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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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Oswald, Marguerite

ORIGIN 100-34	OFFICE Dallas, Texas	DATE 10-31-60
TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Investigation - Research	Continued	Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE BY	PERIOD COVERED	
Sites John Joe McDuff & Robert A. Stewart	11-30-60	Tape Recording held by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald
DETAILS		

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 11-30-60 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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no have a copy of the tape and would not tell me what she told the President's Commission. She said that she suggested that I contact the President's Commission and they could tell me what she told them, if they wanted to, however, she wouldn't.

During the conversation Mrs. Oswald said that she was going back to Washington to appear before the President's Commission and I asked her if she planned to present the Commission with a copy of this tape at that time and she would make no comment.

Mrs. Oswald was very cautious and evasive during the conversation and would not allow herself to be pinned down to a particular answer. She was also very careful not to reveal any information or her plans.

In summary, Mrs. Oswald would not refuse to give us a copy of the tape but at the same time would not talk about arrangements for us to obtain a copy. She said it was not acceptable for her for the FBI or Secret Service to obtain a copy of this tape; that a copy was already in the hands of "authorities" and she would handle the matter in her own way.

DISPOSITION

Case remains open. This phase of the investigation is considered closed.

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EMILIN GREWE, Resident Director, Bethlehem Children's Home (formerly Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum), 6100 Grant Street, was recontacted. He advised that the records he previously furnished were all the records in his files which pertain to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ROBERT OSWALD and JOHN PIC, who in early 1940 were at the home when it was called the Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.

GREWE advised there was no one at the children's home at present who was there when the OSWALDS and PIC attended. GREWE furnished the following information concerning persons who were at the children's home in early 1940 or who were associated with the children's home during the period the OSWALD boys were at the home:

- 1) Pastor HENRY L. HONOLD, Christ Lutheran Church; residence - 627 Caffin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana; was pastor for the children at the Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.
- 2) Reverend M. R. LE CRON - deceased; Reverend LE CRON baptized LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
- 3) Mr. MARTIN GUND, deceased.
- 4) Mr. M. GERSTNER, deceased.
- 5) Pastor JOHN NAU - presently professor of religion and philosophy at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; NAU succeeded Pastor LE CRON at Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Orleans, and the application of OSWALD for admittance to the home went through NAU.
- 6) Mr. FRED GROTH - presently a teacher in a Lutheran school at Manawa, Wisconsin, and his address is 762 Depot Street, Manawa, Wisconsin. GROTH was superintendent at the children's home during the time the OSWALDS and PIC were at the home and Mrs. GROTH was the matron at the home.
- 7) Mr. ED KOSCHMANN was a teacher who lived at the children's home during the time the OSWALDS and PIC

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