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At 5:26 PM, Mrs. MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, was interviewed, at which time she was advised that she did not have to make any statement, any statement she did make could be used in a court of law, and further that she had the right to consult an attorney before making a statement. Mrs. OSWALD stated she desired to make a statement to a representative of the Government from Washington. SAs CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. and W. HARLAN BROWN had previously identified themselves to Mrs. OSWALD as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as representing this Bureau with headquarters in Washington, D. C. During the interview, Mrs. OSWALD said she did not desire to make a written statement in this matter.

Mrs. OSWALD advised she is a practical nurse. She stated LEE HARVEY OSWALD is her son and he was born October 19, 1939, at New Orleans, Louisiana. She has another son, ROBERT OSWALD, a Certified Public Accountant, who resides in Denton, Texas, and another son in the U. S. Air Force during the past 15 years, whereabouts of whom is unknown.

When LEE HARVEY OSWALD was approximately 5 years of age, she moved with her family from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Fort Worth, Texas. LEE HARVEY OSWALD attained 11th grade at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth after having attended grammar schools in the same city.

At the age of 17, LEE HARVEY OSWALD entered the Marine Corps, serving in that organization for approximately two years until he received a "dire need" discharge. At the time of his discharge Mrs. OSWALD was ill and after the Red Cross had investigated her illness, LEE HARVEY OSWALD was discharged from the service. When he returned home to Fort Worth, it was her recollection that he remained at home for about three days and left her home for the purpose of going to work. She stated she received a letter post-marked New Orleans, Louisiana, which stated that he was going to Europe aboard a ship. She said that the next time she heard of her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was when she read in the newspapers that he was in the U.S.S.R. The newspaper accounts showed that he had defected to the Soviets; however, Mrs. OSWALD said she could not believe this because he had never expressed an affinity for Communism, nor had he been known to belong to any hate groups or use words which would indicate hatred for anyone. It was her

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recollection that he went to Russia about 1958 and remained there about 2½ years.

About February, 1960, Mrs. OSWALD stated she made a trip to Washington, D. C., and while there had a conference with State Department officials there whom she described as top officials in the State Department. She stated they were GENE BOSTER, officer in charge of Soviet affairs, BENJAMIN STANFIELD, Office of Special Consular Service, and ED HICKEY, Deputy Director of the Passport Department. She also said she had the telephone number of Secretary of State DEAN RUSK, but never contacted him. She did talk to Mr. RUSK's secretary who, in turn, made her appointment with BOSTER, STANFIELD and HICKEY.

After her return to her home in Fort Worth, Texas, the State Department wrote her giving the address of her son about three weeks later. She stated she felt this was strange in that the State Department had professed no knowledge of his whereabouts when she was in Washington. The State Department first informed her that he had gone to Finland and later told her that he was living in Minsk, U.S.S.R. She said that her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, did not have any knowledge of her having gone to Washington and does not have such knowledge at the present time. She said the State Department arranged for him to return to the United States with his wife MARINA, a Soviet citizen who is still a Soviet alien. She stated her son remained in Russia, she would have written the newspaper concerning her son's life before he went to the U.S.S.R. She did not know why he had defected as he had never indicated any sympathy for Russia and "loved" the Marines. At one time LEE HARVEY OSWALD stated in a letter to her that she should have no fear because he would never become a Russian citizen. She stated that he held no animosity toward anyone as far as she knew, but never had any close friends.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that LEE HARVEY's wife MARINA was a registered pharmacist in the Soviet Union and spoke French fluently, in addition to Russian. When she last heard from MARINA, she was trying to learn English.

It was Mrs. OSWALD's recollection LEE HARVEY OSWALD returned to the United States about the last of September, 1962, and stayed with a brother for about a week or two before they moved to her home, where LEE HARVEY and his wife stayed about one month.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that about a year ago, or a little more, LEE HARVEY OSWALD kissed her good-bye and she stated she had

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not heard from him since that time, but insofar as she knew he had moved to Dallas. She did know that they had one child and that he had had difficulty in finding employment in Fort Worth because no one wanted a defected Communist in his employ.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she had never seen a rifle or any other firearms in LEE HARVEY's possession at any time and did not know anything about his activities during the past year. She could not give any information regarding the friends or associates of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, nor did she know anything concerning any organizations to which he belonged.

Mrs. OSWALD did not believe that her son had actually defected to Russia, stating he could have been shanghaied and made to remain there, although she said this was her opinion only.

During her son's Marine service, she recalled he was in the "Forsoot crisis" in the summer of 1957 or 1958, having entered the Marine Corps about 1956 and being released in September, October, or November, 1958.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her son was a brilliant boy and wanted to attend college. He did receive a high-school diploma while a member of the U. S. Marines. She stated that she raised LEE HARVEY OSWALD as an orphan because his father died before he was born.

While in high school he played football, belonged to the Y.M.C.A. and seemed to get along with others, but had no friends. He was aloof, spending spare time reading, listening to the radio and television and playing monopoly. Mrs. OSWALD stated she worked as a practical nurse and on many occasions did not have the money to pay for her children's lunches. While her sons were in school, they came home before she did almost every afternoon. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, she stated, had never caused her any trouble and she did not know of any instances in which he had been arrested. Her son, ROBERT OSWALD, attended Texas Christian University and MARINA attended that school for a short time.

She read in the papers that LEE HARVEY spoke Russian fluently and it was her belief if this were true he studied Russian in the service. He had never had any mental trouble and had never been examined by a psychiatrist at any time, Mrs. OSWALD stated. He at no time indicated any animosity toward the Government of the United States or the President.

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TITLE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
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INVESTIGATION MADE BY Dallas, Ft. Worth, Texas	10-30-60	Tape Recording held by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald
DATE John Joe Hudlett & Robert A. Stewart		

EVIDENCE

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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald would not allow the Secret Service to have a copy of a tape recording she has in her possession.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Inspector Selley requested that an attempt be made to obtain a copy of a tape recording that Mrs. Oswald told the President's Commission that she had.

Other Investigations

On 10-30-60 at about 10:07 am, I telephoned Mrs. Marguerite Oswald in Ft. Worth, Texas, telephone ES-7-7577. I talked with Mrs. Oswald and SA Robert A. Stewart monitored the phone call.

I informed Mrs. Oswald that the President's Commission had requested that I obtain a copy of the tape recording that she had discussed with them. Mrs. Oswald said that she had received a letter from the President's Commission informing her that either the FBI or the Secret Service would contact her to obtain a copy of the tape. She said that she phoned the President's Commission and told them that this would not be acceptable to her and that she would handle it her own way. Mrs. Oswald said that the recording had been copied and that it was in the hands of authorities, however, she would not identify who she was talking about when she said authorities. When I asked Mrs. Oswald if I could obtain a copy of the recording she said that she had discussed the matter with the President's Commission and suggested that I contact them. Mrs. Oswald was informed that the President's Commission had requested that I obtain a copy of the tape recording. She said that she would not specifically refuse to give me a copy of the tape, but simply suggested that I contact the President's Commission again. Mrs. Oswald would give no reason for not letting

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