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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

PRESENT: MR. JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
MESSRS. JAMES ALCOCK, ANDREW SCIAMBRA,  
ALVIN OSER AND NUMA BERTEL, ASSISTANT  
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, and

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Reported by:  
Maureen B. Thiel  
Secretary  
Orleans Parish Grand Jury

MRS. RUTH HYDE PAINE, witness herein, after being duly sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

MR. ALCOCK:

(Mrs. Paine requested permission to tape her answers, which permission was denied by Mr. Alcock. Mrs. Paine did not understand the secrecy of the Grand Jury, this was explained to her, and upon her request Mr. Alcock permitted the word 'affirm' to replace the word 'swear' in the oath.)

Q. Please state your name for the record.

A. Ruth Hyde Paine.

Q. I am going to advise you of your Constitutional rights. You do not have an attorney?

A. No.

Q. You know that anything you say here could be used against you in a court of law, however under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, you have a right to refuse to answer any question that you feel will incriminate you or tend to incriminate you, in the commission of any crime. And if you feel like a question like that is asked and you would like a judicial ruling on it whether or not you have to answer, all you have to do is say I refuse to answer on the ground that said answer may tend to incriminate me. We will not be the final arbiter as to whether that question will incriminate or tend to incriminate you. You will be taken into court and the question will be propounded to you in open court and the judge will ask you the question and he will determine whether or not you should answer, if he determines it will incriminate you he will instruct you not to answer and we will not be able to ask the question, however, if he determines otherwise we will be able to ask the question and if you fail to answer you will be held in contempt of court. Additionally let me say that you have affirmed that you will tell the truth and again the Jury will presume that you will tell the truth and should you not tell the truth of course you will be subject to the laws of perjury of the State of Louisiana. And I might say that in telling the truth if

you wilfully tell a lie that is perjury, additionally if you make a categorical statement about something that you are not positively sure it is also a lie, for instance not having seen my automobile If I asked you the color and you have no knowledge of the color of my automobile you just say white and make a categorical statement, even though my automobile should perhaps be white, you will be guilty of perjury because you categorically stated it but you did not have any knowledge of it. So if you don't understand any question the best thing to do is say I don't understand or I don't know. Do you understand that?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first meet Lee and Marina Oswald?

A. I met them in February of 1963. I brought with me the calendar that I kept that year. You didn't ask me to bring anything but I thought it might be helpful.

Q. Fine.

A. I started it years ago because some of it is hazy in my mind and this might be helpful. There is a notation on the 22nd of February says 'Everett' and a question mark, at that time there was a gathering of people at Everett Glover's, he was the only one I knew in that crowd but he knew that I was studying Russian and he asked me to come.

Q. Everett Glover. Is he a resident of Dallas?

A. He was, I don't know where he is at this time.

Q. Do you recall who else was at the party?

A. A couple, the de Morenschids, a couple of roommates, he was at the party, separated or divorced, another couple from Irving, all of these people, as I say, except Glover, are people I had not met before.

Q. When did you first hear of the Oswalds?

A. When Everett called and said he wanted to get some people together, he mentioned this couple, that she was from the Soviet Union and he had been and had come back.

Q. Did he mention Lee by name at the time?

A. I can't recall.

Q. What was Mr. Glover's employment at the time?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were you employed at the time?

A. I was not, I had two small children.

Q. Who introduced you to the Oswalds at the party?

A. I can't recall being introduced, it was a very small gathering, they arrived after I had and <sup>she</sup> <sup>soon</sup> pretty disappeared into the bedroom to try and put June to sleep, June is their daughter.

Q. Did you have first occasion to talk to Lee or Marina?

A. I heard him, I don't know if you could say I talked to him. He talked to a few people who sat around asking about his having been to Russia, and I remember him talking a little about censorship that he realized had happened to letters he did not receive and that he learned about later, I could tell he was dissatisfied with his stay there and I could not tell that he was any more satisfied with the United States.

Q. What did he mention about further about his stay in Russia?

A. I think he talked a little about working in a factory in Minsk. I did not listen a lot at the time, there was a little cluster of people in the living room and he was talking there. I remember talking in the kitchen with the de Morenschids and not talking with Marina, but she listened there to the conversation when it was in Russian and Mrs. de Morenschid was helpful to her in translating what was said.

Q. Did most of the people in attendance at the party speak Russian?

A. I don't think so.

Q. You did at the time?

A. Yes, to a degree. I listened Russian better than I spoke it.

- Q. Did you have any conversation at all, person to person, with either Lee or Marina that night?
- A. I can't recall whether I asked him a question in particular when he was talking to the small assembly, I know I got the address where Marina and Lee were living at the time and said I would like to have an opportunity to talk with her more, I did not know anyone else who spoke modern Russian.
- Q. I take it the reason for your pursuing their acquaintance was that you wanted to improve your Russian?
- A. Yes. I was interested in her for that reason.
- Q. Did you have occasion subsequent to the party to see either Marina or Lee?
- A. Yes, I wrote a note to Marina at the address I had and got a reply saying they had moved and that she would like me to come see her in a week or so after she had the apartment cleaned up and I did drive down to Oakcliff where they were staying.
- Q. Could it have been on or about April 2?
- A. No, it would have been in March.
- Q. You went to their house?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was Lee there?
- A. I can't recall.
- Q. Did you have occasion about April 2 to have them to your house?
- A. That's more likely, it says here Tuesday, April 2, Marina and Lee, dinner, 7:00 o'clock. And I would judge that to be the time Michael picked them up and brought them to the house, I was preparing dinner at home.
- Q. What was the substance of the conversation that evening?
- A. I can't recall for sure whether I might have gone to pick them up, but it seems to me not.

Q. You can't recall the conversation at all?

A. No.

Q. Was Lee working at the time?

A. Let's say I was under the impression that he was, whether he was or not I don't know.

Q. Did you have occasion to visit Marina again?

A. Yes. In my calendar, I must have been a few times in April, I don't remember how many times.

Q. Did Marina ever have occasion in the course of your conversations with her, in Lee's presence or not, to discuss Lee very much?

I think the first time I went over there he was not there, it could have been the second time, the times are mixed together in my memory. We went for a walk in the park and she told me she was expecting another child and asked me about contraceptives and that things were not going well for them and he did not want her to learn English and this seemed to me very thoughtless on his part so I was struck in several ways that here was a woman who was so lonely she would tell a perfect stranger that she was going to have a baby and wanted to know how not to, and to discuss some of the problems she had with us.

Q. Wasn't she a pharmacist over in Russia?

A. That is what I understood.

Q. Isn't it strange that she would/<sup>not</sup>know ....

A. Well, she had a language problem too, how do you ask?

Q. Did you speak Russian at that time?

A. She spoke Russian, I listened in Russian and stumbled along to say what I could.

Q. Did she say anything about Lee's physical treatment of her?

A. No.

Q. How about any political orientation on his part at this time?

A. I can't recall that it was discussed.

Q. Did they have a car at this time?

A. I certainly thought not, I would doubt it seriously.

Q. About April 24, I think that is the date that Lee, on or about that date, Lee left <sup>for</sup> New Orleans?

A. I have a notation that says 'Lee and Marina', and I judge that is the day that I was scheduled to go down and visit the apartment and if that is the date, as I recall, it meant that I went down there and discovered on arrival that Lee was seeking work and planning to leave Marina and go to New Orleans, he had relatives here, and if that is the same day I arrived and he was packed and asked me to help and drive his stuff to the bus station, and I did that. Marina was going to stay in the apartment until such time as he sent word that he had a job and I suggested on the spur of the moment that if she were at my home he could telephone which would be quicker and that it might be in many ways more comfortable so this was acceptable to them both and we put the stuff in the car ....

Q. How much did he bring with him?

A. He?

Q. Yes.

A. Now we are talking about two different trips, one was to the bus station ...

Q. That's the one I am talking about. What did he take?

A. Maybe a large duffel, and a suitcase or two ... boxes, they didn't have expensive luggage ....

Q. Did he indicate what he intended to do at all?

A. I understood that he was looking for work.



Q. Do you know whether or not he was looking extensively in the Dallas area before going?

A. That was not indicated to me whether he had or not.

Q. Was there any indication that either Lee or Marina had any contact with any people here in New Orleans before he came down here?

A. Other than an awareness of there being a relative. But I don't know even if there was contact with the relative.

Q. To your knowledge, there was no implication or any correspondence to any companies in the New Orleans area?

A. Nothing of that sort was mentioned to me.

Q. You mentioned the de Morenschids, did you ever have occasion to talk to them much at the first party?

A. No.

Q. Did you see them subsequent to the party?

A. I have seen them only once again, it was in Dallas, maybe a year ago, it was long after the assassination.

Q. What was the occasion?

A. They called and asked Michael and me to come have dinner with them.

Q. Did you discuss the assassination or Lee or anything?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the general tenor of that conversation?

A. One thing I remember, I guess they packed and left, somewhere they went, subsequent to that meeting at Glover's, and it was after they arrived he said he found in his luggage the same picture that appeared in Life Magazine of Oswald holding the rifle and the gun on his hip, and and it gave him such a turn, it was afterward, after the

assassination, and we just talked generally of the events.

Q. What was their feeling at the time as to whether Oswald did it alone, or two did it?

A. Their feeling, as I understand it, was that he had done it and done it alone.

Q. A year ago that was their feeling?

A. I don't know just when this was. Offhand I just can't remember.

Q. Did he say how he came into possession of that picture?

A. I guess its was a gift, he spoke of it as if it had been a gift, not that he saw it but tucked in something that was his, it was the implication that Oswald was proud of it.

Q. He did not go into it any further, whether he got it from Lee or Marina, or both, or when he got it?

A. As I say, my understand<sup>ing</sup> was that he stumbled on it after the assassination.

Q. I am not saying when he re-found it, ....

A. No, that was when he first saw it, the first he had seen it.

Q. I mean he didn't open it, but he knew it was a gift?

A. I don't know whether there was something written on it, or what.

Q. To your knowledge did Lee or Marina ever stay at his house?

A. I have no idea.

Q. I take it you say you hadn't seen him since that party until perhaps a year ago, he did not visit Marina at your house between the time Lee left New Orleans and the time you transported her down here?

A. No.

Q. Were you home all the time?

A. Grocery shopping, in and out, home most of the time.

Q. Generally you were home most of the time. You don't think they could have seen Marina at any time you weren't there?

A. I just don't think its very likely that the de Morenschid's would.

Q. Did you know the kind of work he was doing at that time?

A. Mr. de Morenschid?

Q. Yes.

A. No.

Q. Do you know now, what kind of work he is doing?

A. I got the impression that he was a geölogist, but I don't know.

Q. Did he speak Russian rather well?

A. I guess so.

Q. Did you hear him at all at the party speak Russian?

A. No, I do not recall him speaking, I recall her speaking.

Q. What about Mr. Glover, does he speak Russian?

A. No.

Q. Do you know how he made the acquaintance of the Oswalds?

A. The connection was the de Morenschids, Glover knew the de Morenschids and I think, I am not certain, that Glover had not met the Oswalds before that evening. I may be wrong on that.

- Q. Did you get the impression that the de Morenschids had met Oswald prior to this?
- A. They were the connection, they knew the Oswalds and they knew Glover.
- Q. I understand you brought Marina down to New Orleans, is that correct when Lee called her and said he had a place?
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the time you brought her down and during the course of this trip did she discuss Lee anymore, about his not wanting her to learn English, perhaps wanting her to go back to Russia?
- A. I can't recall when the question of her going back to Russia came up, but I think it was first in the conversation prior to her going down to New Orleans and again I thought it was very clear to me that she liked the United States and wanted to stay here, I thought this should be an option she could take, but she wasn't a person with very many choices before her.
- Q. During the course of this time, between Lee coming down here and your bringing Marina here, did you introduce Marina to anyone?
- A. There is a notation here after the 24th that says 'FDC', stands for Folk Dancing Camp, San Antonio, and I believe I went down with Michael to a folk dance camp for the weekend and I think the introduction was by telephone, but I can't remember, but its conceivable that I went so that Marina would know the woman that I was taking lessons from, I was under the impression that Marina didn't know other people to speak Russian to and I thought if something came up who would she call while I was away, so there was an introduction of some sort, whether by phone or I went, I can't remember.
- Q. He went?
- A. No, no, please understand, I was preparing Marina for the fact that I would not be there, I was going to San Antonio.
- Q. Oh, I see, she didn't go with you?

- A. No.
- Q. She stayed at your place by herself?
- A. That's right.
- Q. What was the name of the lady you were attempting to introduce Marina to?
- A. Gravitz, I think, something like that.
- Q. Where did she live?
- A. She lived in Dallas.
- Q. She was an elderly woman that .. the only<sup>one</sup>/I knew that spoke Russian, and she was helping me, I was taking some lessons from her.
- Q. What was your particular interest in Russian?
- A. I guess I had been interested in languages in general for a long time, I studied some French in high school and college, and one time I worked at a Jewish Community Center with a group of Golden Agers, who conducted their business in Yiddish and I started to study Yiddish so I could understand what they were saying. I just enjoyed it, I couldn't say I had any end in view for the use of the language, I guess I got started partly when I was working with a group of young Quakers, a national group of young Quakers, we were trying to do something to improve international relations and we wanted to send a group of young Quakers to the Soviet Union and bring back a group here, we scoured the country and found one young Quaker who could speak the language. And it just seemed too bad that there weren't more people trying.
- Q. Would you say it is a rather difficult language?
- A. Yes, I sure would and easy to forget.
- Q. When you brought Marina down here, did you go to the Maret home or to the apartment?
- A. We went first to the Maret's and I remember Marina was keenly disappointed that this was not the house where she was going to stay, which we did not know that at first.

Q. Was Lee there?

A. Yes, at the Murets.

Q. Did he have a job at the time?

A. Well, he implied over the telephone that he had a job, what it was I did not discuss.

Q. Can you recall any other people besides the Murets and the Oswalds and yourself who may have been there?

A. The Murets, the husband and wife, but that's all I recall.

Q. There may have been somebody .. but I can't recall ... we weren't there very long ...

Q. Where did you go from there?

A. To the apartment that Lee had rented on Magazine Street.

Q. Was there anyone there other than yourself and the Murets.?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. Did Lee give you any indication how he got the apartment on Magazine Street?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall transporting the rifle, or something that looked like a rifle, to New Orleans, when you brought Marina to New Orleans?

