

# Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. MOORE

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA  
(ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- DATE: 11-23-63
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Schutz
- 1 - Mr. Turner
- 1 - Liaison

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Inspector Malley called from Dallas late 11-27-63 to advise that Mrs. Oswald had been entirely uncooperative during attempts to interview her but on 11-27-63 had indicated that she might be willing to cooperate if she had some concrete assurances she could remain in the U.S. Details are as follows:

Mrs. Oswald is a citizen of the Soviet Union, having married Oswald while he was in the USSR and having come to the U.S. as his wife in 1962. She speaks very little English. She is now in the protective custody of Secret Service and a Russian-speaking Secret Service agent assisted in the attempted interview on 11-27-63. Mrs. Oswald was entirely uncooperative during the interview and after two and one-half hours, requested that the interview be halted.

While she has indicated some hostility toward the Bureau, it is very possible that part of her reluctance to talk is because of a reported sale by her and Oswald's mother of their story to a magazine. In this connection, Oswald's mother was also uncooperative during an attempted interview 11-27-63 and refused to furnish any more information.

Inspector Malley advised that Bureau Agents are of the opinion (and this opinion is shared by Secret Service) that subject's wife is a cool, poised, intelligent, well-disciplined individual and perhaps as a result of having grown up in a totalitarian state is used to adversity and can stand up under it. She did, however, during the interview express keen interest in money, an indication that she most certainly would have no desire to go back to Russia. She also indicated that she might be willing to cooperate with the Bureau if some concrete assurances could be given to her, that she would be permitted to remain in the U.S.

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After checking with you, Liaison Agent Haynes contacted Associate Commissioner Mario Noto, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and according to Mr. Noto, Mrs. Oswald has done nothing to subject herself to deportation and she is a permanent resident in the U.S. He said she could be advised that her cooperation with the Bureau will be made a matter of record with INS with regard to her citizenship application if she desires to make such an application. Mr. Noto also said that he would be glad to have an INS representative present during an interview with Mrs. Oswald if ~~she~~ so desired and the INS representative would advise her of the above, answer any questions she might have, attempt to secure her cooperation and then, of course, would withdraw from the interview. Noto in effect said INS would be glad to do anything that they could to assist the Bureau.

After this matter was further discussed with you and Mr. Belmont, arrangements were made to have Anatole E. Boguslav, an extremely well qualified Russian-speaking Agent from New York flown to Dallas today by the Air Force to interview Mrs. Oswald. Arrangements were also made by Liaison through Associate Commissioner Noto to have an official of INS available in Dallas who would be present at the outset of the interview to explain her rights and privileges as to U.S. residence to Mrs. Oswald and assist in securing her cooperation. This INS representative will only be present during this portion of the interview and then withdraw. He will, however, remain in Dallas for a period of time to be available if Mrs. Oswald should raise further questions re her citizenship or residence in the U.S.

Inspector Malley and SAC Shanklin in Dallas were advised of the arrangements made for Boguslav and the INS representative to be in Dallas this evening for the attempted interview, and to make necessary arrangements so that Mrs. Oswald would be made available by Secret Service. Malley and Shanklin pointed out that subject's mother has appointed herself an unofficial attorney and guardian for subject's wife and she would probably attempt to be present but I told Malley and Shanklin it should be worked out so that Bureau Agents would be the only ones present during the interview after the INS representative has completed his part. Malley and Shanklin were advised I would be in touch with them as soon as possible after the definite time of arrival of the Air Force plane was determined

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so that definite arrangements could be made by them for the interview. I also went over with them briefly the highlights that should be covered during the initial stages of the interview and said that if Mrs. Oswald did agree to the interview and was cooperative, they should attempt to secure as much as possible tonight and if she insisted the interview be concluded, to make arrangements for it to be continued as soon as possible tomorrow.

**ACTION:**

Liaison stressed with INS the necessity for this to be kept confidential and I also stressed this with Inspector Malley and SAC Shanklin.

You will be advised of additional developments.

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