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Mrs. MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD was interviewed in the Russian language by SA LEON I. GOPADZE of the U. S. Secret Service, with SA MAX D. PHILLIPS of the U. S. Secret Service also present. SA GOPADZE introduced himself as Mr. LEE, an agent of the Government, and introduced the two interviewing FBI agents as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the outset of the interview, before SA GOPADZE could advise MARINA OSWALD of her constitutional rights, she stated, "Do I have a right not to answer questions if I do not want to." MARINA OSWALD was advised she did not have to talk if she did not want to, that she had a right to an attorney, and anything she did say could be used against her.

She was asked if she would mind answering questions that were to be asked. She replied that she did not wish to be asked anything, as anything she had to say she had said before and she had no further information.

MARINA OSWALD was advised that there were many unanswered questions and would she care to be asked these questions. She replied that she was tired and worried about one of her children, who was slightly ill, and for this reason she did not care to be interviewed. She was told that her cooperation in this investigation was needed and she was asked whether she would consider an interview at a later date or on some other occasion. She indicated that she did not wish to be interviewed.

MARINA OSWALD stated the Government knows all the facts and she has no further facts except what is known to the Government. MARINA OSWALD stated she did not have a friendly attitude toward the FBI because she felt the FBI had caused her husband to lose his job following his arrest in New Orleans for distributing pro-Castro literature and disturbing the peace.

When asked if she intended to stay in the United States, MARINA OSWALD stated she would like to stay in the United States because of her children and to be near where her husband is buried. She then asked for assurance that she would be allowed to stay in the United States and she was advised that this was a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization

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Service. She was advised that the Government needs her cooperation and this might help. MARINA OSWALD then stated if she was not allowed to stay in the United States, then that was all right also. When asked how she intended to live and support her children, she stated she would find some type of work. She was then advised that if she cooperated with the Government this could be of some assistance to her.

MARINA OSWALD then stated she was tired of answering questions. When told that the Government only wanted the facts, she stated she had the same facts as everyone else and no other. MARINA OSWALD was then asked if she ever had any conversations with her husband about former President JOHN F. KENNEDY. MARINA OSWALD stated "No." She was then asked if her husband, LEE OSWALD, ever indicated in any way that he intended to kill former President KENNEDY. She stated "No, I feel he did not do it because he never spoke against President KENNEDY at any time." When asked if he had ever said anything against Texas Governor JOHN CONNALLY, she stated she could not recall any statements that LEE OSWALD made against Texas Governor JOHN CONNALLY. When asked if LEE OSWALD could have had a grudge against Texas Governor CONNALLY, she stated she did not know. MARINA OSWALD then stated "I swear before God that LEE OSWALD did not intend to kill President KENNEDY." When asked if she believed in God, MARINA OSWALD stated she has believed in God since the death of her mother. When asked if she was a Christian, she said "Yes." MARINA OSWALD was then asked if she knew any of her husband's associates, and she stated "No," that LEE OSWALD was a "loner" and was always by himself. MARINA OSWALD also stated her husband never expressed political views or opinions to her since he felt that women did not belong in politics. When asked if LEE OSWALD had any friends in Russia, she stated "No," as he was a "loner" in Russia also and he was always reading Marxist books, such as "Das Kapital." MARINA OSWALD stated that one time she became so exasperated with LEE OSWALD she asked him "What are you trying to do, start another revolution?" She stated that LEE OSWALD was strong-willed and stubborn; he was hot-headed and had his own ideas about everything. MARINA OSWALD was asked if she had ever seen LEE OSWALD with a gun and she stated "No." When asked if she had ever seen him go hunting, MARINA OSWALD stated there was no place around Dallas or Fort Worth where he could hunt and he had no transportation to go hunting and could not drive an automobile.

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When asked if she would like to have another visit from the FBI, she stated that there is no reason for another visit. MARINA OSWALD stated that she was treated satisfactorily, however, she hoped she would not be bothered again, that the Government has all the facts and in her mind, due to what has been told her, she is satisfied that LEE OSWALD had killed President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MARINA OSWALD was then asked if she would help furnish additional facts so that it might be possible to clear her husband, LEE OSWALD, if he had not killed the President. MARINA OSWALD stated if she knew any additional facts she would furnish them to clear up the case. She stated that "the Government knows more than I do".

The conversation was momentarily interrupted, at which time MARINA OSWALD snapped "Let's come to the business of this conversation". MARINA OSWALD then requested termination of the interview and it was discontinued immediately at this point.

Mrs. MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD, nee PRUSAKOVA, was interviewed at the Inn of the Six Flags, Dallas - Fort Worth Turnpike, in the Russian language. SA BOGUSLAV did the actual conversing with Mrs. OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD appeared rather tired, her face was drawn, and there was a look of fatigue in her eyes. She expressed great concern for her babies, and at the outset of the interview said that if it would be all right she would like to leave the interview for whatever time it might take to take care of her babies if they needed her. It was agreed that she would be allowed to leave for this purpose at any time.

She said that due to the events of the past few days, she had become extremely tired and on the day before, particularly November 27, 1963, she had been very irritable, but now on reflection felt that she would like to talk to the FBI and be of any assistance that she could be in this regard.

From the outset of the interview, Mrs. OSWALD appeared to be friendly and cooperative and she answered each of the questions asked her freely. If she did not understand the question, she was not hesitant in asking for a clarification. She expressed concern at one point that the interviewing agents did not like her. She was assured, however, that there was no personal animosity toward her by the interviewing agents or the FBI, and she seemed satisfied with this explanation.

She was interviewed from approximately 9:20 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

She advised she had married LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Russia, and they had returned from Russia to the United States on June 13, 1962, and had thereafter arrived in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 14, 1962. She said that following their return to Fort Worth, they had resided in Fort Worth, where OSWALD had been employed for awhile and then they had resided at Dallas, Texas. They lived in Dallas, Texas, until sometime in May, 1963. In early May, 1963, OSWALD left Dallas and went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to find work. He said he

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