A. No, you have to understand and I think you do, I never saw a rifle.

Q. You never saw anything that resembled a rifle?

A. That's right.

Q. Now when you went to the apartment on Magazine how long did you stay before going back to Texas?

A. Again I have to kind of guess, on the 10th its written New Orleans, I suppose we stayed the weekend or a little longer. I think it was Monday, the 13th, that Marina and I

went to the lake, I think that was the first time. My judgment would be that it was the first time, but it could have been back in September although I don't know if she knew the town well enough in September. Anyway, my judgment would be that I was back in Irving at least by the 15th.

Q. Now when you were down here I presume you had occasion to talk to Lee, did he mention his job or any of his fellow-employees, or any acquaintances he had made down here?

A. No, I can't recall any.

Q. What did he do during the day when you all were there, was he there all the time or did he go to work?

A. He must have gone to work on Monday, I recall it was not a very pleasant weekend from my point of view, I had my two little kids along and the apartment was small, had a lot of cockroaches, they wanted me to take the only double bed which left pregnant Marina and Lee a smaller bed and they argued and fought some so I was not very comfortable. I was glad to head for home.

Q. You recall Lee being there the most of the time?

A. Yes.

Q. You say they fought, what about? I take it she was not pleased with the surroundings?

A. About all I remember is that he would repeat the word that means 'shut up' in Russian, her language is much more facile than his and he got the short end of every argument and he would end up by saying shut up. Well, you know, it wasn't a very pleasant home.

Q. No physical abuse?

A. No.

Q. Did she ever complain to you prior to this about physical abuse?

A. No, she didn't.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to meet any of the neighbors, people next door or around the corner?

- A. Probably so, my children were pretty little, but there are some children I recall, a walk up thing somewhere in the back, coming and going in the alleyway, so probably a parcel of kids, but as far as meeting an adult, I don't recall.
- Q. Anybody coming into the apartment he would be more interested in?
- A. My memory is pretty foggy, but again I was concerned that Marina not be utterly without someone to talk to, but its conceivable then that I contacted someone in the Quaker meeting, but it could have been in September too, I don't remember, I was sitting in the living room with mother and daughter.
- Q. Does the name Ames or Garner mean anything to you, people who lived in the front of Oswald's apartment, or the person who lived next door?
- A. No, I don't recall the names. I discussed strawberries with somebody who walked by the little strawberry patch,
- Q. it could have been anybody.
- Q. Did you see Lee or Marina drive a car?
- A. No.
- Q. When you returned to Dallas did you carry/a correspondence with Marina?
- A. Yes, I wrote her in the summer.
- Q. Did she ever mention Lee in the letters or what he was doing?
- A. Yes she did, said things were getting worse as far as their relations and later in the summer he was out of work again.
- Q. Do you remember when that was?
- A. I could have brought it, I figured you had access to that. It was July or August that I got the information, I don't know when he was first out of work.



Q. Did he mention what he was doing down here?

A. No, I don't recall.

Q. Any political activity?

A. I think it was after I got to New Orleans she mentioned that he spent a night in jail, I understood it to be passing something without a license, I did not get the details on it.

Q. Have you ever seen , prior to coming to New Orleans, any leaflets, Free Cuba leaflets, or anything dealing with the Castro government, or anything dealing with political leaflets around the house?

A. Prior to coming to New Orleans, on Neeley Street?

Q. Yes.

A. No.

Q. Or in any of their belongings that you helped pack or transport?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever mention Cuba to you prior to coming down here?

A. I can't recall.

Q. Did you have any political discussions with Lee?

A. It very quickly became clear to me that Lee was ... that his thoughts were dominated by his feelings rather than by his rational process and there was not very much you could discuss with him if there was going to be a disagreement, therefore I avoided discussions of politics with him, or political views. He also liked to talk in Russian and it was an effective way of keeping me quiet, his facility in the language was better than mine, his grammar was less precise, but he got to say what he wanted to say. I feel he was a man who either you were for him or 'agin' him, and I saw no point in discussing politics with him.

Q. At this time did you have the feeling that he would react physically with situations which he could not cope with?

- A. No, not at all. It did occur to me whether his pride would be hurt later on when I asked Marina to stay at my home, and whether this was something that would be a help to him, and ask him and not ask Marina, and it just seemed to me that instead of being offended he was glad when I asked him in September for Marina to stay somewhere to a clear channel to a hospital when the baby was due, but it was only in relation to his possible hurt as a provider that I wondered how he might feel, but the idea of his being violent, this to me did not occur.
- Q. You never got the impression that he was violent by nature.
- A. They argued, there was that kind of violence and I did feel he was a hostile person, I think he was angry at much of the world and that I wasn't penetrating through, I wasn't about to get in an argument with him, but there are a lot of angry hostile people who don't take to lethal weapons.
- Q. Did he ever mention weapons to you at all, or his facility with weapons?
- A. No, there was a conversation he had with Michael about using weapons in the Soviet Union. There was some kind of thing he called a para military organization, whatever it was, I understood he wasn't it, so I don't know whether he actually used a weapon there or not.
- Q. When did he actually mention this paramilitary organization? In Russia or the United States?
- A. It was in Russia. The conversation was not one I was in on. It was reported to me later.
- Q. Remember when the conversation took place when he was in Dallas the first time he left and came to New Orleans or on his return to Dallas?
- A. I have no idea.
- Q. From your discussions with Lee, whatever they were, did you get the impression, or did he openly declare, that he was a communist?
- A. He called himself a Marxist. I got the feeling that he considered himself thoroughly above current Soviet Union practice, purer somewhat.

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- Q. The conversation he had with your husband /mentioned the paramilitary organization, did he go into any further detail? I asked whether he discussed weapons and you said he mentioned the paramilitary organization, how did the weapons bring this to your mind?
- A. I don't know whether it was a practice thing or what it was, like hunting or something like this.
- Q. Did he ever mention the probability of doing any intelligence work in Russia or even in America?
- A. No.
- Q. Nothing about intelligence work?
- A. Nothing comes to my mind at all.

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(Break for Lunch)

MR. ALCOCK:

Mrs. Paine, back to the time you brought Marina to New Orleans, after Lee got a job, did he make any acquaintances down here, anybody he worked with, or anything?

- A. I don't recall any.
- Q. During any of the correspondence you received from Marins, after returning to Dallas and before coming back to New Orleans in September, did she at any time, during the course of those letters, mention anyone that she and Lee had become acquainted with?
- A. I don't think so.
- Q. Did she mention at all speaking to anyone or using her Russian outside of her home at all down here in New Orleans?
- A. No, I don't recall that she did.
- Q. Did you ask Mrs. Klepford<sup>er</sup> to look in on her?
- A. I can't remember whether I made it known to Marina that

here was someone here that she could contact or not.

Q. You had known Mrs. Klepfer before?

A. No, I had not, but I felt there was a woman remarkably alone and I found out who the Clerk of the local Quaker meeting was, and they didn't have the facility in Russian but I felt that somebody would know this woman was here.

Q. Now, do you get the idea, or do you have the impression from Marina, that she had absolutely no knowledge of Lee's activities down here in New Orleans?

A. That was not the impression, I would say that what ~~they~~ he did was not discussed in the letters, something like this I never gave it a thought as to what kind of activities he might have been engaged in.

Q. Concerning the relationship of these two people, would you say Lee was the type of person who would come home after a day's work, or after being out all day, and say Marina I went here today and I did this today, was theirs that type of relationship or the other kind?

A. Well, I had the impression that he did not say a lot about what he did, he did not to me and I recall her saying he read a lot of things he got from the library, but not discussing back and forth, in fact on the contrary. She remarked very favorably on a couple of times when he did reminisce about an earlier time in his life, but it was remarkable for it not being very common.

Q. Did she ever mention or did you ever see the library facility he used here?

A. No.

Q. Did she ever mention whether he used the main branch of the library or a branch?

A. I don't recall her making such a statement.

Q. When you were in their apartment here in New Orleans in May, did you see any literature around relating to Castro?

A. I have no recollection.

Q. At the time you were down here did Lee ever mention Castro or Cuba, the time you brought Marina here in May?

A. I would doubt it seriously. I don't remember it.

Q. You don't recall his mentioning anyone he knew here at the time?

A. No except for relatives.

Q. Do you know whether Lee ever registered to vote here in the City?

A. No, I don't know one way or another.

Q. Do you know whether he ever registered to vote either here in Louisiana or in Texas?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did Lee ever discuss with you his feelings in the Civil Rights Movement?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Did he ever discuss with you any interest in flying?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did he ever mention that he may have been in any other town in Louisiana besides New Orleans?

A. Yes, Marina wrote me that he visited another relative, it is in the correspondence, you have it ....

Q. In Louisiana?

A. No, its ....

Q. Could that have been on the coast, Mobile?

A. Yes, Mobile.

Q. Where he made a speech in the Jesuit Seminary?

A. Some relative did.

Q. No, Lee did.

- A. He did, I did not know about that. A relative of Marina's or his?
- Q. Lee's. The Muret boy was there studying to be a priest, Lee went up there and made a speech.
- Q. Can you recall any mention of any other town in Louisiana?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you all stop off at any towns in Louisiana either when you came down here or on your way back?
- A. I can't remember coming down, going back I know we stopped overnight in Texas, we must have made it all in one day, but stopped for gas or lunch or otherwise. We arrived at 6:00 in the evening.
- Q. When you first met Lee Oswald did you know about his defection to Russia?
- A. I knew he had, but I did not know the circumstances.
- Q. Do you recall reading anything about it in the time in the paper?
- A. No, only what Mr. Glover told me over the phone.
- Q. Did you know of his military status at the time, honorable or dishonorable discharge from the Marines?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you know he was a Marine at one time?
- A. I don't recall, that I knew anything prior to the assassination.
- Q. I take it then that he never discussed his Marine activities with you?
- A. No.
- Q. You said he had a duffel bag when he came down here, did it look like a military duffel bag?
- A. Yes, green type thing ...
- Q. Olive drab?

A. Yes, it did not strike me or it didn't penetrate that he had been what he had been before, it must have come up somehow.

Q. Did he, in your presence, do much reading?

A. No, he was not in my presence a lot, but my recollection of him predominantly is that in my home on Saturdays and Sundays, in October and November, that he watched football on TV.

Q. At any time did he discuss President Kennedy with you?

A. I can't recall a specific time, the only thing that I can recall at all is a sort of offhand comment to the effect that he thought Kennedy was pursuing the right course in that area, in other words the only thing I can dredge from my memory at all was a slightly positive comment.

Q. You don't recall anything negative about President Kennedy?

A. No. You know the Thursday evening he came out on the 21st and I recollect that I had just come from the grocery store and he was helping to carry in the packages, I said in Russian our President is coming to town, I was quite happy and elated about it and he just brushed by and did not say anything at all, in retrospect I remember that.

Q. Did he seem any different the Thursday before the assassination from the other weekends spent at your apartment, was anything noticeably different about him?

A. You can say he was more quiet than usual, but not enough that it struck me. He did not talk too much anyway, he retired early.

Q. Did he have an argument that night with his wife or anything?

A. They tell me so, but not something that I saw or heard.

Q. Did he ever mention General Walker to you?

A. There was a reference to General Walker probably the Friday

that my husband went to the American Civil Liberties Union meeting. It was October, I believe. My husband was trying to somehow tell this man the objectives in the meetings were to improve the world, but I don't think that point got through at all.

Q. Did he go to that meeting?

A. Yes.

Q. With your husband?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether or not as a result of that meeting they met anybody at that meeting?

A. Well, there were people there at the meeting and they talked with a fellow who worked with my husband, I don't know whether it was during, after or when it was breaking up.

Q. Did Lee return with your husband?

A. My husband was not living at the house so he dropped Lee off. It was kind of a ridiculous situation. Yes, must have, because that was the weekend the baby was born and he was at the house at the time Marina went to the hospital.

Q. When did the reference to Gen. Walker come up?

A. They were talking about.. I think it started with reference to .. Stevenson had been in Dallas the week before and I don't know who brought it up in general, but there was reference also to Gen. Walker's part of the right wing factor in Dallas, but nothing much was said ....

Q. Do you recall what Lee said?

A. No, I wish I could. I have tried. I can't even recall if he brought it up or how it came up.

Q. He didn't mention him at any time in April when he allegedly shot at Gen. Walker?

A. No, not that I know of.



- A. One of the most trying things in this whole thing to me is that Marina never mentioned it either. I was under the impression that we were friends and we confided a number of things that concerned us, but I can't but suppose that knowing her husband had taken a shot at somebody disturbed her very much, but evidently she did not feel like confiding in me, I wish she had. Many things have made me wonder if that had been different would other things have been different also.
- Q. Did you speak to Marina after the assassination and ask her about the Walker thing?
- A. No, it came about in a very odd way. It was a week or week and a half these people from the Secret Service came out to the house and one fellow introduced himself and he said translate for Marina, it was clear to me that he wanted to find out how much Russian I could speak and how much I understood, so he spoke to me in Russian although normally he had another man with him and normally when a third party does not understand you speak the common language so everyone would understand, but it was the purpose to find out how much I understood. So we talked for a while and he showed me this little scratch paper with words on it and he asked me to read it and look through it and it said something about 'key', written in Russian instead of writing key in Russian he had translated it and used the English word but used Russian characters to spell it out, after I commented on this to the Secret Service men and evidently he didn't know the Russian word for key, and he asked me if I had seen it and I said no, I hadn't, and I asked him was it current because it occurred to me could it be something that Lee had written to Marina recently and he did not answer my question, but he did say Mrs. Paine this is one of the most astounding moments I have had. I told him no I had not seen it before, we went back and forth for a while getting nowhere and finally I turned to the third man who was not understanding what we were saying and I said Mr. Kropotsky was saying I had sent this note to Marina and I was saying I don't know a thing about it, and he said well the note has been in the book and then I understood, I had sent several things to Marina through the local police and among them was a book on child raising and evidently this had been lodged in the papers of the book and before they passed it on to her they opened the book and got this note, which fell out of the pages, it said something about a key to the Post Office Box and

how to find him if he was arrested and they asked her about it and she said it had been written at this time when he took the shot at Walker and I am convinced except for the accident of that note being in there we still wouldn't know about the shot on Walker. She certainly did not tell me and probably would not have told anyone.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody refer to Lee as Leon at any time?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever get the impression that Lee might have been perhaps a latent homosexual?

