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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED November 29 - December 1, 1963	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY ATSAIC Leon I. Gopadze		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Additional information received from Marina Oswald concerning her life with Lee Harvey Oswald and other pertinent information regarding the case.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to memorandum report of ATSAIC Gopadze dated November 29, 1963, relative to the investigation conducted in this case.

On the afternoon of November 29, 1963, the reporting agent, accompanied by SA Art Blake, proceeded to the Six Flags Inn in the anticipation of Marina Oswald and her children to be moved to the residence of the Martin's residence the same evening. Mr. James Martin is the assistant manager of the Inn and had invited Marina Oswald and her children to stay at his house.

Upon arrival of agents at the cottage, Robert Oswald was also there, and he asked for assistance of the reporting agent to translate important information concerning his brother Lee Oswald. He stated that apparently the cemetery officials through the Miller's Funeral Home, Fort Worth, are concerned about retaining Lee Oswald's body at the cemetery due to the pressure of families who have relatives buried there as the cemetery officials received all kinds of threats, even to the extent that the body would be exhumed. According to Robert Oswald, the funeral home officials suggested to him either the body be removed from the cemetery or be cremated. He also stated that he had been told that it would take three signatures of Marina Oswald, his mother's and his to accomplish the necessary action. The information furnished by Robert Oswald was translated to Marina Oswald who at first refused to consider such request but after various reasons for such action were explained to her she agreed for cremation of her husband's body in preference that the body be removed to another cemetery.

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During the ensuing general conversation with Marina Oswald she indicated that she was very tired from the previous evening due to the interrogation by the FBI agents and that she was worried whether the Martin family liked her during the time she spent with them on Thanksgiving Day. She was also worried as to the length of time she could stay with the Martins and what sort of work they are expecting from her. Upon arrival of James Martin at the cottage occupied by Marina Oswald, the above mentioned problems were related to him and he stated that Marina could stay with them as long as she wanted and that all they wanted her to do was to be happy and for her to feel as a member of their family. Marina Oswald also indicated that she would rather move from the cottage the following day than the same evening which was agreeable to Mr. Martin. During that evening the reporting agent felt that Marina Oswald expressed additional confidence in the reporting agent and in fact she was very disappointed when the agent departed.

On November 30, 1963, the reporting agent accompanied by SA Blake proceeded to the Six Flags Inn for the purpose of additional questioning of Marina Oswald about some matters which were of interest to the Service. Marina Oswald was questioned concerning the origin of the black wallet containing \$160.00 in cash and the identity of Byron Phillips of the Wilbarger County, Texas, who executed an affidavit of financial responsibility for her entree into the United States. She stated that the money in the amount of \$170.00 represented their savings from her husband's wages and that \$10.00 was given to her by the newspaper man; that Lee Oswald was very stingy with his money, tried to exist and eat on little as possible and never bought anything for himself. She was asked whether he was lazy and did not like to work and she replied in the negative as he needed to work and was very concerned about his financial responsibility.

Regarding Byron Phillips, she stated that neither she or Lee ever saw Byron Phillips, that she has heard that her mother-in-law Mrs. Marguerite Oswald worked for him as a practical nurse during the time she (Mrs. Oswald) was residing in Vernon, Texas, and that Mrs. Oswald asked Mr. Phillips to execute the necessary affidavit. Marina Oswald further stated that the wallet in question was given to her husband by his mother upon their arrival in Fort Worth, Texas, from Russia, and that she kept it always in the places where they lived. She was also questioned concerning whether or not she ever saw in Lee's possession pamphlets showing pictures of the late President Kennedy requesting that he be indicted for treason and she replied in the negative. In connection with curtain rods mentioned by Lee Oswald to Wesley Frazier as the latter drove Lee to work Friday morning, she stated that she never saw any rods in the Paine's house or in the garage as Mrs. Ruth Paine only had venetian blinds.

Marina Oswald also stated that when she was shown, by the reporting agent, pictures of Lee Oswald holding a rifle she did not advise at that time that she had the same pictures but in smaller sizes pasted in her family album but that upon suggestion of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald she destroyed them upon learning that

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her husband was a prime suspect in the shooting of the President. She also related that the Thursday evening (November 21, 1963) when Lee Oswald appeared at the Paine's house unexpectedly, he told her to buy anything the children needed from their savings, that he appeared to be nervous, that he tried to make up to her due to their previous domestic quarrel and that he went to bed at about 8:00 P.M. the same evening. According to Marina Oswald, when she went to bed around 10:00 P.M., she felt that he was not asleep as shortly after he touched her to see if she were asleep. Marina Oswald further stated that the following day (Friday) when she got up from her bed, after the departure of her husband, she noticed his wedding ring laying on the top of their bedroom dresser. She stated that he never, to her knowledge, took off his ring before, and that at that time she thought it was a strange thing for him to do.

During the ride transporting Marina Oswald and her two children to the Martin's residence located at 11011 Farrar Street, Dallas, Texas, Marina Oswald was constantly talking concerning her husband trying to analyze his emotions and possible reason for killing the President. She said that on numerous occasions he would drop on his knees in front of her crying, saying that he was lost, did not know what to do and was confused in his way of life. Marina Oswald also stated that her husband always tried to improve himself, but that he mostly was concentrating in reading books about the great men of the world, their achievements and their contribution to the world. Marina Oswald is of the opinion that her husband was an ego-maniac who wanted to be a "big man" but that in failing to be so he decided to show the whole world who he was by killing the President so that the whole world would know his name. Marina Oswald also stated that while they were living in the Soviet Union, Lee Oswald indicated the lack of freedom of speech in Russia, the travel restrictions and in some way he was disappointed in the way he was treated there.

The trip from the Six Flags Inn to the Martin's residence was without any incidents and no further pertinent information was received from Marina Oswald in this case.

On December 1, 1963, the reporting agent accompanied by SA Gintz proceeded to the Martin's residence for the purpose of taking Marina Oswald and her family to the cemetery which visit she previously requested. Upon arrival of the Robert Oswald family from Denton, Texas, with Special Agents James Lackey and Talmage Bailey, the Oswalds decided that only Marina and Robert Oswald would go to the cemetery. Both Oswalds, including Marina's daughter Junie, were taken to the Rose Hill cemetery located in Fort Worth, Texas, in the government car preceded by plain police car occupied by two plain clothes police officers. On the way to the cemetery Marina Oswald bought azalea plant and one dozen white carnations from a florist shop. Upon arrival at the cemetery Marina Oswald placed the flowers at the Lee Oswald grave with two separate notes written in Russian that the azalea plant was from his wife and for him to rest in peace. The carnations were from his children. Marina Oswald was very pleased to see that the grave contained a white flowered cross with many other flowers. There were not many onlookers and the grave was guarded by one Fort Worth police car with a uniform policeman.

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Marina Oswald remained at the grave for about twenty minutes, and the party returned to the Martin's residence. At the residence Mrs. Martin suggested that Marina Oswald change her appearance for the security reasons while residing at their house and Marina Oswald did not object to that request. Mrs. Robert Oswald, who is a professional beauty operator, cut Marina Oswald's hair, making it short. No other conversation was conducted by the reporting agent with Marina Oswald that day.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Further contacts will be maintained with Marina Oswald for any possible information she may have in this case.

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