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The following investigation was conducted as the result of testimony by Mrs. Marina Oswald before the President's Commission:

RE: "Two thick books on history of United States" read by Lee Harvey Oswald while residing on Elsbeth Street, Dallas, Texas

On March 10, 1964, Detectives H. M. Moore and R. S. Stovall, Homicide Division, Dallas, Texas, advised they did not recall seeing two thick books on American History or on the history of the United States among the property of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Both were at the residence of Ruth and Michael Paine, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and Detective Stovall was also at that residence November 23, 1963. Neither saw any such books at this location belonging to Lee Harvey Oswald and neither was aware of such books belonging to Lee Harvey Oswald.

On March 11, 1964, Michael and Ruth Paine, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, advised they have no knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald or Marina Oswald owning two thick books on American or United States History. They do not recall any books fitting this description ever having been in possession of, or having been mentioned by, either Marina or Lee Harvey Oswald.

On March 12, 1964, Mrs. Marina Oswald, 629 Belt Line Road, Richardson, Texas, advised she recalled Lee Harvey Oswald had two thick books believed to be history books on the subject of the United States which he read and studied. These books were written in English, had dark blue covers, and the pages had red edges. She believed the books were a two-volume series. She recalled last seeing these books while living on Magazine Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. It is her belief the books were owned by Lee Harvey Oswald prior to his trip to Russia and they were among other effects he left with his brother Robert. The books were in good condition, and she could not recall that Oswald made notes in the books.

On March 13, 1964, Robert Oswald, 1009 Sierra, Denton, Texas, furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Volumes I and II of "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, published by Garden City Books, Garden City, New York. These books have a red and blue cover and the edges of the pages on one side of each book are red in color.

On March 13, 1964, Mrs. Marina Oswald, 629 Belt Line Road, Richardson, Texas, was exhibited Volumes I and II of "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, and she identified these two volumes as being the "two thick books on the history of the United States" which were carefully read by Lee Harvey Oswald while they were residing on Elsbeth Street in Dallas, Texas.

On March 19, 1964, Marina Oswald was interviewed at her residence, 629 Belt Line Road, Richardson, Texas.

She was questioned again concerning the two-volume work entitled "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, published by Garden City Books, Garden City, New York. Marina said as best she could recall, when first questioned about these books, she remembered them as having blue covers and red page edges. Then when the volumes were actually shown to her, she immediately recognized them as being the same books which were the property of Lee Harvey Oswald and which she had often seen him read and study. She said there is no doubt in her mind but that these are the same books.

On March 19, 1964, Robert Oswald, who resides at 1009 Sierra, Denton, Texas, was interviewed concerning the two-volume work on "The Outline of History," written by H. G. Wells and published by Garden City Books, Garden City, New York, which books were the property of Lee Harvey Oswald and had been turned over previously to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Dallas by Robert Oswald.

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Robert stated at the behest of Marina Oswald, he had gone to the Michael and Ruth Paine residence in Irving, Texas, on Sunday, December 8, 1963, in order to pick up certain property of Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald. Also at the Paine residence on that date were Mr. John M. Thorne, attorney for Marina Oswald, and Mr. James Herbert Martin, business manager for Marina Oswald, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Paine. Together these persons loaded into a station wagon various property which belonged to Marina Oswald and Lee Harvey Oswald. The Paines were the ones who actually designated which was the property of the Oswalds and this was the property which was taken. Robert stated he cannot recall seeing the two books referred to above until Thorne, Martin, and he arrived at the Martin residence where Marina Oswald was staying at that time. Upon arrival at the Martin residence, the property which had been picked up at the Paine residence was examined by Marina Oswald. At that time Robert recalls seeing these two books. These two books were among certain properties which Marina Oswald asked him to keep at his home. He stated he took the books to his home and kept them until he furnished them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Dallas.

Robert stated that inasmuch as he could not remember seeing these two books prior to his arrival at the Martin residence on December 8, 1963, he could not state as to whether the books were in the Paine house or in the Paine garage, nor could he state in what manner they were packed at the Paine residence.

On March 23, 1964, Detective John A. McCabe, Irving Police Department, was interviewed at his residence, 2614 DeWitt Street, and advised he participated in a search of the Paine residence, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22 and 23, 1963. He recalled seeing many books in the garage where most of Lee Harvey Oswald's belongings were located. He stated he leafed through 15 or 20 books looking for pictures, writing, and a receipt for the rifle. Detective McCabe stated he could not recall seeing the two books described as Volumes I and II of "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, with blue binding and the remainder of the cover red.

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On March 23, 1964, Detective Guy F. Rose, Dallas Police Department, advised he participated in a search of the Paine residence, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22 and 23, 1963. He recalled seeing a box in the garage containing some books and pictures and also recalled seeing other boxes and other books, some of which were brought to the Dallas Police Station. He could recall no specific books and could not recall in particular two books described as Volumes I and II of "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, with blue binding and the remainder of the cover red.

On March 24, 1964, Detective John P. Adamcik, Dallas Police Department, advised he participated in a search of the Paine residence, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22 and 23, 1963. He recalled seeing a box in the garage with some books and pictures and also recalled seeing other boxes and other books, some of which were brought to the Dallas Police Station. He could recall no specific books and could not recall in particular two books described as Volumes I and II of "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells, with blue binding and the remainder of the cover red.

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