A. This didn't occur to me, no. Some newspapers asked this question later, but it was a brand new idea. The prominent thing that I saw was a father and a family man.

Q. What kind of car did you own at the time of the assassination?

A. Green Chevrolet Stationwagon.

Q. Where was it on the day of the assassination?

A. I was driving around Irving the first part of the morning and then at my home after that. The question has arisen as to what kind of license plates it had.

Q. What kind did it have?

A. Texas.

Q. Mrs. Paine I am going to read to you some Warren Commission testimony, a conversation that took place between Lee Harvey Oswald and Officer Roger Craig of the Dallas Police Station. It seems that about 15 minutes after the initial shots were fired at the President Deputy Craig reported to Capt. Fritz of the Dallas Police that he had seen a man that he described identical to Lee Harvey Oswald come out of the Texas School Depository and make his way down toward Elm Street and jump ~~in~~ a stationwagon automobile he described as something almost white, he thought it was a Rambler stationwagon with a luggage rack on top?

A. Well, the car has been sold, but it did not have a luggage rack.

Q. And he jumped into this car with a person driving who strongly resembled a Negro person, but it could ~~but~~ have been a

Latin American, at any rate later on Deputy Craig went to Capt. Fritz' office where Oswald was sitting down behind the desk and Capt. Fritz asked him if this was the person he had seen in the Book Depository and Deputy Craig said it was, and then this conversation between Deputy Craig and Capt. Fritz when Fritz asked Craig what about this white stationwagon that you had mentioned and then the suspect, Oswald, interrupted Capt. Fritz and said that stationwagon belonged to Mrs. Paine, I believe is what was said, then Oswald said don't try to tie her into this, she had nothing to do with it. Then later on Capt.....

A. Sorta late for him to be concerned about my feelings.

Q. .... Then later on Capt. Fritz told Oswald all we are trying to do is find out the truth, and this man said he saw you leave the scene and get into the stationwagon and then Oswald interrupted again and told Capt. Fritz I told you people I did. What I was wondering about is do you have any idea why he would have made that statement that the stationwagon was yours; and yet leave you out of it because you were not involved.

A. I have no idea. Its clear to me where my stationwagon was.

Q. The stationwagon was at your house?

A. Well, I took my little girl to the dentist and on the way back I stopped and got an estimate on a glass window, a glass window was cracked, at the glass shop. We got home late in the morning, close to noon.

Q. Did you have any Goldwater stickers on your stationwagon?

A. No.

Q. When you came back to New Orleans to pick up Marina what was the reason for your taking her back to Dallas. How did that come about?

A. You understand I knew from the correspondence that Lee was out of work again. I had also been concerned whether she was getting prenatal care and whether they would be able to get her into a hospital or afford it here in New Orleans, so that when I arrived I asked Lee if she came and stayed at my

home until the baby was born since they would meet the residence requirement because I understood that in Dallas County to be able to get care at Parkland Hospital where they hadn't been in New Orleans long. I assume that's right, I don't know. But anyway that seemed to be the case and he was pleased to have it that way, have her come up and stay with me until the baby was born and they could get together again.

Q. When you first arrived did Lee tell you what he was going to do, or where he was going?

A. Yes, he said he was going to look for work and he mentioned Houston and the possibility of Philadelphia.

Q. Did he mention Mexico at all?

A. No, he did not.

Q. Did you see the Mexican tourist card, or visa, he had?

A. No.

Q. Now on this occasion when you first returned to New Orleans the second time, did you see any literature around pro-Castro, Keep Hands Off Cuba, anything like that?

A. No.

Q. Did he mention at any time during this time about having distributed such?

A. Something was mentioned, as I say, either by her or by him, about his having spent the night in jail, seems to me, apropos of passing some such stuff, I did not see it, nor was it discussed, the contents of this literature.

Q. Did he mention where he may have been going to look for work in Houston or Philadelphia?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any relatives or friends he may have had in either Houston or Philadelphia?

A. No, I don't.

Q. At this time when you were in New Orleans did he at any time mention any people he knew in New Orleans?

A. I certainly don't recall.

Q. Can you recall any person at all, either in New Orleans or at some place before he returned from Dallas that he or Marina mentioned that they had met, outside the Murets?

A. You mean people that they had met?

Q. Or people who may have come over to Magazine Street?

A. I don't recall any mention of such.

Q. When you were down here at that time, did you take a tour of the French Quarter with Marina?

A. Yes, she was very pregnant and there we were with three little children under three, looking into Bourbon Street.

Q. Was Lee with you at the time?

A. No.

Q. Did you drive her down?

A. I guess, we probably took the streetcar. I wouldn't drive if I could help it in the downtown area.

Q. Is there any reason why Lee didn't go at the time?

A. I can't remember, I guess he just didn't want to.

Q. Was it during the day?

A. No, it was early evening, that particular trip.

Q. What do you call early evening?

A. Well, it was becoming dark.

Q. Was Lee at home when you returned?

A. I can't remember what day that was, but I imagine so.

Q. But you don't recall?

- A. No.
- Q. Was Lee, as you recall, generally there the entire time you were there?
- A. Yes, I would say so generally, there were times when he went out to buy groceries and there was some point at which I don't know if I was sleeping, whether it was nighttime or early morning, that he did a good deal of packing, it could have been when we went down to Bourbon Street, he packed the stationwagon with a number of the things that would be going to Dallas and Irving with his wife. I thought that was proper behavior on his part to be helpful in packing, but he could have preferred me not to watch him. That occurred to me quite a lot later.
- Q. Do you know where he went to get groceries?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you ever go to the grocery store with Marina?
- A. No, nor with Lee. I went with Lee to the washteria.
- Q. How far was that located from the house?
- A. It was an easy walk from the house, I don't know how far.
- Q. Did he know anybody in the washteria?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you see any object in the stationwagon that could have been a rifle?
- A. No, I didn't. I imagine it could have been in one of these duffels, especially if it comes apart so much.
- Q. Who unpacked the car when you got to Irving?
- A. Marina and I for the most part. The heavy things we just left in the car until my husband, Michael, came, and he put the rest of it in the garage.
- Q. When you were unpacking it did you see anything that might have been a rifle?

- A. No, I didn't.
- Q. Its alleged to have been wrapped in a blanket or something.
- A. I think almost certainly it must have been wrapped in a blanket, don't you? Because alone in a blanket I would have noticed it, at least I would have noticed it was something long, whereas my guess that it arrived un-assembled or taken apart, and then he assembled it later, and I judge it had to be in my car, I don't think he would have gone across the border into Mexico with it over his back.
- Q. Do you know how much he took with him to Mexico?
- A. No, I don't know.
- Q. Was there much left in the house when you all left New Orleans?
- A. Well, let's see. He stayed on, seems like we were taking just about everything, playpen on top of the car ....
- Q. What generally did he talk about on that weekend or did he talk to you much at all?
- A. We did not talk much. They did argue this weekend as they had the previous one.
- Q. In other words, you had no extended conversations with them or anything?
- A. No, not that I can remember. There was something about, well, he had some kind of paper, I don't know, to establish residence or something of this nature having to do with admittance to Parkland Hospital, as close as I can remember. He was concerned about whether she could get in a hospital.
- Q. Did he ever mention, or did she, that they had been to Charity Hospital on one occasion?
- A. Marina mentioned going to either the doctor or the hospital and then I think she said something about going to find out what it would cost, about \$150.00, or something of that sort, for doctor's fees and so on.

- Q. Did he, at any time, at this time, indicate to you that he was working?
- A. I understood that he was not working at this time.
- Q. Do you know how much money, if any, he gave Marina to return to Texas with?
- A. I can't recall, neither do I feel that he was unconcerned about it, we started out heavily loaded and it seemed to me I had a tire that was soft and I went to the next filling station and stopped and if I remember correctly I bought a tire and he offered some help on it, but I don't think I accepted.
- Q. Was he with you?
- A. He walked down, he saw what had happened and he walked down the block or whatever it was, and there was a second sad farewell from the gas station.
- Q. Did he seem generally sad at the departure of his wife and daughter?
- A. He seemed to be.
- Q. You had the impression that he was going to Houston or Philadelphia?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did Marina say anything to the contrary?
- A. No, she did not.
- Q. Did she at any time, before he returned from Mexico?
- A. No, she never intimated at any time anything about the possibility of his being in Mexico. My first clue came later, a day or two later when the FBI Agent asked me to go through their drawers with him for possible postcards and things.
- Q. A day or two later than what?
- A. The assassination.
- Q. Is that the first time you heard of him being in Mexico?



- Q. When he returned from Mexico it is my understanding that he called from Dallas, is that correct?
- A. I guess so, yes, from very near, probably Dallas.
- Q. Do you know how he got to your house?
- A. My guess is that he hitchhiked because he arrived very fast, relative to what public transportation would have required, and ~~xxx~~ that's what he said too, as I recall it that is what he said that he had hitchhiked down.
- Q. Did he say at that time where he had been?
- A. No.
- Q. He didn't offer any explanation at all?
- A. No.
- Q. Did he say he had a job?
- A. No, he said he was going to look for one in Dallas.
- Q. Now, did he actually look for a job in Dallas before he got ~~the one in the~~ Book Depository?
- A. That is my understanding that he looked rather diligently.
- Q. What did he say?
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- A. Well, /described having gone to a number of places and the FBI showed me a map later with marks on it which were in their estimation places that he had gone looking for work. And there were a lot of them that were spotted. I certainly got the impression, after a week, that he was pretty upset that he didn't have work and financial responsibilities were looming pretty large with the baby due anytime. And no prospects of a job.
- Q. Did he have at this time, to your knowledge, an automobile?
- A. Not to my knowledge, but I would doubt it.
- Q. Do you know whether or not at the time he could drive an automobile?
- A. As I recall, it seemed to me when we were driving from the

Murets to the Magazine Street apartment, he must have been in my car, anyway some point when the two of us were together he discussed having driven his uncle's car which surprised me because I knew he did not have a license but he was pleased at having had this experience.

Q. Did he say where he drove to?

A. Just on the street, I guess, a short distance of some sort, as if it was a favor on his uncle's part, that he could drive it.

Q. Do you know what kind of car that was?

A. No, I don't. But the subject came up extensively at my house because I thought if he was looking for a job, in Texas if you don't have a car there are an awful lot of jobs you can't apply for, you can't get to the grocery store at all without a car. There are all kinds of driving jobs in Irving, so I suggested I would try to help him learn and that led to our going to Dallas to see if he could get a Learner's Permit.

Q. Did he get one?

A. No, it was closed, an election day of some sort to our surprise. Yes, its marked vote on my calendar, but it did not occur to me that it would be closed, I just never made the connection, the 9th of November.

Q. This is after he had the job at the Book Depository?

A. It must be.

Q. Did he ever drive your car in your presence?

A. Yes, we took the car, even before he had his Learner's Permit, I took him to an A & P Parking Lot on Sunday afternoon, they aren't open on Sunday, and I let him take the wheel and he practised turning around, and took quite a lot of interest in doing it, he turned like any new driver, he would overshoot and not correct the wheel soon enough, go too far then have to straighten the wheel again, and another point I let him try to park and he must have suggested because I was not keen on his using my car on any kind of a public road until he had his permit, but again he just did not know

when to turn the wheel and when to straighten it out. And I got the impression that he very much wanted to learn, but just hadn't been behind a wheel of a car.

Q. Did he ever get this permit you are talking about?

A. Not to my knowledge. I don't think so.

Q. Did you ever get the opinion from Marina while in New Orleans that he might have been seeing another woman?

A. No, I never got that impression.

Q. Can you tell us how he happened, I understand that you suggested the Book Depository, tell us how that came about?

A. The suggestion was made by Lennie May Randall, who was a neighbor at that time living across the street from where I was, and we were having coffee at my next door neighbor's, Mrs. Robinson, this is after we spent that week looking and we had been back to my house depressed, the weekend of the 4th of October we arrived in Irving, and I remember that because I had just given blood at Parkland Hospital, prior to Marina being admitted, and when he asked if I could come and pick him up, this request over the phone, she didn't even ask me she reported to him without asking me that no, I couldn't that I had just given blood and he would have to find his own way out. Then the following weekend, I judge that was the weekend he had been looking for work, so its probably the Monday following, the 14th of October, that we were having coffee at Mrs. Robinson's and Lanie Randall, Marina and myself, the four of us, and very young children, and we were discussing that he needed a job and so Lanie said that maybe there might be a job at the School Book Depository and I think the question was raised whether he could drive a bread truck, or something like that you know, and whether he could drive at all, and I did not think a lot about/when we got back to the house Marina asked whether it might be appropriate to call and see if it was an opening at the School Dook Depository and I said I could call and see, and did call, and they told me I wanted Mr. Truly over at the Warehouse, so Mr. Truly came on the line and I said a young woman was staying here and her husband was looking for work and he had one child and was expecting another and was very interested in a steady income and it had been suggested to us that they might be

hiring there and he said well he did not know but would suggest that he apply, so I guess it was that evening he called at the house to talk to Marina just to be social in the evening during week days, and she said that this conversation had occurred, and that there might be an opening in the Book Depository and he called in at noon, or the next day, and said he had been hired and was so pleased to have work.

Q. This is while he was staying on N. Bleckly, is that correct?

A. I guess so, staying somewhere.

Q. You mentioned he called Marina from Dallas to get you to pick him up and bring him home, do you know where he was calling from or where he was?

A. No.

Q. Or how he got back to Dallas?

A. No. It never came up since I did not try to meet him.

Q. Have you known Mr. Truly prior to this?

A. No, I still don't know him.

Q. Did he give you the telephone number or address on N. Bleckly Street?

A. He gave us the telephone number, he was one place about a week and then moved to another place, a room, and he gave us the phone number of the second place, that was a WH number, the Oakcliff section of Dallas, but his point in doing so was if Marina should go into labor it meant that we could call him and we could tell him.

