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was always right, anyone who opposed him was wrong. charge that his legal right to expatriate himself was being denied him was right, even when his actions were "illegal." Thus, for example, complaint to a higher authority. He believed that what he was doing fered with, he considered it a personal affront and often took his to do whatever he wanted without interference. When he was interhe could threaten to give away military secrets in one breath and him. In his logic, there was no inconsistency in any of this. Since he in the next-and tell the American ambassador he was going to ask Russia, he expected the Americans to do everything they could to help his new government to lodge a formal protest. After deciding to leave

were assassinated. At home, a front pageMorning News headline on ber 2 an army coup ousted President Diem, and Diem and his brother the president was tentatively scheduled to attend a noon luncheon in November 4 announced, "President in Dallas." The story said that Dallas on November 21 or 22. On that weekend there was a crisis in South Vietnam. On Novem-

During their conversation Ruth commented that she thought Oswald was a Trotskyite. When Hosty asked her if she thought this was a On November 5, Hosty passed through Irving with another agent en route to Fort Worth and stopped by to speak briefly with Ruth. was mentally unstable or unable to conduct himself in normal soci-ety." Ruth later testified, "I was not at all worried about ideology expected, she would be perfectly willing to give him that address. contrary to my own or with which I disagreed, and it looked to me mental problem, Ruth said that she didn't understand the mental him that when the Oswalds moved into an apartment again, as she She still hadn't found out Oswald's address in Oak Cliff, but she told dangerous because of these beliefs. Marxism, indeed nearly a religion," but that she didn't think him that he was a person of this ideology or philosophy which he calls processes of a Marxist, but that "this was far different from saying he 3 3

made any difference." She had never spoken to me this way before, and I didn't see that it it plain that this was a matter of privacy for them. This surprised me. overheard and understood a part of their conversation. Ruth testified door and memorized the license number of his car. She had also told her "she felt their address was their business. . . . and she made that during that day or the next, while they were doing dishes. Marina While Ruth was speaking with Hosty, Marina slipped out the back

When Oswald returned to Irving on Friday the 8th, he was greeted

ww That about that making inhibit my activities." Ruth replied, "You have your rights to your more a scoffing laugh, hardly voiced." He said, "They are trying to Hosty had asked if this was a mental problem Lee "gave no reply but with the unwelcome news of Hosty's return visit. When Ruth told him had wad an internal dustingues to Lucado nutto 1 town m 1 When meat: I the new wham BO CONTRACT ON THE Decision ... 195 WITTIN OUL Runo of Note more I Demeo MA Im not TONILIMIA any monte HWW

at the downtown office of the FBI and left a note. he go see Hosty and tell him whatever he wanted to know. Of course, this was exactly what he could not do. But he said that he had stopped he ought to expect the FBI to be interested in him. She suggested that But privately she also thought that with his background as a defector of his handing out pamphlets or expressing a belief in Fidel Castro. views, whether they are popular or not." She was thinking in terms

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consideration, but no parades were yet being planned. Dallas. Two luncheon sites, one of them the Trade Mart, were under The front-page story that day was again the president's trip 5

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www.ald had come into the FBI office on Commerce Street two or three suggest that the FBI hadn't kept a careful enough eye on the presi-Shanklin. (Shanklin was evidently concerned that the note would after Oswald's death, on orders from his Dallas superior, J. Gordon walked out. Hosty later admitted that he had destroyed the note inside business-size envelope with the word "Hosty" written on it and weeks before the assassination. He looked "fidgety" and asked to dent's assassin.) In 1975 Hosty told the Church committee that the speak with Hosty. Informed that he wasn't in, Oswald handed her a unsigned note read, roughly: Tears later, (Hosty's receptionist, Nanny Lee Fenner, recalled that MAD MA

action and report this to proper authorities.1 If you have anything you want to learn about me, come talk to me directly. If you don't cease bothering my wife, I will take appropriate

of the assassination. Hosty put the note in his workbox, where it remained until the day

pose a letter to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. It was a characterstic mixture of guile and ingratiation. On Saturday the 9th Oswald borrowed Ruth's typewriter to com-

