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MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at the office of her attorney, WILLIAM A. MC KENZIE, Fidelity Union Life Building. MR. MC KENZIE was not present during the interview.

MARINA was questioned further concerning alleged target practice of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

She advised she had been mistaken on February 17, 1964, when she said she recalled OSWALD cleaning his rifle at Neely Street, at which time he made the statement he had been practicing. She said she is now able to place the date that she saw OSWALD cleaning his rifle as being shortly before the WALKER incident, and at the time they resided on Neely Street.

MARINA retraced at this time every incident she can recall concerning OSWALD's cleaning or practicing with his rifle. She said she can now recall that OSWALD cleaned his rifle on about four or five occasions during the short period of time which elapsed from the time he acquired the rifle in March, 1963, until his attempted assassination of General WALKER. She can recall that he cleaned the rifle at least one time after the General WALKER incident and before their trip to New Orleans.

At one of the four or five times that she observed OSWALD cleaning his rifle at their home on Neely Street, before the WALKER incident, he told her he had been practicing with the rifle but he did not say when he had practiced. On the other occasions of his cleaning the rifle before the WALKER incident he did not say he had been practicing. MARINA deduced that he might have been practicing with the rifle. She cannot recall now any incidents connected with the rifle cleaning which would indicate to her now that he might have practiced. She can recall nothing unusual in his routine at the time. She said this period between his purchase of the rifle and the WALKER incident was the period of time he was attending night school. She said it would have been entirely possible for him to have practiced on any of the times that he was away from the house ostensibly attending school and if he had practiced on such occasions, it would have been without her knowledge.

MARINA said to her knowledge OSWALD had only one rifle and that rifle is the one he maintained in the PAINÉ garage during her residence with MRS. PAINÉ and the same rifle she identified in her testimony before the Commission investigating the assassination. She said he had received this rifle by mail at the time he received the rifle they were residing on Neely Street. She said she now can remember this definitely. She is sure in her own mind that she did not see OSWALD with a rifle in January, 1963.

She recalls she first saw the rifle on a shelf in OSWALD's room on Neely Street. She estimates the first time she saw the rifle to be near the end of March, 1963. It was about seven to ten days after first seeing the rifle that she took the picture of OSWALD with the rifle and the pistol and the newspaper. She recalls she took this picture on a Sunday. It was following this, that she recalls seeing OSWALD cleaning the rifle as related above.

MARINA gave further information concerning the incident of OSWALD taking the rifle from the house in a raincoat for the purpose of practicing with it. She believes this incident occurred shortly before the attempt on WALKER's life, probably in March, 1963. She related she needed to go to the store and told OSWALD that she wanted to go to the store and take a walk. OSWALD told her to take JUNE in the carriage and begin walking toward the store and he would catch up with them. MARINA left the house with JUNE and began walking toward the store and shortly OSWALD caught up with them. He had his rifle wrapped up in a raincoat and told MARINA he was going to practice firing with the rifle. She remonstrated with him. She said the police would get him. He replied he was going anyway and it was none of her business. He did not say where he was going to practice firing the rifle, other than he was going to a vacant spot. She did not see any rifle shells in his possession.

They walked from their house on Neely Street to Elsbeth Street where they walked two blocks left and then a block or two to the right, arriving at a large artery, where buses travel, which she believes was Beckley Street. They crossed the street and waited for the bus to arrive. She and JUNE, her daughter, waited with OSWALD until the bus arrived. They saw him board the bus. She does not recall exactly what bus he boarded. She said during the interview of February 17, 1964, she said he boarded the "Love Field" bus. She explained why she had said that. MARINA advised that the "Love Field" bus stopped at this particular bus stop. She can read the words "Love Field". OSWALD had, at one time, translated the words for her and she knew them to mean literally "field of love". He had also told her that he

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had practiced in a "field". Through the association of these ideas she had concluded that it was the "Love Field" bus he boarded.

MARINA furnished further information concerning the photograph of OSWALD which she took and the camera with which she took it. She advised that she believed she took the photograph with the American camera which OSWALD owned. She repeated OSWALD owned two cameras- one an American camera and the other a Russian-made camera, which she has identified as the Smena 2. She said the American camera had a grayish color, somewhat like aluminum. It was a box-type camera. She is not completely sure however, as to whether the camera had an extending bellows. She can recall that she sighted the camera by looking down into a viewer at the top of the camera. She said she did not know where this camera is now. MARINA advised she could identify this camera.

MARINA advised she had jotted down the license number of the automobile used by SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. on an occasion when he had called at the PAINÉ residence. She said she had jotted the number down on a piece of paper and given it to OSWALD. She had written the number because OSWALD had told her to jot down the license number of any FBI Agent who came to the house in order that he would know that it was a FBI car.