Q. Do you have, in your book, the day that he told you the number of the N. Bleckly address, 1026 N. Bleckly?

A. No... the phone number? Because I do have the address.

Q. Do you have the day that he told you he moved into 1026 N. Bleckly?

A. No.

Q. Did you have a phone number for the other place before?

A. No, I am pretty sure not.

Q. Did you have occasion to call there and locate him?

A. The baby was born in a weekend so he was already at my house. There was an occasion later when we used this number and one of the first clues I had was that he was a man whose mind was not working too well, he had given us this number that we might call him, but when I dialed him, this was the weekend prior to the assassination, he did not come out to my house, he called to see if he could come out and it was my little girl's birthday, and again, without consulting me, Marina told him no it would not be convenient this time that I was having the kids in for a birthday party and he had better not come. Then she got to feeling lonely and asked, maybe it was Sunday night or sometime, one evening, could be a Monday, to call him and this number we had, I dialed it, and asked for Lee Oswald and they said nobody was there by that name and I asked was this the number I had, and it was, and I found that bewildering, then it must have been later, possibly the next day, Lee called Marina and he was angry that she had tried to reach him and said he was using a different name at this rooming house and I was in the kitchen, and the phone is in the kitchen, so I heard what she said and she was pretty much upset and when she hung up she told me what he said and she said I don't see why he plays this kind of game or why he does this sort of thing, she was quite upset about it. That was my first clue that he was a man whose mind wasn't working out for him.

Q. Did he say what his reason was for using a different name, I believe it was O. H. Lee.

A. I don't know that he said anything about the other name, I doubt that he gave her a reason, she did not tell me.

Q. Did he ever complain to you about interference by the FBI?

A. Well, the FBI came out on Friday, I think it was two times. One time was a Friday, and we expected that he would be out that weekend and the Agent asked if I knew where he was

living and I said he would be here this evening, I don't know if that is exactly what I said, but the idea was that I give this card to Lee and tell him that they wanted to know where he was staying.

Q. We are talking about the Friday before the assassination?

A. Oh no, it was before that, considerably before that.

Q. Did he call the Agent's name?

A. Yes, his name was Hosti.

Q. Did you think it unusual that the FBI wanted to know Lee's address?

A. No, I didn't think it unusual at all, here was a man who had attempted to renounce his citizenship and decided to come back and I thought that Lee could perfectly expect the FBI to want to know where he was for a number of years and I said as much. Lee was apparently disturbed that they wanted to know where he was and I said why let it bother you, they want to know where you are, let them know where you are.

Q. What did he say?

A. I had a feeling of his irritation. Another thing that came up later and I said like the phone call, the other clue I had such as it was, he was a man who was pretty disturbed in his thinking, it was the last weekend he was out to the house, it was a long weekend because Veterans' Day was Monday the 11th, and he had the day off, it was the same weekend he was going to try to get a Learner's Permit, and he asked to use my typewriter that Saturday morning. I let him use the typewriter at the dining table there, the only table, and I was walking by and he put a paper on top of what he was typing, this made me furious, but I didn't really give it much more thought until later that evening on my desk in the living room I discovered what appeared to be a rough draft in his handwriting and folded over like this, and I looked at the lower half and the first line I saw was something like 'the FBI is no longer interested in my affairs', and I thought what is this man writing, so I picked it up and read it, it interested me and it was my typewriter, and he mentioned that the FBI had been out and were no longer interested in his affairs and said something about Mexico.

Somehow I assumed he was making it up, I don't know why but it struck me that way but it seemed to me mostly fabrication. I thought this might be fabrication. I was sure the FBI was interested and I knew that part wasn't true in what he was writing and I thought it was a mixture of fact and fancy and he seemed to be getting too fanciful and didn't know where the reality lies, and it worried me but I did not know what to do about it except that I decided to keep a copy of the thing, I copied it thinking I might show this copy to the FBI agent if he came around another time. Then I decided to go ahead and keep the original, which I did, and it is in my desk. The thing was on top of my desk and the next time I saw the FBI Agent was the 23rd, of November.

Q. They came out to your twice or once?

A. They came out twice and I think it was one man the first time and two the next time, or the other way around.

Q. Did you talk to them the second time?

A. Yes. I talked both times.

Q. What did they ask the second time?

A. The burden of the visit was much the same, to know where he was.

Q. This was about how long after the first visit?

A. It must have been pretty close to each other.

Q. Did you give them the original note?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it addressed to anybody?

A. It just said 'dear sirs', you know, with scratches and stuff as if he was rewriting, as he went.

Q. The second time, do you know how Marina got Hosti's license plate number?

A. No, I have wondered.

Q. Did you give the FBI Agent the telephone number Lee had given you?

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- A. No, I didn't. I wish I had but it did not occur to me. I told them he was working at the School Book Depository
- Q. and I told them he had a hard time finding a job and I got the impression that they would try not to embarrass him at work. I got the impression that they didn't want their coming to see him to be the cause of his being fired or something like that.
- Q. Did you get the impression that they were quite anxious to locate him?
- A. No, I did not, I got the impression it was a routine matter and they looked upon him much as I did, kind of a funny guy who had done this, had gone to the Soviet Union and had come back, that they might well be interested in him but not a very effective person, not as though, to me for my own part, was a fellow who was a spy in some manner and I thought he was not the sort of person or the kind of guy I would hire to do anything, is what I am trying to say, and I couldn't imagine that somebody would for any kind of delicate job, I couldn't imagine ... the only thing I could think of was he might be spying for the Soviet Union. Nothing else occurred to me.
- Q. Now the 21st when he came out, I take it you never saw the rifle in your garage, is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. On the evening of the 21st, Thursday, did you ever see him go in the garage at all?
- A. I don't recall seeing him go in the garage at all, no. I went in the garage, I was painting or something, and went in in midevening and found the light on, I had not left it on although probably went in while preparing dinner as the deep freeze was out there, but it seemed to me he had been out and forgotten to turn the light off.
- Q. You never saw him out there?
- A. No.
- Q. Did anything seem amiss? Any of the things stored in there that belonged to the Oswalds?
- A. No, nothing seemed to be different. You would have to see



my garage to know how full it was.

Q. What ... You did not at any time that night see him handling anything that resembled a rifle or any package that resembled a rifle?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Did you have any kind of wrapping paper at the house that could have been used to wrap ....

A. The same question was asked by the FBI, they wanted to come out and see what kind of brown wrapping paper I might have and I had some and gave them a sample of it.

Q. How much did you have? Did you have a lot?

A. It wasn't a lot and it wasn't in a place that Lee would have known about either.

Q. He would not have known about it?

A. I wouldn't think so.

Q. Did he mention curtain rods or anything that night?

A. Not to me, no.

Q. Did he spend any time at all out of the house that you can recall?

A. I certainly don't recall, it seemed to me that he went to bed extremely early, about nine o'clock or something like that.

Q. Did he ever spend much time away from your house on the weekends when he visited?

A. I recall no time he spent away from my house when he was there. It puts me at odds with some people who have claimed to have seen him at various places around Irving and Dallas.

Q. Did he ever mention going to a rifle range, shooting a rifle or anything?

A. No, he didn't.

Q. Did he ever talk about guns?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen Marina drive an automobile?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether or not she can drive an automobile?

A. I just don't know, I got the impression that she did not, she never offered to drive and we did a lot of driving.

Q. Is it possible that Lee could have used your car at any time without your knowledge, without your knowing?

A. It seems unlikely, I just don't see how he could have. I always carry my car keys in my purse and the car sits in the driveway, its a small house, and I don't see how he could possibly have.

Q. Do you remember any of the towns you drove through on the way to Dallas when you left here?

A. No, I don't.

Q. You didn't stop at any small town in Louisiana?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. After the assassination I presume the Federal authorities and the local police came out and went to the garage, is this the first time you had knowledge of the blanket that the gun was supposed to have been wrapped in?

A. Yes, it was. We had been watching TV and this was early afternoon and they had apprehended no man as they hadn't said the wound was fatal yet, and there were no reports as to who might have done it, I think they did get so far assaying they had apprehended someone in a movie at the time, but no name, and then the Deputy Sheriffs arrived at the door and funny how these accidents fall, but that same morning when I arrived home from the dentist and the mail was there and I opened the mail, which included the legal papers relative to my applying for a divorce, and when the Deputy Sheriffs arrived at the door the first thing flashed

through my mind was you don't have to serve papers when its not contested, besides Michael isn't here, and I was all confused, it just didn't seem to make sense, and then I saw six of them and I must have looked pretty startled and they the guy said that Oswald was arrested for shooting an officer.

Q. Did they immediately go to the garage?

A. Well, they asked if they could come in, they said they didn't have a warrant but could get one in a hurry if it was needed, and I said yes they could come in, I was pretty upset, so they came in and suddenly they were all over the house, six of them all over a four room house, one of them went with me and he asked where most of their things were and he went to the garage, and this was the guy who asked if Oswald owned a gun and I foolishly said no, then in translating to Marina she said yes, so in the garage he picked up the blanket and folded it over his arm, this was the first that I felt that this could have been the man.

Q. Did you see this blanket the night before when you were in the garage?

A. I don't recall it.

Q. Do you recall ever seeing it before?

A. Oh, it had been around, yes probably.

Q. Was it one of yours or theirs?

A. It was theirs.

Q. Do you recall it being in the stationwagon on the trip?

A. No, I don't recall it. It could have been packaged.

Q. You don't recall taking it out of the stationwagon and putting it in again?

A. No, I don't recall.

Q. Did you at any time ever see Oswald with it in his hands?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You stated that when the officers told you that Oswald was

charged with the shooting of Tippitt and they asked for this blanket and Marina said he had a gun, you immediately thought this was the man who could have killed the President, why?

A. Well he picked up this blanket that she said held the rifle and there was nothing in it. I knew he had been there the night before, I thought that ... and of course they said on the TV that they thought the shot had been fired from the roof of the Depository ....

Q. Oh, they did say that? I'm sorry I didn't hear that.

A. Yes, its an important point because I heard it on the TV and went out the door to mention it to her, she was handing up diapers on the line, and my thought was its a Friday, he will be out here and we will hear an eye witness' account of it ..... she didn't say anything, but in her testimony it comes out that she went out of the house and looked in the garage to see if that blanket was still there and they saw it and thought the rifle was in it .....

Q. Was there any particular reason from his background and your having known him that you believed that, at that time, he could have shot the President?

A. Nothing. I did not think of him as that kind of hostile person.

Q. No reason that you can explain why all of a sudden you thought he was the one who shot the President.

A. Other than all of a sudden things fell into place.

Q. Did you ever know Oswald's Bleckly Street address before the assassination?

A. I can't say I know it now. But I had not heard it nor the street.

Q. Do you recall how often Lee would call Marina from the boarding house to your home, say, during the week, while he was gone, was it every night?

A. It wasn't every night, but still fairly often.

Q. Lengthy conversations?

A. Oh, fairly short, but cordial, social.

Q. Were they about the same time usually?

A. In the evening, yes.

Q. About what time?

A. Around supper time, about six o'clock.

Q. Did Lee ever tell you when he came there on the 21st, where he was on the weekend before?

A. The 21st of when?

Q. Of November, the night before the assassination when he wasn't there that weekend.

A. No, he did not say where he had been before.

Q. Did Marina receive any calls from him the weekend before?

A. I don't recall. It has been out of my mind ....

Q. This is the weekend you placed the call to him?

A. That's right, you see, so there hadn't been ... she was missing contact so I would judge he hadn't called for at least one night.

Q. While Marina was living here did she ever tell you how much time he spent at home or how much time he spent away from home?

A. I don't recall that we discussed it. We may have.

Q. I think in your Warren Commission testimony they asked you whether Marina had any callers in March of 1963, that would have been prior to your taking her to New Orleans, did she have callers, particularly de Morenschids? Do you recall whether or not, I think you testified earlier that you didn't recall de Morenschids.

A. I don't recall and I think I would recall had they been there.

Q. You have seen them twice in your life at the Glover's party and about a year ago?

A. Yes.

- Q. Was your husband at the time working for the Bell Helicopter people?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did that require a security clearance?
- A. I really don't know. They gave everybody a badge. He was working with research, what he knows about it is what he has invented, there may be a requirement, I don't know.
- Q. What does he do?
- A. He is in research Government laboratory, which means <sup>he</sup> machines new designs, designs and then proves them out on machines also for models and such things as they propose.
- Q. Is he an engineer?
- A. Yes, except he never got his degree.
- Q. Then you don't know whether or not he had to undergo any security clearance?
- A. No, I don't.
- Q. I asked you, and I think you said you did not know how Agent Hosti's license number got into Oswald's address book?
- A. No, I don't know.
- Q. You testified also before the Warren Commission that November of 1963 Lee stopped at the downtown office of the FBI and attempted to contact somebody there?
- A. My recollection is very vague on this point, I got the impression that .. in other words, he told me, it doesn't mean that he did, by this time I wonder a great deal about .. first of all, I was misled by all I was not told, but I carry that impression that he told me he had stopped in.
- Q. Did he leave you with the impression that he had left a note or something?
- A. Something like that.

- Q. Did he ever mention that he used the aliases because of FBI harassment?
- A. No, he did not.
- Q. He had complained that he could not get a job because every time he tried to the FBI had questioned the whereabouts or questioned other people and this caused him not to get the job.
- A. I don't recall his mentioning that kind of harassment, it may be my own impression of how I viewed it, but it did seem to me that the FBI Agent Hosti was concerned with their need to know where he was and not being able to earn a living for his family, but it is probably true that Lee was over-bothered, from my point of view, he was inordinately bothered by the fact of their interest, and looking back on it I can't tell you whether it was formed at the time or former later, but here was a man who was ready to look for someone else being the fault of his being canned, but in the meantime he didn't show up on time, he didn't make himself very pleasant.
- Q. What, if anything, did Lee say the night before the assassination that he was home?
- A. About coming home?
- Q. Yes, did he say any reason why he was altering his normal routine?
- A. No, he didn't, he came in and Marina and I exchanged glances and she was kind of apologetic about his coming out without asking and I said oh, its all right. I assumed that it was an effort to make up, their last event had been an argument ON THE telephone, over his using his assumed name, and I just didn't give it further thought at that time.
- Q. He did not discuss with you at all about his assumed name?
- A. No, no excuse, no explanation of any sort.
- Q. You say he went to bed relatively early that evening?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you see him leave the next morning?
- A. No, I saw one used coffee cup in the sink.