Kostin in the Embassy of the Soviet Union, Mexico City, Mexico. This is to inform you of recent events since my meetings with comrade

on requesting a new visa unless I used my real name, so I returned to visa restrictions which was for 15 days only. I could not take a chance I was unable to remain in Mexico indefinitely because of my Mexican

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After converting to Marxism, Oswald's conscious motives were political. He considered his defection to be a courageous protest against American military imperialism. His explanation for attacking Walker was also ideological: he would be eliminating a potential Hitler, thereby saving lives. Each time, he expected to be recognized as a fighter for justice. But his inner compulsions were the same as they had been. On learning that the Walker bullet had missed, he was disappointed, but Marina believed that he was also pleased "with the clever fellow he was" in getting away with the attempt. He had put one over on the police.

Strip away the politics, and Oswald's antisocial personality is evident. He resembles the typical St. Elizabeths criminal seeking power, control, and excitement. At Youth House he had been diagnosed as a "passive-aggressive" individual, someone whose outward compliance masked deep anger. This characteristic shows up in his political writings, where Oswald cast himself as a silent observer who waited in "stoical readiness" for the opportune moment to act.

This complex of motivations reverberated in the Kennedy assassination, It would be a violent protest against American imperialism toward Cuba and a retaliation for the plots against Castro. But beneath Oswald's rationalizations, there was a continuing self-aggrandizement and a desire for vengeance that came from something other than politics.

Each of these incidents was also derived, in some way, from Ogwald's reading of press reports. His ideas were never entirely original. Oswald's defection was preceded by that of Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, a famous case that Oswald alluded to in a conversation with Nelson Delgado. It wasn't so much that news stories "put ideas in his head." It was almost the other way around: Oswald's grandiose selfimage drove him to project himself onto the world stage. The international political scene was the reality that mattered to him, and he was determined to make his mark on it.

As each of his efforts was frustrated, Oswald's schemes became progressively more violent. His defection resulted in a week's publicity and two and a half years of obscurity. The Walker incident gained only a brief, anonymous attention. Then his plan to reach Cuba was thwarted by red tape—moreover, the Cubans didn't take him seriously. His repeated attempts to join a revolutionary movement had failed, leaving him as isolated and unrecognized as ever.¹

After Oswald returned to Dallas in October 1963, events continued

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to narrow his path. His perception of the plots against Castro had already led him to threaten President Kennedy's life on two occasions. On October 19th, a double feature about assassinations reminded him of "the actual situation" that existed in Cuba. The following evening his preoccupation was such that he didn't think to ask about the birth of his second child.

Having failed to get Russian visas, Oswald was stranded in Dallas. He made plans to renew his political activities. By "reading between the lines" of leftist newspapers, he would determine which line to follow. But in November there were new developments. His visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico had understandably reawakened the FBI's interest in him. Cornered, feeling unjustly persecuted, Oswald wrote a note to Hosty and a letter to the Soviets in Washington protesting the FBI attention. At this juncture, he learned that the president's motorcade would pass the building where he worked.

It must have seemed to him that fate had spoken. All his past life was a rehearsal for the moment when he decided to act out his violent fantasies against President Kennedy. After his arrest, Oswald appeared calm, introspective, at peace with himself. He behaved as if he were now in control—as, in a real-sense, he was, until Jack Ruby's own obsessions intervened. At long last, Oswald had achieved what he had always wanted: vengeance power, and even an infamous immortality.

The assassination of John Kennedy was neither an act of random violence nor a conspiracy. It was carried out as a result of Oswald's character and packground interacting with circumstance. It's likely that had there been no plots against Castro, Oswald would have eventually killed someone, but it would not have been President Kennedy/Castro's warning had simply deflected his aim.

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of Oswald to put an incriminating statement on paper. Hosty's version also sounds more like Oswald, who frequently took his complaints to "proper so that the writing couldn't be seen, and it would have been uncharacteristic Oswald made no violent threat. authorities." Finally, Hosty's reaction-putting the note aside-suggests that Dallas Police Department, but this is unlikely. Hosty said the note was folded the unsealed envelope and that it contained a threat to blow up the FBI and Note r: Hosty's receptionist claimed that the note was partly visible inside

268-269. Letter to Soviet Embassy: XVI, 33; III, 13; WR, 309-311.

