
 Commission Exhibit No. 1929

Date November 27, 1963

Mrs. RUTH KLOEPFER, 306 Pine Street, furnished the following information:

At some time in July, 1963 she received a long distance call from a Mrs. RUTH PAINE in Irving, Texas. Mrs. PAINE said she had gotten Mrs. KLOEPFER's name from a Mrs. ELEANOR HAMMOND, 1202 Bandera Lane, Garland, Texas. Mrs. KLOEPFER knew Mrs. HAMMOND to be a Quaker and active in the Friends Meeting Group. Mrs. PAINE wanted to ask a favor of Mrs. KLOEPFER, going on to say she would like Mrs. KLOEPFER to visit a Mrs. LEE OSWALD at 4907 Magazine Street. Mrs. PAINE identified Mrs. OSWALD as a friend of Mrs. PAINE who was having domestic trouble and feared her husband might send her back to Russia. Mrs. PAINE wanted Mrs. KLOEPFER to find someone who could speak Russian in case Mrs. OSWALD, who was about to have a baby, needed help. Mrs. KLOEPFER agreed to do this but did not do so as soon as she had anticipated.

About two or three days later she received a second long distance call from Mrs. PAINE. She told Mrs. PAINE she had not been to see Mrs. OSWALD as yet. Mrs. PAINE stated that was fine because in the meantime she had received a letter from Mrs. OSWALD who informed that Mr. OSWALD had returned, that they were not separating, and that Mr. OSWALD was not sending her back to Russia. She promised Mrs. PAINE she would visit Mrs. OSWALD anyway to see if she could help.

She then received a letter from Mrs. PAINE which was dated July 18, 1963 and with which was included a copy of a letter Mrs. PAINE had written to Mrs. PAUL BLANCHARD. Mrs. KLOEPFER furnished these two letters and they read as follows:

"July 18

"Dear Ruth Kloefer -

"The enclosed speaks for itself. I don't know, of course, whether Mrs. Blanchard is on vacation, or will get this letter promptly. I have only her home address, which might go to her directly on Saturday, but on Monday she would be at the Unitarian Church (I

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"judge) and not see her home mail until evening.

"As you see, I feel finding a Russian speaker is very important not only to get the present news, but to act as a contact for Marina should she need emergency help. I doubt one year of college Russian would be sufficient, although your daughter would probably find contact with Marina rewarding. What they could say to each other, however, would be severely limited.

"I very much appreciate your taking interest in this matter.

"Sincerely
 /S/: Ruth Paine".

"2515 W. 5th Street
 Irving, Texas
 July 18, 1963

"Mrs. Paul Blanchard
 4721 Perrier
 New Orleans 15, La.

"Dear Mrs. Blanchard,

"Mrs. Philip Harper, the secretary at the Dallas Unitarian Church suggested I write to you when I told her of the following problem.

"I have a girl friend in New Orleans whom I have not heard from for over a month. She is from the Soviet Union and came to this country over a year ago with her husband, an American whom she met and married there.

"Marina's contact with speakers of English has been small and she still speaks and understands very little in English. (She and I speak and correspond in Russian.) Her last letter stated that she thought

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"she might have to go back to the Soviet Union, something she would prefer not to do. But she and her husband have not been getting along, and he has said that he would like her to go back. They have a baby girl 1 1/2 years old, and are expecting a second child in October. Marina's last letter also stated that she has not been able to make contact with any Russian speaking people in N.O.

"Frankly, I'm worried. I have no way of calling them and getting current information directly. I would like to ask you to seek a Russian speaking person there who would be able to go and visit with Marina, thereby making contact for her with someone of the N.O. Russian community. With such a contact she could seek help if she needs it.

"Yesterday evening, in my concern, I telephoned Mrs. Ruth A. Kloefer (Mrs. Warner) 306 Pine Street, New Orleans 18, UN 6-0389. She is clerk of the N.O. Friends Meeting. (Quakers) I asked her also to look for someone who could speak Russian and go to visit Marina. She could not think of anyone she knew who could speak the language, but said she would go. It is a great kindness on her part to do this. She does not know me any more than you do.

