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Hinted He Was Secret Agent for U.S.

FORT WORTH—(UPI)—Accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was writing a book about his travels as a defector in Russia and tried to hint he was working as a U. S. secret agent, it was disclosed today.

He criticized everything he found in the Soviet Union.

Pauline V. Bates, a public stenographer, copied part of the manuscript from notes Oswald brought her.

(SHE DOES not know if the book ever was completed or what Oswald planned to call it. She worked on it three days.

After every copying session, he took his notes, every copy that Miss Bates made, and even her carbon paper.

Miss Bates said the last day Oswald came in, he was nervous or scared.

"He was fidgety, jumping up and down, looking over my shoulder, wondering at what point I was in the manuscript," she said.

MISS BATES got to the 10th paragraph and he suddenly stopped her.

"Ten dollars is all I've got," he said.

She said she worked with Oswald for three days last year.

He was in Russia from October, 1959, to June, 1962, when the U.S. government loaned him \$435 to come home.

Miss Bates was fascinated by the story she had been typing and she said she told Oswald:

"I'll finish it for you, Lee, and you can pay me when you get the money."

"No," he said, throwing down a \$10 bill and taking the manuscript from her.

HE NEVER said he was a secret agent, but tried to give that impression, she said. Miss Bates wondered at the time if he were a secret agent, why he came to a public stenographer, why he had only \$10 and could not get a job.

As Miss Bates remembers it, this was what Oswald thought of Russia:

"Conditions were terrible

in his eyes. Several families living in one room. Everybody working. Women as well as men. Children placed in nurseries until they are old enough to go to state schools. The continual, perpetual pressure of the Communist Party. The spying and the fear of bugs (electronic listening devices).

"PEOPLE spoke openly only in parks. He wrote about the May Day parades, carefully arranged. You better turn out unless you are really sick. Oswald said he worked in a Minsk factory 12 and 14 hours a day on a quota basis."

Miss Bates said one of the ways she thought he was implying he was a secret agent was in such comments as:

"When the State Department granted my visa, they stipulated they could not stand behind me in any way."

"In Russian factories," she quoted, "If you did more than your quota, you got a citation. But it didn't show on your paycheck."

"There were no coffee breaks. No paid vacations. Just a few chosen few got vacations from each factory. Even then they were not alone but under a party boss."

"All lectures on communism were conducted during the lunch hour."

"The TV carries nothing but the Communist Party line, but you have to turn it on or somebody gets suspicious. A few have hidden radios and are enthusiastic over the Voice of America."