MARINA advised she had not informed MR. or MRS. PAINÉ that OSWALD owned a rifle nor had she informed either of the PAINÉs of OSWALD's attempt on the life of General WALKER. She felt sure that OSWALD had not informed either of the PAINÉs of these matters.

MARINA said she had not informed SAs BOGUSLAV and HEITMAN previous to December 3, 1963, of the WALKER note or the attempt on WALKER's life by OSWALD because in the first place she was OSWALD's wife, and in the second place, because OSWALD had not killed WALKER in the attempt, for which she was very happy.

MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN P. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas. During this interview, Mr. WILLIAM A. MCKENZIE, Attorney for MARINA, was present for a short time. His law partner, Mr. HENRY BAER, was present for the entire interview.

MARINA OSWALD was asked if she had repeated information to her brother-in-law, ROBERT OSWALD, and to JAMES HERBERT MARTIN, her former manager, concerning an incident in which she had supposedly locked her husband in the bathroom in order to keep him from seeing RICHARD NIXON. MARINA advised that while residing at the MARTIN residence she had told MARTIN and his wife about this incident and had subsequently told ROBERT OSWALD. She cannot recall now if she told ROBERT in the presence of the MARTINs or to him alone.

She advised the facts of this incident are as follows:

About two weeks after the WALKER incident and while the OSWALDs were residing at the Neely Street address, LEE and MARINA OSWALD arose late one morning - about 10:00 a.m. OSWALD put on the coffee and then dressed in the clothes that he normally wore about the house. He went downstairs to get a newspaper and buy some doughnuts. He came back to the apartment and together they drank coffee and ate doughnuts while OSWALD read his newspaper. After they had finished this breakfast, MARINA began cleaning up and dusting the apartment. She noticed later that OSWALD had dressed himself in a suit and tie which was most unusual as he very seldom wore a tie and as at this time he was unemployed and she did not know where he was going. She also noticed that he placed a pistol underneath his jacket in his belt or in a scabbard, she cannot recall which. She asked OSWALD where he was going and he replied as best as she can remember, "NIXON is coming and I'm going to take a look." MARINA replied to OSWALD words to this effect: "After the WALKER thing, I know how you look." She was alarmed because she thought OSWALD was going to shoot NIXON.

MARINA did not know who NIXON was and does not recall OSWALD ever mentioning his name. She did not care who he was but knew she had to act fast. She went to the bathroom and called OSWALD. He came to the bathroom and as he entered she quickly jumped outside the door closing it as she left the bathroom. She forcibly held the door shut by holding on to the knob and bracing her feet against the wall. OSWALD attempted to pull the door open

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but because of her strength she was able to keep him from leaving the bathroom for a period of about three minutes she believes. She said OSWALD was yelling "open the door, open the door." She was talking to OSWALD meanwhile. She told him it was difficult for her to hold the door and said that something might happen to the baby (she was pregnant). She told OSWALD he was not going to shoot at anyone else. She said if he wanted to come out of the bathroom he would have to walk across her body. She reminded him of his promise to her made after the WALKER incident that he would not try to do anything else like that. She said something like "How can you deceive after you gave me your word?" She explained she meant OSWALD had promised her not to repeat anything like the WALKER incident - to not shoot at people.

MARINA said she does not recall that OSWALD ever said the word "shoot" but she presumed that that is what he intended to do when he put the pistol in his belt.

After they had struggled with the door for about three minutes at the most MARINA said she would open the door if OSWALD would give his word to remain in the bathroom and not go anywhere and if he would undress and give her his clothing and pistol. OSWALD agreed to do this and thereupon took off his outer garments including shoes and gave these garments and his pistol to MARINA. She then went to the apartment door which led to the hallway and locked it.

While he was undressing, OSWALD had asked that she give him a book to read. She got him a book and handed it to him in the bathroom. It was a book he had been reading. He thereupon sat in the bathroom on the stool top reading for approximately the next three hours. She presumes he was reading as the door was shut.

MARINA advised the door of the bathroom opened to the inside of the bathroom. It did not lock from the outside. She believes it had some sort of lock on the inside. She stated she is strong but feels that perhaps OSWALD could have forcibly opened the door if he had applied his full strength against hers. She said she believes she kept OSWALD in the house on that day by persuasion. She said this is one of the times OSWALD did something that she wanted him to do.

MARINA recalls after OSWALD handed the pistol to her she put the pistol underneath the mattress. She does not know whether the pistol was loaded or not. Later that day after OSWALD had

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left the bathroom he retrieved the pistol from underneath the mattress and placed it back on the shelf where he normally kept it.

