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For account of negotiations between Marina and John J. King for sale of rifle, see Life Magazine, Aug. 27, 1965.

Excerpt: Negotiations dragged on for months. There was a question of total future validity of Marina's title to her husband's estate. Her lawyers arranged for Marina to file a formal intention to become a U.S. citizen. That done, it was arranged for her to be formally appointed administratrix of the community property by the Probate Court in Dallas. As such she had the right to dispose of the estate.

But Marina was unwilling to kick up her heels and demand her rights in a strange country. "She was very reluctant about pressing these things," King remembers. "We tried to get it done in her name but she wouldn't stand hitched for that. She was afraid they would cut her off at the pass someplace. Her desire all the time was to become a citizen of the U.S. and she was afraid to get too tough with any of these bureaucrats for fear they might, just whoosh, send her back off to Minsk "