- Q. Does your garage door make any kind of noise when it is being opened?
- A. Yes. There is the door that would let a car in and a door from the dining area that goes from the house.
- Q. From your bedroom, that morning, could you have heard someone entering the garage?
- A. More than likely it would have been the door from the dining room area, I think the garage door at that time was locked, the garage was full of stuff and it is unlikely that it was open.
- Q. It had a regular lock on the outside of the door?
- A. No, its a padlock type of thing on the inside. Something that would prevent its being opened from the outside.
- Q. Have you ever been shown the paper material that allegedly was used to wrap the gun in on your way home?
- A. Yes, I have. The FBI Agent came out with stuff similar and asked if I had any like this and he compared the weights of the paper that I had, then I believe it was in Washington I ~~talked~~<sup>saw</sup> this very crumpled package that they treated it for fingerprints, they treated it but evidently the paper changed color .....
- Q. Did that appear to be the same or similar to the material you had?
- A. Well, you are talking about brown wrapping paper? It appeared to be somewhat heavier in gage.
- Q. Which one, the one you were shown in Washington?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When Lee came in that night did he have any brown wrapping paper?
- A. Well, he was there when I got back from the grocery store, but even so, had he had some it could have been folded up



and I wouldn't have seen it, but I didn't.

Even

Q. / So I think you testified he would not know where your wrapping paper was?

A. That's right.

Q. Your notebook you keep referring to is evidently very helpful in your testimony, now in your testimony before the Warren Commission where Oswald was and the particular date, did you give a copy of this notebook to the FBI?

A. Well, I think ... I am aware that they had it, I don't remember whether I gave them the whole thing ... let me look and see if I wrote down anything, excuse me a minute ... I imagine they just probably gave it back to me, it was part of the evidence in Washington, whether it had been photostated and they had it and I had it back by then, I just can't remember when I got it back. Its dated on the front I think when the Agent took it.

Q. Would you mind if we make Xerox copies of this?

A. Oh, you would be welcome to it.

Q. During the course of Lee's weekend visits to you in Irving did he mention any friends or acquaintances he had in Dallas?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you ever see him talking to anyone?

A. No I didn't.

Q. Have you ever heard of an Arthur E. Yankovich?

A. I don't recall.

Q. He works for the Schick Company in the Rio Grande Building.

A. In Dallas?

Q. (Inaudible). I notice from the Warren Report there was a notation from the book you just gave to Mr. Schambra

about the Rio Grande National Bank, what is that?

A. Its the office of lawyers I was seeing about this divorce proceedings.

Q. What was his name?

A. Roggio, its a her, Roggio & Roggio.

Q. I think you mentioned folk dancing or square dancing that you participated in around Dallas?

A. I mentioned the folk dance camp , at San Antonio.

Q. Right. Were there ever any guitars used at all?

A. Probably. I just don't remember. This is folk dancing ... you might say square dancing is the National dance of America. These are the National dances of various countries.

Q. Referring to the straps used off the shoulder for guitars, have you ever seen any of those around the house?

A. I don't recall anything of that kind. I have a guitar, but I don't have a strap, or something like that.

Q. Your father-in-law's name is George Lyman Paine, is that correct?

A. Yes. Jr., I think. However, he doesn't use the Jr.

Q. To your knowledge has he ever met Lee Oswald?

A. Not to my knowledge. I would think I would know had he met Lee.

Q. I think there was a statement attributed to you that when the police first arrived you said 'come on in, we have been expecting you'. Is that correct?

A. I have heard that attributed to me so you might say that's regarded as being correct, but I don't recall having said anything like that. It seems highly unlikely. It was totally opposite to my own reaction. My first reaction was 'what a way to serve a divorce proceeding', and I can't

imagine ... usually you can figure something that a rumor can have come from, but I can't think of anything that gave that ground.

Q. How soon was it after the Deputy came out that the FBI and the Secret Service arrived?

A. To the best of my recollection the FBI and Secret Service did not come to the house until the next day, and that was the FBI and not Secret Service.

Q. At the time what was the tenor of their questions?

A. Who?

Q. The FBI.

A. Oh my, that was a day of questioning, an evening of questioning. We went in from my house to the Police Station the evening of the 22nd, we came back tired and hungry, and Mrs. Oswald, Sr. also along, and the next morning there was a mixture of newsmen and FBI men, but I can't recall specifically the nature of their questions.

Q. Do you recall if they asked you about any associates of Oswald at the time?

A. Its certainly possible, I just don't remember.

Q. Did you see Lee at the Precinct Police Station that night?

A. No.

Q. Did he call you and ask you to get him an attorney?

A. That was Saturday. We were there Friday night, I met Robert and Mrs. Oswald, Sr. for the first time, and then early the next morning Marina and Mrs. Oswald left to see Lee wherever he was and it was noon or after, around one or two o'clock I got a phone call from Lee asking me if I would try to contact a lawyer he was trying to reach and couldn't reach, I don't know whether he only had a few calls that he could make out at any particular time, but he felt maybe that if I tried I would have a better chance of reaching him. He gave me a phone number in New York and Connecticut somewhere, out surburban somewhere, I was not at all keen to do this little chore but I felt the man needed

a lawyer, if any man would, if I had any good sense I would have suggested he get someone locally, but it did not occur to me and I said I would try the numbers he gave me and I did. I did not get a reply but heard later that a newsman also tried to reach this lawyer and I learned that the lawyer was not interested in taking the case.

Q. What did Lee say besides that on the phone, if anything?

A. Oh, a funny thing, he called actually twice, he called at first and asked to speak to me and I said that Marina had gone that morning and left in the company of a couple of Life reporters as a matter of fact, and I couldn't judge that Mrs. Oswald, Sr. was happy to have them along, included was a translator, who was probably helpful to them. And he was upset that she wasn't back at the house and he couldn't get in touch with his wife when he wanted to, then it was either, the two phone calls, that the first one had not been official, I can't describe it exactly, but anyhow he called again and asked me to contact his lawyer, in one or the other or both, and I said I would, and he thanked me for having been helpful to his family. I was not ... I did not appreciate his thanks at that point, if he had behaved differently ....

Q. Did you ask him whether or not he did it?

A. No.

Q. Did he voluntarily say anything?

A. No, I could not form the question, I was sick over it.

Q. Do you know a person on the West Coast by the name of Sylvia Bortin?

A. The name doesnot ring a bell.

Q. Married to a man named Robert Uname.

A. No.

Q. Did you know two muscians who lived opposite you on 2530 West Fifth Street by the name of Simmons and Willis?

A. I am not familiar with the names.

- Q. They played in the Carousel Club.
- A. 2530 West Fifth? You sure?
- A. Yes.
- A. 2530, and their names were what?
- Q. Simmons and Willis. Bill Willis and William Simmons. They played with John Anderson.
- A. The reason, I thought I knew the names of all of the people across the street there at the end of the street, so it sounds very odd ....
- Q. They lived there in '63, they may not live there now.
- A. Yes, but I don't either.
- Q. How about John Anderson, the trumpet player?
- A. No.
- Q. You remember a Christmas party given by your father-in-law, George Lyman Paine, in Dallas in '62?
- A. I can't imagine he was in Dallas of '62 and I not know it, much less give a party.
- Q. Where does he live?
- A. He lives in Los Angeles. He has been to Dallas, as I recall, twice, one at Christmas before my little boy was born which would be '60, I guess, and then once later, I don't know when that was, August or September, anyway it was fair weather because I have pictures out in the backyard. But is highly unlikely that he was at such a party.
- Q. You know of any real estate that your husband was interested in buying about that time?
- A. Somewhere he bought 3 acres of land in West Irving and he has since put up a metal building which he wants to have a machine shop, that is the only property I know of, somewhere along in there.
- Q. He actually purchased it?
- A. Yes, he bought it.

Q. Did Marina return to your house after you brought her down in May and before you took her back in September?

A. No.

Q. There is a report of a telephone conversation in the Warren Report between yourself and your husband on November 23, when he was supposed to have said 'we both know who is responsible for the assassination', do you recall this?

A. There was no such phone call, but I recall hearing the rumor. I would recall a phone call had there been one. Who ... how could there be a rumor, you know ... its mysterious. The 23rd. I was home most of the day. I can't recall but its conceivable that we talked on the phone, I can't recall that we did or that we didn't.

Q. I will show you a few pictures and ask you if you can identify any of these people?

A. OK. That is Marina (pointing to picture). That is Lee. The other faces do not look familiar to me.

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Q. Why did you hesitate ~~at~~ the larger picture and look at the name on the back?

A. It looked like it was part of the picture, I hold it up here to the light and its inside out as if your photographer projected it wrong, so I finally realized that the light was coming through, it is like mirror writing ...

Q. You recognize anybody in those pictures except Marina and Lee?

MR. GARRISON:

For the record will you identify the pictures you recognize?

MR. ALCOCK:

For the purpose of the record the pictures shown the witness were one of Lee Oswald which was identified by the witness; one of Marina Oswald which was identified by the witness; one of Guy Banister which was not identified by the witness; ~~two~~ one of David Ferrie which was not identified by the witness; one of Clay Shaw which was not identified by the witness

Two of Kerry Thornley which were not identified by the witness; a third with Kerry Thornley and his present wife not identified by the witness.

MR. GARRISON:

For purposes of the record when we say not identified by the witness, we mean that she does not recognize the person on the picture.

MR. ALCOCK:

Had you ever heard the name Kerry Thornley before?

A. No.

Q. Did the defense counsel for Mr. Shaw, when they were in Dallas, speak to you?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. Prior to your coming down here and subsequent to your receiving a subpoena have you spoken to any law enforcement officials, either Federal or State?

A. What do you call the representative of Henry Wade? That would be Johnson, the local court in other words, but that's not what you mean?

Q. That is the only person you spoke to?

A. All I can think of.

Q. When was the last time you spoke to an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. A long time ... I didn't get all my stuff back until a year January from the assassination, it was either FBI or local Dallas police, but ....

Q. January of what year?

A. Looks like '65, it was a long time, I remember that.

Q. What did the conversation concern itself with?

A. After?

A. Yes.

- A. Most of the conversations were soon after, but stretching up into, I guess March of '64. I can't remember if they have been out since I went to Washington. I just can't remember. If so, it was some minor point.
- Q. Did you ever get the impression from talking to agents of the FBI some time considerably after the assassination that they were still investigating the assassination?
- A. I did not get that impression, but you have to say when. They were busy with investigation, I guess, for months after the assassination.
- Q. When did you get this impression?
- A. That they quit and were no longer working at it?
- Q. Yes.
- A. When it fell off sharply, you might say, after March. I saw friends that next summer who had seen members of the FBI in various parts of the country, but when they saw them I don't even know.
- Q. In connection with the case they saw them?
- A. Yes, they pretty well saw everybody in my phone book, they called up one time and said, Mrs. Paine, who is this person in India that is in your phone book, my address book, and I said its somebody I send magazines to. I guess they didn't look him up.
- Q. This was considerable time after Oswald had been shot?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you or your husband at any time directly or indirectly work for any Federal Law Enforcement Agency?
- A. Not I, and I doubt Michael would have without my knowing it.
- Q. How about the Central Intelligence Agency?
- A. No.
- Q. To your knowledge, have you ever met anyone who worked for



the Central Intelligence Agency?

A. I just don't know. Conceivably, but in other words he didn't just come up and say here I am ....

Q. That's what I say, to your knowledge.

A. No.

Q. No one has ever identified himself as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency?

A. No, not to my knowledge.

Q. Did Lee, at any time, mention the Central Intelligence Agency?

A. Not that I recall.

MR. GARRISON:

I am sure this is unpleasant for you, but your ordeal is almost finished. But we have a few more questions. I am sure Mr. Alcock has told you that all we want is to get a little information. Several things have been printed in the press so you probably had the impression this would be an ordeal, but we just want information. Now, about your trip that you took in the summer, July, 1963, a vacation trip and you went to North \_\_\_\_\_ Island, Massachusetts? Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Then to Paoli, Pennsylvania?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is Paoli, Pa.?

A. Its suburban Philadelphia.

Q. Columbus, Ohio?

A. Yes.

Q. To visit your mother and brother?

A. My brother is in Springfield, Ohio.

Q. You used to live in Columbus?

A. Yes.

Q. Baltimore, Maryland?

A. Was that all the same summer?

Q. Yes, July.

A. I guess so.

Q. Do you remember where you went in Baltimore?

Michael's

A. brother was there.

Q. Richmond, Indiana?

A. I had Quaker friends there.

Q. Washington, D. C.?

A. I have a sister there.

Q. How long did you stay in Washington?

A. Probably a few days, I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember where you stayed a few days?

A. At my sister's.

Q. Where is that address?

A. Er ... er ... I can give you her name.

Q. What's her name?

A. Mrs. John L. Hoke. They ... I guess they must have been then where they are now, seems to me likely....

Q. What's her maiden name?

A. Hyde, like mine.

Q. Her first name?

A. Sylvia Hyde.

Q. Do you know why the investigative file on Sylvia Hyde<sup>Hoke</sup> is still classified in the archives as secret?

- A. No, is it?
- Q. Yes, it is, 300 cubic feet.
- A. What do you want to know ... oh dear ... 300 cubic feet, its classified?
- Q. Not 300 cubic feet on Sylvia, but 300 cubic feet ....
- A. That's what I am asking you, that much?
- Q. Yes, most of the files still classified. Do you have any idea why they would do that. It seems .. there is no reason ..
- A. No.
- Q. What does her husband do?
- A. He is a biologist turned photographer turned public relations. The company he works for I can't recall, if I ever knew, he changed jobs a few years ago.
- Q. What did he do in '63?
- A. Let's see, he had been working ... they had come back from Surinam, which is Dutch Guiana, you know, he was working there with AID, I believe, that he was a technical adviser.
- Q. Was he in many other countries?
- A. I don't know if that was that same tour, he also went to Chile, I believe, earlier and Panama, both of these in connection with photographic skill, in Chile he was photographing a housing project and in Panama he was .....
- Q. Photographic skills, basically a photographer.
- A. He is basically a biologist. He is writing a book on turtles right now.
- Q. He has traveled to Chile, Panama, and what other countries?
- A. He had been in Panama at a gathering of people learning photographic skill.
- Q. Was this in connection with the Government?
- A. I believe so.