MARINA advised she did not recall OSWALD ever talking about NIXON prior to the time of this incident. She did not know who NIXON was. He did not give any reason why he wanted to go see NIXON. He did not say why he was taking a pistol. During the time OSWALD was sitting in the bathroom and subsequently on that day which OSWALD spent at home, they did not speak further of the incident or of NIXON. She said she could not recall that they ever again mentioned this incident or talked about NIXON. MARINA said she now knows that NIXON once ran for the presidency but still knows very little about him.

After OSWALD had remained in the bathroom for about three hours she told him he could come out of the bathroom if he desired. This was about 4:00 p.m. OSWALD left the bathroom and went to the living room where he continued to read in his shorts. He did not leave the house that day.

MARINA was asked if she could now recall anything which might have indicated to her that OSWALD was to do anything unusual on November 22, 1963. She was reminded OSWALD had confessed to her his attempt on WALKER's life and had left a note for her on the occasion that he made this attempt. She was reminded that she had seen OSWALD put a pistol in his belt and say that he was going to take a look at NIXON. She advised she could not remember anything that would indicate to her that OSWALD was about to do anything unusual on November 22, 1963. She repeated that the news of OSWALD's arrest on November 22, 1963, came as a "thunder-clap" to her.

MARINA was requested to advise concerning any other incidents or escapades in which OSWALD participated during the time they were married. She said she could now recall an incident that she has not previously told about. She said while they resided in New Orleans on Magazine Street toward the end of August or early in September, 1963, and lasting for a period of about two weeks, OSWALD was making plans to hijack an airplane and force the pilot to take him to Cuba. MARINA stated OSWALD wanted to go to Cuba because it was a socialist country and because CUBA and Russia had diplomatic relations. His plans at first were for him to hijack the plane by himself. He spent a

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great deal of time studying a large world map which hung in a converted porch in the Magazine Street house. She recalls he had a ruler and would speak about distances between places. She recalls that he mentioned the name "Key West." He said he would have to hijack a plane with enough gas to get them to Cuba. He said it would be better to hijack a plane that was going inward from the coastal region of the United States because it would be less suspicious than boarding a plane on an international flight. OSWALD's plans were to take a plane leaving New Orleans for another point in the United States and thereafter transfer to another plane which would be the one that he would hijack.

OSWALD also wrote out the tables of airlines, supposedly, on a piece of paper. MARINA does not know where this map or this piece of paper are. She cannot recall seeing them since she left New Orleans.

OSWALD subsequently revised his plans to the extent that he included MARINA as part of the plan. He told MARINA that he, OSWALD, would sit at the front of the airplane with the pistol which he owned and MARINA would sit at the back of the plane with a pistol which he would buy for her. They would have their daughter, JUNE, with them. They would then force the crew to fly the plane to Cuba. OSWALD told MARINA that she was to stand up at the back of the airplane at the appointed time and yell out "hands up" in English. She told OSWALD she could not say that in English. He replied for her to say it in Russian and to stick the gun out and everybody would know what she meant.

MARINA said she told OSWALD that "only a crazy man would think this up." She refused from the inception of the plan to have anything whatsoever to do with it. OSWALD had said he would buy MARINA a light-weight pistol for her to use in the hijack scheme. She recalls on one occasion OSWALD told her he had seen some light-weight pistols but she told him not to buy one because she would not participate in the scheme. OSWALD had said he wanted her to at least learn how to hold a pistol but she refused.

MARINA urged OSWALD to give up his scheme of hijacking an airplane and suggested he try to get to Cuba in a legal way. OSWALD gave up his scheme to hijack an airplane. For about a week prior to the time she left New Orleans for Dallas with Mrs. PAYNE, OSWALD made plans to go to Mexico for the purpose of obtaining permission to enter Cuba legally. She said it was not in his planning for her to accompany him either to Mexico or to Cuba.

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She said if OSWALD had been accepted in Cuba and had sent for her later she would have gone to Cuba with JUNE to join OSWALD.

MARINA said OSWALD had mentioned he had heard over the radio stories about airplane piracy. She advised OSWALD, to her knowledge, did not buy another revolver. He did mention to her as above related that he had seen some light-weight pistols. She said OSWALD tried to talk her into participating in the hijack scheme on at least four occasions. She cannot recall that OSWALD ever went to the airport at New Orleans while he was making these plans. She does not think he ever boarded an airplane during this time. She believes he called some airline about schedules. She cannot recall which airline this was. She cannot recall that OSWALD had written plans for this scheme such as he had in the WALKER incident. She stated the passengers on the plane were to be held until they arrived in Cuba. She cannot recall that OSWALD had further plans for the passengers.

During the time he was planning to hijack this plane OSWALD began taking physical exercises at home for the purpose of increasing his physical strength.

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