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Wife Discloses Oswald Wanted to Hijack Plane

NEW YORK (UPI) — Marina Oswald said her husband, accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, wanted to hijack a plane to fly him to Cuba four months before the presidential slaying, it has been disclosed.

He abandoned the plan as too risky to pull off alone and asked Marina to help him. She laughed at him. She ridiculed the plan, she said.

"I told him that I just scared to death to hold his gun and it would be very funny story, very funny picture of everybody, a pregnant woman with one child and hold his gun," Marina said.

She told the story in a television interview with the National Broadcasting Co. The interview will be broadcast Sunday night.

Marina said it was in July, 1963, four months before President Kennedy was assassinated, that Oswald proposed the hijacking plan.

Marina did not say where the plane was to be taken or whether or not it was to be a commercial airliner or a private plane.

Marina, a native of Russia,

speaks broken English. Here is the way she described the abortive plan:

"I know Lee, he don't tell me his plan about Cuba, because I don't know why, first time he wanted to try to, not to steal, seize airplane and go to Cuba, and first time he went just himself and I told him 'Lee, you can't do this.'

"Anyway I didn't want he do this. But I told him just don't do this because he can't. He is not so strong man to do this hisself and he told me 'OK, you help me,' and I said 'how?'

"And he explains me how, he want to fly in airplane with him and how this . . . and I told him that I just scared to death to hold his gun . . .

"And I left and I don't take this serious, and he was so upset about this. Probably he know I don't help him, and after this he wants to try some legal way and this reason you know he want to go to Mexico and after Mexico he want to go to Cuba"