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## The Diary

# Wife Says Oswald Wrote for 'Image'

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Lee Harvey Oswald's widow is quoted as saying he wrote his much publicized diary to give himself a favorable image in the United States and that it was written and rewritten.

The diary starts with the arrival of Oswald — accused of slaying President John F. Kennedy—in Moscow on Oct. 16, 1959, but his Russian-born wife declared she is satisfied he did not even decide to write it until early 1961.

Her remarks were reported

by Helen Yenne, a special correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, who in-

terviewed her at her Richardson, Texas, home.

"Lee wrote the diary to show himself as he wanted people in America to see him," the widow, Marina said, speaking through an interpreter.

He worked it over until he was satisfied his image in it would be favorable, she added, because "he was afraid he would be arrested for his defection when he came home from Russia."

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