

RIFLE (Marina)

Start with R 128/1, follow through on footnotes.

Last seen by Marina one week following return from New Orleans Sept. 24, 1963? (Footnote 107, 108 - 1 H 26)  
Wade or pox, Marina said in garage 11/21/63.

"Marina Oswald advised an Agent of this Bureau on November 22, 1963, that she had been shown a rifle at the Dallas Police Department on that date that had been reportedly found in the Texas School Book Depository Building. She advised that she was unable to identify it positively as the same rifle kept in the garage at Mrs. Ruth Paine's residence by Oswald."

CE 2580, p. 851 - FBI analysis, Red Roses of Dallas  
R 647/5

Check pox version, if any.

CE 1792, p. 409 - Gopadze, Nov. 27, Marina said she lied to pox, now says "no question" it was Oswald's rifle. to protect O.

Gopadze, Secret Svc. report of questioning of Marina by FBI (Nov. 26?, 1963): "She was asked whether Lee had any guns and she said yes; that he had a rifle while they were living in New Orleans but did not know what kind of a gun it was as she was not familiar with firearms of any kind. ... She found a rifle wrapped in one of their blankets ... in Mrs. Paine's garage. She said she did not examine this gun but saw only the barrel."

CE 1792, p. 408

Marina's testimony, Feb. 1964. Mr. Thorne: Exhibit 139.  
Mrs. Oswald: This is the fateful rifle of Lee Oswald.  
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Gopadze, Secret Svc. report of questioning of Marina by FBI (Nov. 26?, 1963): "She added that when she moved from New Orleans she cannot tell whether she brought the gun to Irving, Texas."

CE 1792, p. 408

Marina's testimony, Feb. 3, 1964. Rankin: Do you know whether or not the rifle was carried in the station wagon?  
Mrs. Oswald: Yes, it was.

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FBI report, interrogation of Marina Nov. 30, 1963 (?): "She advised she did not know that the rifle had a scope on it."

CE 1794, p. 413

Marina's testimony, Feb. 6, 1964. Mr. Rankin: Is that the scope it had on it as far as you know? Mrs. Oswald: Yes.  
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Presumably the Commission had seen FBI report (CE 1794, p.413). Marina's change of mind about the scope, between Nov. 1963 and Feb. 1964, is either overlooked by the Commission or accepted without question. However, the Commission gives no credence to the naming of the rifle as a Mauser by Witzman, Boone and perhaps Fritz, all of them familiar with guns.

FBI report, interrogation /by Boguslav and Heitman/ of Marina, Dec. 16, 1963: "A photograph of the sling which was attached to the rifle found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository .. was exhibited to Marina, and she advised she did not recognize this sling."

CE 1403, XXII 778

Secret Service report by Leon I. Gopadze, of interrogation of Marina, Nov. 26 to 28, 1963: "/Marina was shown photos of Oswald with rifle./ "After Marina Oswald examined the pictures it was pointed out to her Lee was holding a rifle containing the scope and she said honestly that she does not remember noticing the scope but that it was Lee's rifle and the same one which she had previously seen in their apartment in New Orleans. The fact that Lee had a revolver in a holster on his right side was pointed out to her but she said she did not notice the revolver while taking the picture as Lee was dressed in black and it would have been hard to see."

CE 1792, XXIII 408

Secret Service report by Leon I. Gopadze (as above): "/Marina said/ that when she moved from New Orleans she cannot tell whether she brought the gun to Irving, Texas, but that she found a rifle wrapped in one of their blankets and that it was in Mrs. Paine's garage. She said she did not examine this gun but only saw the barrel."

CE 1792, XXIII 408

FBI report, interrogation of Marina /by Boguslav and Heitman/, Dec. 17, 1963: "After leaving New Orleans, she recalls the next time she saw the rifle was on one occasion when she was in the Paine garage ... She noticed the blanket with something wrapped up in it, and she opened one corner to see what it was. She then noticed the stock of the rifle."

CE 1403, XXII 778