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“When Will All Our Foolishness Come to an End?”

Oswald was ashamed to call Marina when he first arrived in Dallas. He had fully expected he would be calling her from Cuba, and he could not bring himself to talk to her that first day. Instead, he went directly to the YMCA, where he had stayed a year earlier when he had moved to Dallas to find work. He registered as a serviceman to avoid paying the 50¢ membership fee.¹ Later that same day he checked in at the Texas Employment Commission, filed a claim for the last of his unemployment checks, and emphasized that he needed to find work quickly.² He listed his address as 2515 West 5th Street in the Dallas suburb of Irving, which was Ruth Paine's house, where Marina was staying.³

The following day, Friday, October 4, Oswald reviewed the newspaper's help-wanted ads and applied for work as a typesetter at the Padgett Printing Company. He made a favorable impression on the plant superintendent, Theodore Gangl, who was prepared to hire him. However, before committing himself, he telephoned one of Oswald's references, Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, and spoke to Robert Stovall. Stovall remembered Oswald well and told Gangl he was "kind of an oddball . . . peculiar . . . and that he had some knowledge of the Russian language . . . may be a damn Communist." Stovall concluded, "If I was you, I wouldn't hire him."⁴ Oswald did not get the job.

After his Padgett interview, he finally telephoned Marina. She was elated that he was not in Cuba. He told her to send Ruth