and her husband after returning to the U.S., the knowledge she has of OSWALD's activities in any Communist organization or any other group in this country; also any dealings with individuals.

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MOORE also stressed the fact that while this undoubtedly should be a very detailed, long interview, time was of the greatest importance, and there was the necessity for trying to get the information in the shortest possible time, particularly

relative to the Sept. 18th matter.

MOORE stated that it was imperative that this matter be handled in such a way that there would be no publicity of any kind and that all individuals that we had to contact, such as Secret Service and Immigration on a local level in Dallas, be emphatically told that there was to be no discussion with any individuals in their and our offices who did not need to know about it, and that we must insure that there be no publicity on the part of these other Government agencies. Likewise, the Dallas Agents who become knowledgeable of this situation must be cautioned to keep their mouths shut concerning any arrangements that are being worked out on this matter.

MOORE advised that while Immigration was coming into the picture and the Bureau was going to be conducting the interview, Mrs. OSWALD and any other relatives that Secret Service now has under their care from the standpoint of making sure no harm came to them should be continued by Secret Service, and not the Bureau or Immigration.

MOORE stated that Dallas should work out all necessary arrangements on this matter as best we could under the circumstances; that the Bureau would be in touch with Dallas, and we should keep the Bureau thoroughly advised of developments as they occur.

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TO : FILE # (89-43)

DATE: 11/28/63

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

At approximately 3:20 PM, Asst. Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN called and stated he would like to talk with the Agent who is to interview OSWALD's wife. He further stated he desired certain info be obtained.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated Mrs. RUTH PAINE arrived at OSWALD's residence in New Orleans on 9/20/63 (date definite). She stayed there until morning of 9/23/63, when she left for home in Texas.

While there, she and MARINA OSWALD toured Bourbon St. while OSWALD stayed home to do dishes.

Mr. SULLIVAN furnished the following questions to be resolved during the interview:

1. Where was OSWALD two days before Mrs. PAINE arrived at New Orleans on 9/20/63.
2. What time of day did Mrs. PAINE arrive on 9/20/63
3. Where was OSWALD that day, 9/20/63
4. When did OSWALD stop working prior to the arrival of Mrs. PAINE
5. Did OSWALD leave New Orleans at any time between 5/14/63 and 9/20/63, the dates when Mrs. PAINE saw them
6. How did OSWALD support the family when in New Orleans
7. Did they have any bank account or safety deposit boxes (Agent should go into amount and sources of income)
8. Who financed OSWALD to travel

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9. Where was he going to get his money to travel to various European nations, including Cuba and Russia, etc., this fall?
10. When did he leave for Mexico, and when did he return this fall (was in late Sept. or early Oct.)
11. What was the reason for the trip to Mexico
12. Whom did he travel with
13. What was mode of travel
14. How was trip to Mexico financed
15. Whom did he see while in Mexico
16. Did her husband have any extra money on his return, and if so, what did he say about the source of it
17. Did her husband drive or own an automobile of his own. If not, whose automobile did he drive when he traveled.

On 9/19/63, OSWALD charged out two books from the New Orleans Public library.

1. Does his wife remember this
2. Does she know what the books were and why he charged them out
3. Does she know where her husband was immediately prior to charging out these books on 9/19/63, particularly on 9/18/63

Emphasize to the Agent that it is extremely important to find out about his finances and in particular, any finances that may have been given to him while in Mexico and the circumstances surrounding, where, when, by whom, etc. Tell the Agent to work on this aspect before he goes to others. In other words, have him put these questions to Mrs. OSWALD first before questioning her about herself. Get everything possible about this in respect to the husband before he starts any other line of interrogation.

The Agent may consider raising these questions:

1. How did she meet and marry her husband
2. How she was able to get travel documents from USSR
3. Her employer in USSR
4. Her education
5. Was she ever connected with Soviet Intelligence in any way
6. Was she given Intelligence assignment when she left Russia
7. What were OSWALD's dealings with KGB, USSR, or any other branch of Soviet Intelligence
8. Does she know what her husband told them when he was interviewed
9. On coming to U. S., has she been contacted by any member of the Soviet Embassy or Intelligence Agents, and if so, the details

Mr. SULLIVAN stated it is very important to determine if any Cuban representative giving any finances, anywhere else, source of finances in USSR, and connections.

Mr. SULLIVAN agreed that it is important to ask Secret Service to give us key names of donors to fund for Mrs. OSWALD. He requested that he be called when info is obtained.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated only the Agent, translator and Mrs. OSWALD should be present during the interview. The translator is BOGUSLAV. He was advised the interview would probably take place between 7:30 and 8 PM, tonight, and the mother-in-law would not be there, if at all possible.

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Mr. SULLIVAN stated the initial approach should be that of a "con man" approach - to win her over. Do not start out cold interrogating her. He suggested offering sympathy. Mention something about the children, that we are glad she has decided to remain in the U. S., etc., for about ten or fifteen minutes, and gradually get into the questioning.

Mr. SULLIVAN then requested to talk with SA HEITMAN, who is to conduct the interview, and SA HEITMAN talked with him.

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DATE: 11/29/63

FROM: SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY

Mr. ~~W. SULLIVAN~~ of Bureau inquired on this morning as to how the interview with Mrs. OSWALD was going. ASAC CLARK advised him that we are sending a teletype to Bureau, but in essence, she said that she wanted to give us anything that she could. She said that the pertinent period that we are interested in, he was with her all the time. That covers the 18th. From May until the time she left there, the 24th of Sept.

She said he told her that he was going to try and get a job there in New Orleans and he had a couple of friends there, and if he didn't get a job there, he was going to come to Dallas. The question was asked in such a way . . . but that he had never been in Mexico. The Agent hadn't asked that question. When the Agent got back to this fact and asked her why did she tell us that he had never been to Mexico, she kind of blushed and said she figured that we were interested in that because it was on TV. The Agent is not sure she is telling the truth.

An interview is being set up again for this afternoon. Her baby is sick. They interviewed her for two hours and quit about midnight. She volunteered the information that he had never been in Mexico. In essence, that is about all that we got last night.

The Agent didn't get real deep - the main reason was that it was late, the baby was sick, and the Agent figured they could do a little better this afternoon. They are going to bear down.

SULLIVAN suggested that we can create the impression that if she doesn't cooperate, the article that was going to be written may never be written and she may never get the money.

The first thing she wanted to know when Immigration talked to her, was what did cooperation entail. They told her that meant full cooperation with law enforcement, and telling us everything she knows.

SULLIVAN was told we will do a good job on it. He said to call him anytime today, and I told him as soon as we got down with it, we will give him a call.

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SAC, SHANKLIN

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, 11/22/63

DON MOORE of the Bureau called at 1:45 PM today to say they had problems in that some of the words on the material sent to them yesterday was not legible. He was advised that the original material from which the verifax copies made was sent by an Agent to Washington today and should be at the Bureau.

With regard to going into statements as to where OSWALD lived, they find a little conflict in his past residences. He resided at New Orleans, Ft. Worth, New York, and there is a statement about North Dakota. Bureau does not find him living in North Dakota, and requested that we get from his mother or his brother, his residences and schooling, for example, we lived in New Orleans until 1946 when we moved to Ft. Worth, then we moved, or they moved, or somebody moved to New York where he resided for two years, then he came back to where he lived up until his Marine Corps entrance. There is a period where he apparently went to New York for a brief time and one reference to living in North Dakota. This information was from a newspaper clipping.

Dallas Office is requested to have his mother or brother tell us where the family lived and especially him, up until his Marine Corps entrance. If we don't already have this information, then get it and phone it to the Bureau.

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