"Marina's full name and address is: Mrs. Lee Oswald, 4907 Magazine, N.O. It is my impression that this address is not far from your church.

"If you would be so kind, please call Mrs. Kloefer and see if she has any news. I am asking for your help in addition to hers because of her mention that she knew no one in the Russian community. Perhaps between you you can find some Russian speakers. There must be quite a few in N. O. The language barrier is very real; I don't believe Marina would be able to convey much to a person speaking only English. (Russian is her only language.)

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"On July 27th I plan to leave here for vacation in the East. If there is any point to my doing so I will plan to drive (to Mass.) via New Orleans. If Marina has already left for the Soviet Union, of course, there would be no point in my coming.

"My address July 31 to 12 will be c/o Young, Naushon Island, Woods Hole, Mass. After that time until Sept. 17 it will be c/o Arthur Young, Paoli, Penna. I am hoping, of course, to know something by the 27th, but add these addresses in case they should prove useful.

"Any help you can give on this whole matter will be greatly appreciated.

"Sincerely,

/S/: Ruth Paine

"Ruth Paine
(Mrs. Michael R. Paine)

"carbon to:

"Ruth A. Kloefer
306 Pine Street
New Orleans, 18, La. "

One evening, probably during latter July or early August, 1963 she went to visit Mrs. OSWALD at 4907 Magazine Street. LEE OSWALD met her at the door and was not receptive to her visit until she stated Mrs. PAINE had requested she drop by to see Mrs. OSWALD. During this brief visit, LEE OSWALD translated her conversation with Mrs. OSWALD. She asked OSWALD if he was working. He said he was not but was looking for work. She asked him what kind of work he did and he replied that he was a mechanic and had also done dark room and photographic work. She asked OSWALD if he or Mrs. OSWALD had

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relatives in the New Orleans area who could assist Mrs. OSWALD in the event he was away. He identified an aunt of his as Mrs. (TNU) MURRETT, telephone HU 84326.

Mrs. KLOEPPER stated she made no attempt to locate any Russian speaking person to visit with Mrs. OSWALD and she had no further contact with Mrs. PAINE or OSWALD until in September, 1963. On Friday, September 20, 1963 she received a call from Mrs. PAINE who stated she was in New Orleans and visiting in the OSWALD residence. Mrs. KLOEPPER told Mrs. PAINE she would visit with them the following Sunday September 22, 1963. On Sunday afternoon about 2:00 P.M., she and her two daughters, KAROL and RUTH ANN, both of whom speak Russian, called upon LEE and Mrs. OSWALD and Mrs. PAINE at 4907 Magazine Street. They visited the above for approximately one hour. Upon entering this residence they noticed the PAINE station wagon was packed and asked OSWALD about this. He stated Mrs. OSWALD was going to Texas with Mrs. PAINE and they were about ready to leave. OSWALD indicated he was staying in New Orleans for a couple of days after which he was going north or to Philadelphia, or to "somewhere in the East". They asked him why he was making this trip and he was very evasive and indefinite about where he was going or why but said something to the effect that his trip pertained to business.

She recalled that in conversation during the above visit, OSWALD expressed a fondness for Russia. They asked him why he left Russia and returned to the United States if he was fond of it there. OSWALD stated living conditions in Russia were not very good and he did not want to raise his children there. They asked him how he was able to stay in Russia for an extended visit. OSWALD said everyone who stays in Russia has to be a citizen, after which he related he had been a tourist in Russia for about a month and then became a citizen. He also made mention on the fact that he had a rather difficult time in getting back into the United States, adding that it usually takes six months to get into Russia and about six months to get out.

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Mrs. KLOEPPER stated she had never known Mrs. PAINE and had never heard of LEE or Mrs. OSWALD prior to the above two contacts. She stated she had not seen Mrs. PAINE or the OSWALDS subsequent to the September 22, 1963 visit. Mrs. KLOEPPER furnished the above two letters in order that copies could be made of them.

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