270. Oswald's knowledge of Azcue's replacement: Newman, 495; WR, 310 to Alfredo Mirabal, consul of Cuba). XXV, 817 (October 15 letter from Cuba regarding Oswald's visa, addressed

Marina unaware of new visa request: McMillan, 506

on November 9 (III, 13-18, 51-52; WR, 309). Puzzled and disturbed by its clearly felt that Hosty's routine assurances to Marina somehow threatened his that is, she could refuse to return to the ____. The last five words were crossed out and the sentence completed with "defect from the Soviet Union." Oswald 270 contents, she made a copy, intending to show it to Hosty if he returned also 'suggested' that my wife could 'remain in the U.S. under FBI protection, plans to send her back to Russia. Ruth discovered this draft lying on her desk Note 2: In an earlier, handwritten draft Oswald had written, "The agent

Oswald asked not to return on weekend, Learner's permit application: I, 63; 271. Trip to shopping center, Oswald's mood: III, 14; IX, 391. 394. II., 515-517.

272. Marina's attempt to call Oswald: III, 43-44.

273-274. President's Miami speech: Newman, 509; Summers, 425, 423. 274. Newspapers' coverage of speech and motorcade route: XXVI, 69; New-272-273. November 18 argument over alias: I, 46; III, 45; McMillan, 516-517.

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274-275. Marina on Oswald's failure to call: III, 45-46

275. Hunting rifle in Truly's office: McMillan, 519; VII, 381-382, 387-388. Conversation with Frazier: II, 222.

Ruth on Oswald's arrival: III, 46-48.

ter, 114, 121, 137; VII, 455-276-276A. President Kennedy in Fort Worth: Bishop, 25, 28, 6t; Manches-276. Oswald's activities at Ruth's house: McMillan, 521, 523-515.

276B. Oswald on his way to shoot Walker?: Newman, 47-49

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sion lawyer David Belin believes that he was en route to a street at which he could have caught a bus to Mexico (Belin, 425-428). Congressman Harold 276B. Oswald seen by shoe store manager: VII, 3-4. was walking when Tippit stopped him (HACR, 673-674). Communists in New York and the president's proposed visit to Dallas. The informant's home was two blocks farther up the street in the direction Oswald story had appeared on the same page as articles about John Abt defending party defector who had helped the FBI destroy the Party in Texas. The news to the home of an individual identified by the Dallas press as a Communist Sawyer of the Assassinations Committee believes that Oswald was on his way Note 3: There are other theories about where Oswald was headed. Commis

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279. Fritz on Oswald's answers: IV, 239. Other questioners' impressions: XXIV, 839, 844; VII, 135. Oswald discusses political beliefs: WR, 610; IV, 224. Oswald apprised of rights, declines lawyer: IV, 216. 278. Michael Paine's reactions: McMillan, 540-541. 277-78. Castro's statements: Daniel, "When Castro Heard the News." AM/LASH meeting with case officer: Book V, 19-20. 279-80. Hosty realizes note was from Oswald: HACR, 245. Oswald meets Hosty: IV, 210, 466-467. Oswald's arrest: VII, 40, 52, 73; VII 54 (crowd); VII 41, 59 (in police car); 277. Seth Kantor's reaction: XX. 410. FBI agents join questioning: IV, 209, 210. Belin, 27.

280. Oswald's statements on rifle, whereabouts, and pistol: WR, 619; XI, 613; WR, 181.

Witnesses identify Oswald: WR, 166. Denial he was in Mexico City: IV, 210.

281. Oswald at press conference: IV, 166; Newman, 547. Ruby's personality Concealment of Neely Street address: WR, 617.

sums of money and pistol: WR, 797, 805and arrest record: XXIII, 21, 22, 172, 356, 7, 125; WR, 796, 800. Ruby's large

281-282. Ruby's reaction to assassination: WR, 335, 337-338.

Jarman, Norman, and Williams on shooting: III, 204-207, 198-192, 175-176. 282. Oswald's assertions, Jarman's location: WR, 182, 635, 250

182A. Secret Service report: WR, 635; Oswald asks for Abt: XX, 441; IV, 215; VII, 344-

282-83. Kantor and Oswald's remarks: XX, 416

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