

# Kennedy Slaying Still a 'Nightmare' to

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## Oswald's Widow

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DALLAS, Tex. — Marina Oswald Porter snuffed out her ninth cigarette of the morning and lighted another.

"Have you ever tried to analyze yourself?" she asked. "It's very hard to do. I think about it a lot. I try to forget. It is very difficult. It is like a nightmare. Sometimes I have nightmares."

The former Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald was speaking of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy two years ago. Seated at the dining table in her modern brick home in North-east Dallas, she fussed with her blonde hair and drank coffee.

At first reluctant to admit a reporter, she later relaxed and talked easily, with a definite Russian accent. An attractive, slender woman of medium height, she has arresting blue eyes. Denied cigarettes by Oswald during their marriage, she has become a chain smoker.

### Wife of Technician

Now the wife of an electronics technician, Kenneth Porter, she lives in a house in the \$20,000 range, clean and comfortable. She spoke with disarming candor, when told her daughter, Rachel, 2, was a lovely little girl, Marina said:

"No, she is not lovely. It is something one must say to a mother, I suppose. Pretty maybe, but she is not a lovely girl."

She displayed a recent magazine article which, interpreting the Warren report, said the



Marina Oswald Porter

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Russian-born Marina appeared shallow, adaptable, materialistic and self-centered.

"It is pretty close to the truth, I guess," she said casually. "It made me angry at first—about

10 seconds—but when I cooled off I decided he (the author) has analyzed as best he could. And he did a good job, I think. He was not against me nor was he for me. I think he came pretty close. But I am not materialistic."

### Marital Discord

Her life has not been serene lately. Two months after her June marriage to Kenneth Jess Porter, an employee of Texas

Instruments, Inc., she charged in a peace bond affidavit that Porter slapped her, frightened her with a gun and threatened to kill himself. Porter said he slapped his wife because she became hysterical. He took the gun to keep it away from her, he said.

"Because of all the trouble she's been through, I thought she might try to kill herself," he said.

Porter spent several hours in jail before the peace bond was dismissed. Then the couple left the courtroom together, and the marital discord diminished.

"I am not a considerate person, which is not good," Marina said in the interview. "I sometimes say things without thinking. We are doing quite well. We would like to start a new life. Just start all over. And forget. You understand me?"

### Widow of Slain Officer

Across the Trinity River, in the section of Dallas known as Oak Cliff, Mrs. Marie Tippit, widow of J. D. Tippit, the policeman slain by Oswald, strives to give her children a normal life.

Tippit was shot when he stopped Oswald on a Dallas street shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy.

Donations poured in for the Tippit family. Even now, two years later, a sprinkling of letters and an occasional dollar still arrive at the house.

### Shuns Luxuries

Instant and substantial wealth — nearly \$650,000 — apparently has had little effect on Marie Tippit, sons Curtis, 6, and Allen, 15, and daughter, Brenda, 9. The only tangible evidence of wealth is a new car and a color television set.

"I wanted the children to

