

MR. MC CLOY: Another thing, my wife is pretty suspicious, because she's tried to get some American citizen, who is married to a Russian, get his wife out. She couldn't get it. How in the world did she get it? That's the most difficult thing in the world.

SEN. RUSSELL: That Marine guard who married that Russian girl, it took six months.

REP. FORD: There's some sailor staying over there. They want to throw him out and he won't leave until he takes his wife with him. I think that's right now.

MR. DULLES: I would like to get that material into the hands of the CIA as soon as possible to explain the Russian parts.

SEN. RUSSELL: I think you've got more faith in them than I have. I think they'll doctor anything they hand to us.

MR. DULLES: What Oswald said in his diary, about his relationship with them, about his attempted suicide, about the payment he got, all that business requires a very careful study.

SEN. RUSSELL: Well, all of that writing material that he brought out of there with him.

CHAIRMAN: And our Government furnished him four hundred and some dollars to bring that Russian wife over.

SEN. RUSSELL: The first time they brought home one of those defectors from Korea I wired the President, I wired the Secretary of State, I protested violently paying one dime to bring home those chaps who have spit on the American flag, jumped up and down on it in the mud, and in the presence of all of our people and soldiers renounce their citizenship. Whether they can do that or not, we didn't have to pay their way home. And this last one, I took that up with President Kennedy and they would not pay his way home, and finally this broadcasting company paid his way home.

Mr. McCloy. That is what I heard through Life Magazine and they were throwing in this note she was now saying, giving evidence she was going to put evidence in this thing that he was a Soviet agent.

Mr. Dulles. I can get him in and have a friendly talk. I know him.

Senator Russell. That will blow the lid if she testifies to that.

The Chairman. All right.

Other matters regarding Mrs. Oswald, what response does the Commission wish to make regarding inquiries regarding access to Mrs. Oswald by ACLU and others?

The American Civil Liberties Union down at Dallas, did he write us a letter, Lee, or was that just a newspaper item?

Mr. Rankin. That was just a newspaper item.

The Chairman. In a newspaper item demanded to see Mrs. Oswald to see if she was being restrained unconstitutionally of liberty and I thought -- her lawyers told the Union that she was not being restrained, but they wanted to see her personally, and I don't think we could have, afford to have, a great issue made of that, so when the time comes, I think we ought to try to make arrangements to let someone see her and talk to her and maybe we can do it at the time of her testimony here.

Mr. Dulles. Isn't Ernest Angell the head of ACLU?

Mr. Rankin. That was New York, this is Dallas.

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Mr. McCloy. Didn't the subtitle say --

Sen. Russell. I don't think they have a right to invade her privacy if she doesn't want to talk to them. She has got her own lawyer.

and she can sell it and that is quite clear.

The Chairman. She doesn't have to talk to them at all.

Sen. Russell. I don't know that we have her in our custody, why should we get into that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Rankin. We do have a little problem because the Secret Service came to us and said, "Shall we quit our surveillance over her?"

Sen. Russell. Oh, no, we can't do that.

Mr. Rankin. I said we can't to that because she would slip right across the border and be gone, and if it got down to that issue, I suppose they would say we told them to stay there, blame it on us.

Mr. McCloy. Is that something we have a responsibility to tell the ACLU about?

Mr. Rankin. No.

Mr. McCloy. She is represented by counsel, she is herself satisfied with this?

Mr. Rankin. Oh, yes.

Mr. McCloy. Katzenbach talked to her about it, told me he talked to her about it. She had no objection, she seemed to like the idea, as a matter of fact, because she was being protected.

Rep. Boggs. She knows they are there, doesn't she?

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Mr. McCloy. Oh, yes.

Mr. Rankin. I think her lawyers like the idea because it keeps the press away from her and she doesn't have to give a story out and she can sell it and that is quite clear.

The Chairman. Well, frankly, the only thing I had in mind was public relations. If it weren't for the Commission we wouldn't want them to get the story around we were sequestering this woman or preventing her from having her liberty, don't you know, and just so we can seat her here before the Commission because that is what fellows like Belli and like this fellow Lane, who is representing the mother, will do, and I just thought if we could wash it out some way it would be a simple thing to do, I am sure.

Rep. Boggs. Of course, the other side of the coin, as I see it, if this woman should slip out of the country, we would look like fools.

The Chairman. Wouldn't we, though.

Mr. Dulles. Couldn't we tell the Secret Service if they have a reputable fellow, ACLU, to go and see her, without going on record about it?

Mr. Rankin. It isn't quite so simple because the press is so unhappy about her being away from the press that she -- one of the Congressmen called me and asked me about his newspaper not being able to get a story from her.

So, they were using all kinds of devices.

Sen. Russell. They are undoubtedly pressuring the ACLU. That



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is the local Dulles branch down there and the papers are putting the heat on them.

Mr. Dulles. If we maintain the ban we are going to run into the trouble sooner or later.

The Chairman. If she comes up here with her lawyer and she says to us, "This man is my lawyer," who has the right to say she is being restrained. The more I think of it, Lee, the less I think we are under any obligation. If she shows any reticence when she comes here that is another thing.

Sen. Russell. I think it might be well whoever is accompanying here to tell her these people want to see her and ask her if she wants to see them and do it in the presence of her lawyer and he is going to tell her to say, "No" and he doesn't want anybody to talk to her until the story is sold and in the Commission you can say the question was asked on the recommendation of her lawyers if she wanted to see the Civil Liberties Union and she said she had no necessity at all.

The Chairman. I think that is right, Lee, we will let it ride until she comes here.

We have talked over already the problem the return of the personal property and have agreed that should not be done.

Next is Item L, disclosure of investigative material to District Attorney Wade and attorneys for Ruby.

Now, we have requests from both, the District Attorney requested and Ruby's lawyers demanded that we give them everything we

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