- Q. Does your sister do anything in connection with the Government?
- A. I don't think she is working right now.
- Q. Did she in 1962? Or 1963?
- A. She has worked ... she did something with G9, what is this ... well, it would be a government job.
- Q. What did she do with the government?
- A. She majored in psychology, one of the things I recall is making testing angles, how to test a Bedouin to know whether he can be a good oil drill operator, this kind of thing.
- Q. Do you know what Government Agency she has worked for?
- A. No, just worked for the Government.
- Q. Do you have any other relatives who work for the Government?
- A. My father worked for the Government, for the AID, that was since the assassination.
- Q. What was he doing in 1962 and 1963?
- A. He worked with Nationwide Insurance until his 3-year tour of AID, which ended last June, so that leaves him still with Nationwide, doesn't it?
- Q. Did he go to any other countries?
- A. Prior to his AID tour was in Peru, but prior to that he had been on loan or something like that from Nationwide and traveled briefly in Germany and I think Japan. And Spain.
- Q. What does AID stand for?
- A. Don't come to me, people ask me and every now and then I remember
- Q. Agency for International Development.
- A. That's it.

- Q. That's a vague sounding code thing, isn't it?
- A. Its a technical aid program.
- Q. When your father traveled for the Agency for International Development, what kind of work did he do?
- A. No, please understand me, he was with Nationwide when he did these short hops to Germany, stuff like this, or else he was on leave to the International Cooperative Alliance, or some agency like this, which was non-governmental.
- Q. International ... ?
- A. Cooperative Alliance.
- Q. Who participated in the International Cooperative Alliance?
- A. I just don't know.
- Q. But its non-governmental?
- A. I think its non-governmental.
- Q. Was he on loan to the Government in some type of work?
- A. Not until the AID appointment.
- Q. When that came, what did he do for the AID?
- A. He went to Peru and worked with different insurance men, he was helping to set up something relative to insurance but also relative to low cost loans and ... I wish I could give you more accurate information ... it had to do with insurance and the setting up of this kind of thing ...
- Q. Do you know what countries he traveled to?
- A. I think he went to Quito, that would be Ecuador, and possibly somewhere in .....
- Q. Did he have to have security clearance?
- A. I have no idea.
- Q. What sort of insurance company is Nationwide Insurance Co,?

A. Ordinary insurance company, it began as a cooperative insurance company.

Q. Do you know what sort of insurance they handle?

A. Yes, fire, life, auto.

Q. Where are they based?

A. Columbus, Ohio.

Q. Do you have any idea how old they are?

A. No. My father was moved to the main office in Columbus, Ohio when I was nine, it had been established sometime then.

Q. Do you have any other relatives to work for the Government in any way?

A. Include John, I hope.

Q. Yes.

A. Well, yes, my brother-in-law.

Q. Your brother is a doctor.

A. Yes, my brother is a doctor, I can't recall that he ever worked for the Government. My brother-in-law works for Social Security in Baltimore.

Q. Did I understand you to say earlier that you didn't know whether or not Michael Paine had a security clearance?

A. That's right.

Q. Don't you feel ....

A. They probably do something, but I don't know.

Q. Don't you believe that he would have to have a security

clearance in view of his father's activities?

A. Surely if you had to have a security clearance it would include his father's activities.

Q. My point is this, this country is acutely sensitive to make an understatement ~~for~~<sup>of</sup> anybody, for example: is active in say activities like that, probably in some ways we over-react, perhaps unavoidably, but don't you feel that for your husband to work with Bell Helicopter it would have been necessary for him to have security clearance? Or does he just do the inventing end of things?

A. He is on the inventing end of things. He makes - or helps to design the new models that they are supposed to try.

Q. When did you first begin studying Russian?

A. I was out of college in Philadelphia, it was<sup>a</sup> summertime intensive course just before I married, so it was the summer of '57.

Q. And you were living in Philadelphia then?

A. Yes.

Q. By now you speak Russian rather well?

A. There was a time I spoke better than I do now. I learned quite a lot while Marina was at the house.

Q. The Government has never shown any interest in your Russian skill?

A. No.

Q. While you were in Washington did you go to Virginia at all?

A. If I did I was visiting my sister, but I am trying to recall where she might have been at the time. I do recall she lived in a kind of rented place before John got back, whether that was in '63 I don't remember.

Q. Which town in Virginia would that have been?

A. Its all sort of the fringe of Washington.

Q. Washington suburbs.

A. Yes. Whether it was Virginia, it could have been Maryland. I just don't recall.

Q. Was it Arlington, McLean, one of those towns?

A. Yes, a double name like Falls Church, or something like that. Its pretty vague.

Q. While you were on this trip in July of 1963 did you have occasion to indicate to anyone that Marina was visiting you in Dallas in the summer of 1963?

A. No, because she was not. I had occasion to mention that I had met Marina. I had been teaching Russian during that summer, the only summer I did teach it.

Q. Between May, 1963 when you brought Marina here and September 1963 did you see Marina at any time?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall a party in December, 1962, December 28, a party given by Arcacha Ford?

A. 1962?

Q. Yes, given at 14057 Brookcrest.

A. I had not met these people yet.

Q. Had you met Edward Glover?

A. He is the only one I did know prior to February 22, or whenever it was when I first met the Oswalds.

Q. How about Betty McDonald?

A. Yes, but I can't remember the connection, maybe something through League of Women Voters, or something, but her name is familiar, and I have seen her once or twice.

Q. When did you last see her?

A. Oh, I don't know.



Q. Do you recall what she looked like?

A. I am afraid not. I think she was voter of registration at some point, and I guess she is married now.

Q. This is the same Betty McDonald that worked for the same oil company that Edward Glover did. Is that the one we are talking about?

A. I don't know where she worked.

Q. She was librarian for the oil company, does that refresh your memory?

A. Well, she seemed more librarian than oil to me.

Q. The reason I bring that up. One of the interesting things of the Warren Commission, many things turned up to be false and incorrect. There is one of the things gated not only in the index but in the questioning that has created the picture that Betty McDonald, librarian, with the oil company, is also Nancy Mooney, who worked for Jack Ruby's night club, the only problem of that is we have located Betty McDonald, she is alive but Nancy Mooney was killed in Dallas in 1964, early part of 1964. I was wondering if you knew anything about Betty McDonald also being known as Nancy Mooney, because they appear to be two different people, contrary to the Warren Report.

A. Contrary?

Q. Yes, the Warren Commission advised in effect that Betty McDonald was Nancy Mooney and since Nancy Mooney was killed in a police station early '64, it would be very difficult for her to be married to someone now. We have located Betty McDonald and she is married to someone, she does seem to be alive.

A. Yes.

Q. Is that also your understanding?

A. That she is alive?

Q. And married?

A. Yes.

Q. In Dallas?

A. Not Irving?

Q. Well in the Dallas area. Is that your understanding too?

A. Yes, but its been maybe two years since I wrote poll tax receipts and she had something to do with that.

Q. But you saw her two years ago?

A. Or three.

Q. Two or three. Do you remember where you saw her?

A. A & P, where I wrote poll tax receipts, if its the same woman. What was her married name?

Q. I don't know.

A. Is he a doctor?

Q. Yes.

A. Miller?

Q. I don't know.

A. My problem is I am not certain she is the same.

Q. Would it help if I tell you other members of the group: Don Fredrickson, Bokmar Schmidt, Edward Glover, the Edward Glover group, do you associate her with Edward Glover?

A. Well, it sure didn't stand out in my mind that she was at that gathering also.

Q. But you do remember Betty McDonald?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you remember her physical description?

A. She is sort of a ... not very tall, and fair complexion ...

Q. Did she wear glasses?

A. I don't remember.

- Q. Would you classifer her as an educated person?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall when you first met her?
- A. No.
- Q. I don't mean the date, approximately.
- A. I don't recall the circumstances at all.
- Q. A gradual sort of thing, seeing her here and there.
- A. No, it's more embarrassing than that, supposing I hadn't met her more than once, normally I remember someone that I meet, but ....
- Q. Here's what I mean, Mrs. Paine, there must be some reason why you know the results of seeing Betty McDonald, it is not that rare a name, do you associate her with Edward Glover, or with Mobiloil, or ....
- A. No, with that party, somehow. I have a very vague feeling that I might have met her before that party.  
with
- Q. How about/Richard Pierce?
- A. With Richard Pierce?
- Q. You know Richard Pierce, Edward Glover's friend?
- A. Well, was he at that party?
- Q. Not that particular one. There were approximately fifty people at the party.
- A. Oh really! I can't believe there were fifty people at the party.
- Q. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reyes estimate there were up to fifty and Mr. and Mrs. Curry estimate there were up to fifty people. We have to go on their estimates, we have 27 people. Let me give you their names:
- A. Maybe I went home too early.

- Q. We are not trying to cross examine you, because we are only interested in information and I might even go further, we don't use many of the devices the Federal Government uses. We don't believe in operating that way. It is true that if a person came here before the Grand Jury and committed perjury before the Grand Jury we would have to charge them, we would have no choice. But we never set out to try and trap them, that isn't our mission with you. The party on December 28, 1962, given by Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ford, 27 people were identified as attending .....
- A. Oh, I am sorry, OK, I beg your pardon, this wasn't the party I was at.
- Q. You remember the Dec. 22nd party, but not the Dec. 27th party, is that right?
- A. That's right.
- Q. You were not at this party?
- A. That's right.
- Q. You were married in Media, Pa.?
- A. That's right.
- Q. Where is that located?
- A. Its ~~xxxxxx~~ also suburban Philadelphia
- Q. Now Feb. 22nd, Edward Glover gave a party at his home, at 4449 Potomac. Does that sound familiar?
- A. Sounds familiar.
- Q. Glover was an employee of Mobiloil Co. in the research laboratory. Norman Frederickson was one of the employees. You recall him?
- A. I can't really say I do.
- Q. Norman Frederickson is associated with Gen. Walker, have you ever met Gen. Walker?
- A. No, I haven't.

- Q. You have heard of Gen. Walker?
- A. I have heard of Gen. Walker. Wait a minute, I saw him once. I went with a friend of mine from Irving, its pretty small, she was applying for citizenship and got it, she had been in this country from Germany and I think he is the one who was present and welcomed these new Americans.
- Q. He was welcoming new Americans coming into the country?
- A. Something like that, maybe I am wrong.
- Q. That would get them off to a good start.
- A. Yes, but anyway that wasn't a meeting in that I spoke or anything.
- Q. Anyway its my impression that you and Gen. Walker do not have a great deal in common?
- A. That's my impression too.
- Q. Do you know Bomark Schmidt?
- A. I recall the name as being someone that the Warren Commission mentioned as having been at that party, on the 22nd.
- Q. He was a roommate of Glover's and worked for the Oil Co. How about Mr. Memontoff, was he there?
- A. He is the son-in-law of the Russian teacher that I have mentioned that I learned Russian with. You asked if he was there? No, he wasn't at the party.
- Q. How about George and Jean deMorenschid?
- A. They were there.
- Q. Do you know George and Jean well?
- A. I met them at that party and once since, about a year ago.
- Q. They still live in Dallas, don't they?

- A. It would be again. You know something came up this morning about the second meeting with the deMorenschids, I don't think you were here. I spent some of the lunch time trying to figure out what had been said, shall I go into that?
- Q. Sure. About his discovery of the picture?
- A. Yes. Understand that this was the second time I had met them, the first time Michael met them, he was invited to dinner also, but Michael had not been at this party in February of '63, and I think they came back to this country after having been away for quite a while, how long they were away I don't know, .....
- Q. They went to Hatii.
- A. Yes, to Hatãii It was when they came back and looked through things that they had loaned to the Oswalds that had been returned but had been stored in this country that he came across this picture that Oswald had left evidently to them but by that time find the picture that had been left by Oswald but a long time prior to the assassination, and they didn't see it until they got to this country and got their things out of storage.
- Q. They did not recall seeing it before the assassination, is that correct?
- A. That is correct.
- Q. This particular picture, George deMorenschid came across, shows Lee Oswald holding a gun and a magazine. For your information it is a forged picture.
- A. It is?
- Q. Yes, it is a forged picture. We have been able to develop that without any question, what they did was take a body and put Oswald's face from another picture on it, and so both of the pictures were forged, there were two kinds of pictures as you know. I think you told me the worker in one and I don't know why they tried to create a picture of him being a Troskyite and a communist too, that's what they have done. In other words, you really have to take

your choice, I doubt if anybody prescribes to both of them. But these pictures are so crudely done that the figure in one of them is 3 inches taller than the figure in the other. It is a contrived picture, unless Oswald had the capability of changing height.

A.

When you have to conclude that his wife took the picture, didn't Marina testify that she took the picture?

Q.

My conclusion about Marina is that she was telling the truth in most of her testimony to the extent that she was free to do so, she has been virtually paralyzed in three or four areas where she has memorized certain positions or be sent back to Russia. In those areas she is like a victrola elsewhere where she tells the truth she is rather effective with her sincerity, other areas, like the picture where it has nothing to do in reality at all, but I don't think she feels free to talk about it. But the interesting point is that the deMorenschids did not see the picture before because it could not have existed too long.

A.

But their implication was that the picture had been put in there by Oswald after they had left but before ... The Oswalds had borrowed things that belonged to the deMorenschids.

Q.

Do you know where these belongings were stored?

A.

No, I don't, but I think that some of them were things Edward Glover was keeping.

Q.

There is an inscription on the back of this picture by Marina, that she wrote so it had passed through her hands,

A.

Yes, what was the nature of that?

Q.

Oh, it was something like 'here's a picture of our noble fascist fighter, ha, ha, ha.'

A.

Then you heard from deMorenschid on this?

Q.

I heard from a friend of the deMorenschids that mentioned that they were surprised to find this.

- A. Then its your judgment that it was placed much later than the deMorenschids indicated.
- Q. Yes and I was interested to learn that they seemed surprised too. It is a false picture. A number of things have been contrived and this is one of them. I might add that we do not have any evidence that you participated in anything like that although I do feel that you have been used. Let me talk to you about the party of February 22 and see if I can refresh your memory. Now again I am not cross examining you, I will tell you the names of some of the people present at the party and it will help to refresh your memory. OK?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Mr. and Mrs. Oswald and little June Lee were there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Edward Glover who at the time was separated from his wife.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Bomark Schmidt, who was a fellow employee of Glover.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Richard Pierce, who was living with Glover at the time, since December, 1962. Mrs. Betty McDonald, her name was Betty Mooney McDonald, she was a Mooney ....
- A. Oh, it was?
- Q. But I doubt that she was the same Mooney, but the Warren Commission indicated ....
- A. That would be a middle name, her maiden name.
- Q. That's right. But the Nancy Mooney with whom the Warren Commission created an identity was a woman who worked for Jack Ruby and its not likely to be a librarian any place.



Is it your impression that this was an educated woman who could have been a librarian?

A. Yes.

Q. OK. Its just so that we have it in the record, otherwise we can't remember whether you nodded your head. Betty McDonald was a librarian at a Mobile Laboratory and she lived at the same apartment as Norman Frederickson, but Mrs. Frederickson lived there too. Do you know the Fredericksons?

A. I think you are bringing to my memory now ... I believe they lived on 6th Street, or somewhere like that anyway.

Q. Yes, 511 East Sixth.

A. An apartment complex, I think.

Q. Betty McDonald does come back to you?

A. Yes.

Q. She lives at Irving now?

A. Last I saw her was about two or three years ago, she was in Irving, but I don't know if she lives there now.

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Q. Your impression/that she is married to a Dr. Miller

A. Yes, if I have the right person, connected in my mind.

Q. I think the Warren Commission made a real jump right there. For instance, if you look it up in the Index of the Warren Report, and you look up Nancy Mooney, the Index says see Betty McDonald, Betty Mooney McDonald. Betty Mooney McDonald you end up by reading about the librarian, its a little confusing because Nancy Mooney was a prostitute ....

A. A big jump.

Q. ... and Nancy Mooney was killed shortly afterwards and Betty McDonald seems to be alive. Mr. and Mrs. deMorenschid were there. Now there is quite a bit of contradiction in testimony of different persons at the party as to precisely what happened, <sup>did</sup> the deMorenschids show a film, or what happened

- A. I think I would remember if they had shown a film. A film was referred to, they evidently made a film while they were on a hiking trip through ....
- Q. That's the film referred to.
- A. Yes, but I have never seen it. I never recall having seen it.
- Q. On a hiking trip down through Guatemala. Is that right?
- A. Yes, I think so, through Mexico.
- Q. Mrs. Mary Fox, a neighbor of the deMorenschids?
- A. That doesn't ring a bell at all.
- Q. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, landlord of the deMorenschids.
- A. (Inaudible)
- Q. Mrs. Gary Taylor, that's Alexandria Taylor, daughter of the deMorenschids. Remember her?
- A. No.
- Q. That is all. That is all we have. Do you remember anybody else at the party?
- A. No.
- Q. Who did you meet at this party that you did not know before?
- A. Its easier to answer who I did know. I had known Edward Glover, and evidently I had met Betty McDonald, but it wasn't something that I remembered when I met her again, at the party.
- Q. How long did you know Edward Glover?
- A. How long?
- Q. How well?
- A. We had met singing madrigals which are songs you read out of a book and everybody has his own part. This has been

a connecting interest and I had seem him in a group singing three or four times maybe. Something like that.

Q. Can you recall who he seemed to know particularly well at the party, who his older friends were?

A. Well, I knew he knew the deMorenschids, but I was under the impression that he had not met the Oswalds.

Q. You know who brought the Oswalds to the party?

A. If it wasn't the deMorenschids I don't know who.

Q. It was Edward Glover.

A. Edward Glover brought them to the party?

Q. Yes, which is surprising, they were living 604 Elkton ...?

A. I don't know.

Q. Is that where you met them at that point?

A. Well, I know, at that time they were still at the Street address that preceded the Neely Street address.

Q. Where did you first meet Lee and Marina?

A. At this party. I suppose its an Elkton Street address, I got an address that when I wrote to it it was forwarded to them and I got a reply back from Neely Street. I don't mean to be vague ....

Q. That time I think you had some correspondence with Marina because you are living in Irving and they are living in Dallas and they are moving to Neely Street. ~~Did you know~~

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have a chance to talk to Marina at that first meeting as well as to Lee?

A. I stood near her in the kitchen for a while and she listened and I think the deMorenschids talked.

Q. What is your impression of Lee's political philosophy?

- A. Well, I was in the living room and I think he seemed to consider himself more pure than Soviet communism, but so far as his philosophy I didn't think much of it.
- Q. What would you say of his political orientation?
- A. I am tempted to say muddled, but I don't mean it.
- Q. Would you say he was a communist?
- A. Well, Marina called him a Marxist when she was asked at Police Station and she said No, he is a Marxist, and you can't be both, or something ....
- Q. There is a difference.
- A. Yes, there is some difference.
- Q. Would you say he was a communist in the ordinary sense of the word?
- A. You mean like a member?
- Q. Oriented toward communism, as it is today in Russia.
- A. What little I heard from him on the subject he was not pleased with the Russia of today, and the government.
- Q. That seems to be an accurate statement, certainly explicit as to some of the written statements he has left. On April 2nd, Michael Paine went to 214 West Neely to meet the Oswalds for the first time and bring them home for dinner, at that time were you separated from Michael?
- A. That is right.
- Q. I don't want to pry into your personal business but it is rather curious, were you all meeting just for that dinner?
- A. That's right. I have to say I understand because the circumstances of my marriage are very much intertwined with the fact that Marina was even at my home. If I had not been separated there wouldn't have been room for me to invite anyone else, or the inclination either.

- Q. What I don't understand is, why is... let me put it this way: if I were separated from my wife then I, or I had somebody over for dinner I probably would not want her there because it would be a tense situation.
- A. Well, it was an extremely tense year, but it included seeing one another and because ....
- Q. Because of common interests?
- A. Well, understand, we are still married and because of mixed feelings and which the positive feelings now dominate ...
- Q. Do you live with him now?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was he interested in meeting the Oswalds?
- A. Yes he was.
- Q. Why was he interested?
- A. He thought this a pretty strange thing for a fellow to go to the Soviet Union and to renounce his citizenship, anyway just to go ...
- Q. Whom would you say Michael was more interested in, Lee or Marina?
- A. I would say he was more interested in Lee, I was more interested in Marina. He didn't speak Russian so there wasn't a lot he could say to Marina.
- Q. Did he talk to Lee at all during the dinner?
- A. Yes, I can't remember the tenor of the conversation.
- Q. Did you all meet again about a week later?
- A. Hey, have you got my calendar Xeroxed?
- Q. That's all right, I'll give you the date, it was the 10th of April.
- A. Probably so.

- Q. Was Oswald then working at Jagers, Child, Stovall?  
Is that your recollection?
- A. It is my recollection that he had a job there, but when he was fired I am not certain.
- Q. Were you aware that was a high security operation?
- A. No.
- Q. Jagger, Child, Stovall makes photomaps, films of various kinds for the Armed Forces, and is high security operation. You did not know that?
- A. No, not at all. I am very surprised.
- Q. Did you request Oswald to give you the address of the firm and phone number, or did he volunteer it?
- A. Maybe that's what... trying to remember something that passed between us in New Orleans, in September, that was to help establish residence in getting her into Parkland Hospital .... it had something to do with that ... that I got that name ....
- Q. Do you have any idea why Lee Oswald always refused to give his brother, Robert, anything but a Post Office Box number. There is consistent evidence to that effect. Did he get along well with Robert?
- A. I judged not. I particularly remember that Marina did not know how to tell her mother-in-law she was having a new baby coming, and she had met Robert and seemed to think he and his family were nice people, but Lee had said to her 'oh, he is just interested in getting a better washing machine', and her reply was 'what is the matter with a better washing machine?' That is the nature of her, as I recall, conversation.
- Q. After the assassination there was an Oldsmobile which had a few years on it and was put in front of your house for some time, do you recall that?
- A. Yes, we still have it.
- Q. Whose car was that?
- A. Its Michael's.

- Q. Does he ever use it?
- A. No, he bought it for a motor for a wind tunnel to generate energy, or whatever he needed to make a small wind tunnel .....
- Q. Do you remember what model it was? What year?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Did he make the wind tunnel?
- A. No, we still have the Oldsmobile and it sits now in his shop there in the property in West Irving. Inside the shop.
- Q. Do you remember when he bought the Oldsmobile?
- A. I don't remember exactly, but I think probably ... I remember it sat in front of the house after the plates had run out.
- Q. Did Oswald ever try to drive the Oldsmobile?
- A. No, I don't believe so, I don't see how he could have, but I don't know.
- Q. I think he had several driving lessons, one in his uncle's car here and one he took from you.
- A. Well, I don't know that it was a lesson. I remember his uncle let him drive once.
- Q. Did he identify the uncle?
- A. Yes, I think so, I think it came up in our conversation, he and I were driving to the Magazine Street apartment I suppose Marina was with ... I can't remember the car ... we were grouped, but more than one car went ... but anyway he made reference to having driven once.
- Q. Was he able to drive at all, or was he kind of a primitive driver, non-driver, or ...?
- A. Primitive driver is a good description. He hadn't handled the steering wheel much.
- Q. But he had learned the elements of procedure, how to start

it, he just had not had much experience in coordination?  
In driving around?

A. Yes. He knew what my 7-year old would know, about what makes the car go, and where you turn the key, how to put the brakes on, and how to change the gear.

Q. Did he ever have reason to believe a car was available to him?

A. You mean my car or something like that?

Q. Yes.

A. Oh no, nothing like that. Definitely not. My father is an insurance man.

Q. We found a rather unusual job application, and this job application classifies him, in Washington, as secret, and we have another job application and he indicates he has a car and we are interested in what car he had in mind.

A. (No answer).

Q. What do you recall of the trip that you made to San Antonio on April 26, 1963, you went with Michael on that too, didn't you? What was going on there?

A. That was the folk dance, a gathering of people to get together and do folk dancing for a weekend.

Q. Was that all that was happening in San Antonio, a folk dance festival?

A. That's all I went for and that's all I know about.

Q. Do you know if anything else was going on?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Do you recall when Oswald left for New Orleans?

A. Well, it appears on this calendar not in such terms, but it says 'Lee and Marina', which would probably mean the date I went over.

Q. <sup>CONTINENTAL</sup>Marins recollects that he left on the ~~Panama~~ and you recollect that he left on the Greyhound.



Its one of those things. But would April 25 or 26 make sense?

A. Yes.

Q. Did anybody go with you and Michael to San Antonio?

A. I can't imagine that the kids didn't, but I can't remember what kind of arrangements we made for them.

Q. Can any adults have gone with you to San Antonio?

A. If so, it was a baby sitter. But no, we got a baby sitter there, I remember there.

Q. If your record shows that Oswald left for New Orleans on April 25, and I were to tell you that he did not arrive at the Murets until the 29th, would you know where the extra days were spent?

A. No, I would not.

Q. He did not arrive until the 29th, four days, you have no idea where those 4 days were spent?

A. No.

Q. Is there any particular reason why Michael accompanied you to San Antonio?

A. We met folk dancing and continued to share an interest in the activity.

Q. In other words, the folk dancing interest continues?

A. Yes.

Q. On occasion where there was folk dancing activity you would rejoin for that, is that correct?

A. We did that occasion.

Q. Do you still engage in folk dancing?

A. There is no place to go in Dallas to do folk dancing of this type?

Q. They still have that ice skating rink?

A. Ice skating rink?

Q. They used to have one in Dallas.

A. I think they still have it.

Q. Have you ever been ice skating?

A. I haven't, Michael does. He has recently.

Q. Where is the ice skating rink in Dallas?

A. In the Park where they have the State Fair.

Q. Do you know who owns that?

A. No.

Q. What the name of it is?

A. No.

Q. Do you know if he has ever gone ice skating in Houston?

A. Michael?

Q. Yes.

A. To my knowledge he hasn't been in Houston.

Q. Do you remember when Michael went to Los Angeles in 1963?

A. I know he went to see his father on a weekend.

Q. What does his father do?

A. At that time he was working with the Bank of America, an architect. He is retired now.

Q. The Bank of America?

A. Yes, I think so, doing drive-in banks.

Q. Do you know who he worked for as an architect before Bank of America?

A. No.

- Q. Did George Paine ever work for the Bank of America in San Francisco?
- A. I don't know, I don't think so. As far as I know as long as he and his wife have lived on the west coast they have lived in Los Angeles. That doesn't mean that he couldn't have done something special .... special assignment ...
- Q. Was he an independent architect having an assignment for the Bank of America or was he employed by the Bank of America?
- A. He was employed by the Bank of America.
- Q. Do you know how long he was employed by them?
- A. No.
- Q. Has he worked in Washington or Virginia?
- A. I just don't know. I thought he just lived in New York.
- Q. Was Michael ever employed in Washington or Virginia?
- A. I don't think so.
- Q. Again, I want to emphasize this is not a cross examination, because I think you have been very helpful, but I want to refresh your memory, this is an application for employment dated October 14, 1963, which would be approximately one or two days before Oswald went to work for the Book Department, is that right?
- A. Something like that.
- Q. In it he says 'has auto', in handwriting of the interviewer. He gives as his address 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, which is your address. Do you have any idea why he says 'has auto'?
- A. Well, I certainly can't think that he did, that he might lie about it is conceivable to me, or intended to get one in order to get the job.
- Q. Could he perhaps feel that the automobile would be available had he gotten the job?

A. Certainly not. He knew I was pretty nervous about his using my car anyway except on the parking lot on Sunday until he got a Learner's Permit.

Q. He makes a reference to his education to a military clerical school in Charleston, South Carolina, there is nothing in his history to indicate that he was ever in Charleston, S. C. Have you ever heard him mention South Carolina?

A. No. I thought I read something about the older brother going to a military, no, a grade school, was it something like that?

Q. Yes, they went to grade school, a military academy, but this was a military clerical school where he worked as cost accounting clerk for three months, he said, but he never mentioned that to you?

A. No.

Q. Have you... one of the peculiar things about Lee Oswald's associates in New Orleans is that in addition to the fact that most of them are connected with the United States Intelligence activities, a number of them are also members of a very peculiar organization known as the National States' Rights Party, which would not seem to be your cup of tea. Did he ever ... its the nearest thing we have in this country to the Nazi Party. It has almost no popular support but it has tremendous influence with the military in the United States, did he ever indicate in any way any connection with these type personalities in Dallas?

A. Well, I recall something Michael has said, in other words its not very direct, he has said when he was in to supper this evening which was also his birthday, and we talked about Stevenson in Dallas ....

Q. Whose birthday was it?

A. Oswald's birthday.

Q. This was April?

A. No, no, this was October

Q. That is another point I will go into, but he has given

his birthday as April 31st on a number of applications for jobs. On two different applications, April 31st. But what was it that Michael said?

A. Well, that Lee had attended a meeting of a right wing organization, I don't know what, it may have been a National Indignation Committee, something like that ....

Q. National Indignation Committee ....

A. Something apropos of the training of our flyers, but whether it was that or something else, I don't know.

Q. Who mentioned that?

A. Well, I am scraping the bottom of my recall here, something Michael talked about Lee having attended some kind of right wing meeting, and then also I recall Michael having said of Lee when he attended the <sup>AMERICAN</sup> Civil Liberties Union, this is the same evening of his birthday, That Friday, that Lee stood up and said something to the effect that the right wing was anti-Semitic and that someone had previously indicated that one should not charge this without ... here I am third hand ... but in other words, Oswald got up and attempted to document that he had attended this meeting and they were definitely anti-Semitic and what happened during that time ... maybe anti-Catholic, I don't know ...

Q. The National Indignation Council, is that what you called it?

A. Committee.

Q. One of the people active in that at that time in Dallas was Larry Schmidt, I am sure you have heard his name by now.

A. No, I haven't.

Q. Well, he was associated with a group which was connected with Gen. Walker, his brother, as a matter of fact, in October, 1963, became Gen. Walker's chauffeur. Have you ever heard of this National Indignation Committee in any other way?

A. No, they were in the papers.

Q. Do you know if Michael has any other knowledge about any of these discussions?

A. It is very fragmentary, he reported it during his testimony in Washington.

- Q. I am not trying to reflect on Michael, the problem in Washington, I think, would have been the questions asked him.
- A. Its conceivable that in talking with him you might dredge something different, I don't know.
- Q. In that regard do you think Michael would be cooperative in coming to talk to us if we would take care of his expenses and assured him that there was nothing contradictory about it? I think he might be able to help us.
- A. I think he would. That's exactly why I was glad to come, I think you have a right to ask your own questions.
- Q. Well, you have certainly helped us, while we feel that we know something about the New Orleans scene, Dallas is something we know very little about. Do you recall Mrs. Dymitruk? She was a member of the white Russian Community in Dallas?
- A. Do you have a first name?
- Q. Lydia.
- A. There was somebody we met ....
- Q. She worked for the Wise French Bakery, just before it closed.
- A. Somebody we met at a grocery store, I think was a bakery off to one side .... off in one corner ... I think with a Lydia ..
- Q. You were there with Marina and Marina was in maternity clothes according to Mrs. Dymitruk. Do you remember when it was?
- A. Well, it could have been May, early May.
- Q. Would Marina have been in maternity clothes in May?
- A. She was preparing, she was not showing much, but we went and shopped for maternity clothes, I can't recall whether we bought any, but it was time to think about that.
- Q. When you came to New Orleans with Marina in May you stopped

in Shreveport for the night, is that correct?

A. Yes, sure.

Q. Do you remember where you stopped?

A. I can't tell you the name. Its pretty grim.

Q. What was grim about it?

A. It was small, dirty and ugly, but cheap enough for us to afford ....

Q. It was a motel?

A. It was a motel. I am afraid that we didn't see the pleasant side of Shreveport.

Q. You can't recall the name?

A. No, I can't.

Q. Did you visit with anybody in Shreveport?

A. No, I can't think of anyone at all.

Q. Do you know anyone in Shreveport?

A. No, can't think of anyone at all.

Q. When you spoke to Mrs. Muret you mentioned that you knew Dr. Reisman at Tulane, do you know Dr. Reisman? I think what you meant was that Oswald knew Dr. Reisman. Do you think that Oswald knew Dr. Reisman?

A. I can't recall anything at all about Dr. Reisman.

Q. There is nothing wrong about knowing Dr. Reisman.

A. Yes, but if I know him I want to know him. He doesn't ring a bell.

Q. Do you recall Oswald mentioning any other professor at Tulane?

A. No, I can't recall that. What is Reisman's first name?

A. Dr. Leonard Reisman. Its not critical, its something that comes up in the Warren Commission all the time. Did you

ever meet Mrs. Warner Klepfer in person?

A. Oh yes.

Q. Did you ever meet her before you contacted her about the Oswalds?

A. No.

Q. How many times did you meet her afterwards?

A. It seems like just the once, she came down to the Magazine Street apartment here in New Orleans with one or two daughters.

Q. Did you ever meet Nina Saulzer?

A. I don't recall having met her. I might have met the Klepfers ... well, I don't know ... the Klepfers may have attended a Quaker annual meeting but I can't recall ... Its conceivable that I have been them since, but I can't recall.

Q.

Did you ever go to the Klepfers' house?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Who is Mrs. Blanchard at 4721 Berrier?

A. I think that was another name given me of somebody that could be contacted. Is she a Quaker too?

Q. No, that is not necessarily .. you wrote Mrs. Blanchard asking her to check on Marina and be sure she was all right, and I was wondering where you got the name.

A. I am wondering too.

Q. Did you see Mrs. Blanchard while you were here?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Mrs. Muret said that while the Oswalds were here they visited with a Tulane professor, would you have any idea who that was?

A. A Tulane professor?



Q. Yes.

A. Was Klepfer a Tulane professor?

Q. Yes. Did he visit them, or did the Klepfers visit him?

A. The only time I know of/<sup>was</sup>when the Klepfers, which did not include him, came to the Magazine Street apartment.

Q. Have you seen Marina since the assassination?

A. Yes, I saw her probably early in March of '64, and again in June of '64, and conceivably another time since that but there has been very little contact.

Q. How long did you see her?

A. It must have been at Mrs. Ford's home.

Q. In '64?

A. Yes, it was the first I had met Arcacha Ford, and it was a meeting arranged by her, but I recall the time because Marine had already been to Washington and I was about to go and that places it in my mind. Then in June I think I went and visited her on a place on Beltline Road where she was staying at the time.

Q. How long did you visit her?

A. I came just to stop in and talk a little, but she invited me for lunch.

Q. And where did you have lunch?

A. Well, it was indoors and outdoors; it was at her house.

Q. Did you all discuss the assassination at all?

A. Very little. We talked about Lee.

Q. On your trip on August 28, you visited Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, is that right?

A. Houghton. Yes.

Q. Where did you know the Houghtons from?

A. They're Quakers. Mrs. David Houghton, Barbara Houghton?

Q. Yes.

A. I know them through this young Quaker national group of Quakers. As I told you earlier I was looking for somebody who could speak Russian and only found one person in the whole country, and he had been studying it at that time.

Q. What kind of business is he in?

A. Science of some sort, whether its biology or something else, I don't know.

Q. For whom does he work?

A. He was a student who went to Moscow University and studied there and came back . . . .

Q. Where did you visit him?

A. Probably in the Media, Pa. area, if they were married already

Q. Do you remember the company he works for?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether or not he has any connection with the United States Government?

A. No, I don't. This was in '63, did I say?

Q. Yes, Aug. 28. Did you discuss Marina with the Houghtons at all?

A. I have no idea. Do you know where they were living at that time?

Q. Pennsylvania. I don't have the town here.

A. Robert L. Adams of the Texas Employment Commission, with which Oswald was registered, had called the Paine residence on two occasions prior to Oswald's getting the job at the Book Depository advising that he had a job possibility for Oswald. According to Mr. Adams, on each occasion he was told that Mr. Oswald was not there. Can you recall whether Oswald was ever given a message about the job opening?

A. I can't recall Mr. Adams.

Q. Have you heard of the Texas Employment Commission?

A. Yes.

Q. Well, we looked into it and found that that job paid more than the Book Depository job, so we can't help wondering and we feel that he would have taken the higher paying job, although he would not have ....

A. Robert L. Adams?

Q. Robert L. Adams. Its in his note book.

A. Now he called the Paine home and was told ...

Q. He called twice and on each occasion was told that Oswald was not there. And he indicated that they had a job opening and this particular job paid more than the job Oswald ended up taking in the Book Depository. I was wondering if you knew why, if Oswald did get the message?

A. I don't recall the phone call, but I was thinking that had there been one ... we were all very interested in his getting a job.

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Q. Do you know ~~xxx~~ Mementoff?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know who he is?

A. Yes.

Q. Now he arrived at the Dallas jail as the interpreter for Oswald. Do you know how he got there?

A. No, I don't.

Q. He arrived rather early. He was asked later on who arranged this and he was told that a Mr. Jack Creighton of Army Intelligence arranged it. Have you ever heard of Jack Creighton?

A. No.

- Q. We are interested in the fact that Army Intelligence arranged for Oswald to have an interpreter. Are you aware of any interest of Army Intelligence in Oswald?
- A. They were arranging for Marina to have an interpreter, right?
- A. Do you know why Army Intelligence would be helping Marina?
- A. I imagine the Police Department called somebody saying who can we get to translate, don't you? This is conjecture on my part.
- Q. Do you know anything about Creighton?
- A. No.
- Q. At the time of the assassination is it your impression that Oswald worked for the Book Depository on Elm or the Warehouse?
- A. I thought .. I was unaware .. it seems funny but I was unaware there was something besides the warehouse. I knew where the warehouse was because I had seen that sign driving in on the Freeway, and yet I should have known because when I called in and asked for the Personnel person, Marina suggested I try to find out, I was referred to Mr. Truly at the warehouse, which should have clued me that there was more than one place.
- Q. The warehouse is not on Elm.
- A. No. And I had gone by that building on Elm, but it never penetrated to me that this was also a School Book Depository.
- Q. So you did not think Oswald was working in the Book Depository on Elm Street?
- A. The first time I connected Elm with the Book Depository was when it was announced on the TV, that they thought a shot had been fired from the Book Depository on Elm. The first time I realized a Book Depository was there.
- Q. When you called Truly for the job the day before in your conversation with Truly on the phone, he did not give you any indication there was a place on Elm St. at all?
- A. Well, it didn't come up. I didn't ask anything about where to apply or anything like that. I had the name, just the

School Book Depository.

Q. Did he give you any indication that the job may be open, or ....

A. No, sounded like any ... the thing that made me say warehouse was the operator on the phone had said I will get you Mr. Truly in the warehouse. Mr. Truly just indicated that the young man should apply by himself.

Q. When did you, when did it occur to you that Oswald might have been at the scene of the assassination?

A. Well at the scene, in the sense when they made their connection on the TV that the School Book Depository was on Elm.

Q. The parade School Book Depository?

A. Yes. I thought that is where he is, of course where the warehouse is I knew he could have been fairly near to the parade.

Q. Where did you learn of the opening of the School Book Depository?

A. It was at Mrs. Roberts' home, next door, and Lennie Randall was there ....

Q. Is she related to Billy Randall?

A. I think William is her husband, is that what you mean?

Q. Lennie Randall and William is her husband?

A. Yes. Wesley Frazer is Lennie's brother.

Q. What kind of work does William Randall do?

A. About that time I think he was working with Irving Counter Top,

Q. How long did you know Wesley Frazer?

A. I didn't. I had seen him maybe once or maybe not at all.

Q. Now Buell Wesley Frazer is the brother of Mrs. Randall?

A. That's right.

Q. And Mrs. Randall told you about the opening ....

A. No, she didn't. She didn't say there was an opening, she just said her brother had said that they might be taking on more people and ...

Q. Who initiated the subject of a job?

A. I am trying to recall. Marina and I were already there and Mrs. Roberts, and I can't remember whether we were talking about it when Mrs. Randall came in, or whether she was there from the start, but we were discussing the fact that he had been out looking for a job and did not have one and he had been out to the house that weekend and was pretty depressed, said he had not been able to find anything and Marina was anxious too over finances.

Q. Where is Buell Wesley Frazer now, do you know?

A. I don't know.

Q. Are you familiar with the circumstances of his arrest on November 22, 1963? The day of the assassination?

A. No, I am not.

Q. Buell Wesley Frazer was arrested and the police confiscated British rifle with 10 cartridges, they never mentioned this to you at all?

A. No.

Q. I would like to suggest - I think you have been cooperative and I would like to ask you some more questions merely as a source of information, I think you can help us. At the same time we have used up most of the day and the Jury's very patient, suppose we do this. Suppose we call it a day here and you met with us informally in our office tomorrow morning. We will take care of all of the costs and we will have an informal conversation because we are not interested in complicating things for you, at the same time we don't have to keep the Jury any longer. Will that be all right with you?

A. That's fine with me.

Q. Suppose you come by in our office about 10:00 o'clock tomorrow

and we will talk for an hour or so and we will take care of all of your expenses and then you can go.

Q. Any members of the Jury have any questions at all?

We want to thank you for being so patient and Mrs. Paine for coming here so quickly and being so cooperative, and we want to thank you for being so cooperative too. Now, Mrs. Paine if you will come by the office tomorrow morning we will talk for about an hour. Are you all taken care of as far as a place to live?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. Thank you, and we will see you tomorrow. We will put your papers in the safe and give them to you tomorrow, your calendar.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the testimony given, under oath, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on the 18th day of April, 1968, and reduced to typewriting by me.

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