

MARINA OSWALD PORTER'S
STATEMENTS OF A CONTRADICTORY NATURE

This survey of contradictory statements made by Marina Oswald Porter was undertaken for the purpose of clarifying which issues, relevant to the Committee's investigation, her statements bear upon. Every effort has been made to insure that these statements have been quoted accurately and in proper context. At this time, no attempt has been made to explore whether Mrs. Porter's contradictory statements were the product of deception or simple confusion.

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MARINA OSWALD'S KOMSOMOL MEMBERSHIP

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 89-90, 2/5/64

MR. RANKIN: Do you know why you were discharged?

MRS. OSWALD: I paid my membership dues regularly, and at first they didn't know who I was or what I was, but after they found out that I had married an American and was getting ready to go to the United States, I was discharged from the Comsomol. They said that I had anti-Soviet views, even though I had no anti-Soviet views of any kind.

FBI: 12/3/63; CE 1401

She was considered a member of the Komsomol for one year when she worked in the Drug Section of the Third Clinical Hospital but was thrown out when she failed to pick up her membership card.

this is either a misunderstanding by FBI or an early misrecollection by Marina

Marina and Lee: Pg. 140

A week or so later, the girls at the pharmacy went off to the meeting on Marina's case. She waited behind at work. She expected the news they brought: "You were expelled today." She took it with a touch of bravado. "Fine! Now I'll have money for the movies."

...It was the sort of thing (expulsion) that often happened to a girl before she marries a foreigner, not after. Marina had been spared before her marriage because everyone, even the Komsomol, assumed Alik (LHO) was a Soviet citizen...

→ This is correct + is not irreconcilable with the W.C. version. I originally had a great deal more on this in my MS

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

MARINA OSWALD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH RUTH PAINE

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 19, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Were you and Mrs. Paine good friends?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes, so-so. I tried to help her as much as I could. But I also - I was - I did not like her too well. I also considered her not to be a very smart woman.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 391

...Marina genuinely liked Ruth. She liked her company and loved being at her house.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 560

...she (Marina) held against Ruth the fact that she had no faults.

the relationship was an ambivalent one, but I think these feelings were latent. Marina, I think, liked Ruth & wanted to stay on at her house in Nov '63. Later she thought of all this as herself turning her back on Ruth Paine

things that were wrong with Ruth. She no longer feels critical of Ruth at all. Her feelings were on a continuum, they changed. She took advantage of Ruth, she hoped to stay on, but later, when she had done Ruth dirt, the negative side of her feelings came out

at this stage (April '63) this was as close as I could come to how she felt about Ruth at that time, when she first stayed there

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

MARINA OSWALD'S RETURN TO RUSSIA

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 10, 2/3/64 - Feb

MR. RANKIN: I had in mind if there was any violence or any hitting of you. Did that occur at Neely Street?

MRS. OSWALD: No. That was on Elsbeth Street.

MR. RANKIN: Do you recall what brought that about?

MRS. OSWALD: Not quite. I am trying to remember.

me It seems to me that it was at that time that Lee began to talk about his wanting to return to Russia. I did not want that and that is why we had quarrels.

MR. RANKIN: Did you have discussions between you about this idea of returning to Russia?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes. Lee wanted me to go to Russia. I told him that that-Lee wanted me to go to Russia, and I told him that if he wanted me to go then that meant that he didn't love me, and that in that case what was the idea of coming to the United States in the first place. Lee would say that it would be better for me if I went to Russia. I did not know why. I did not know what he had in mind. He said he loved me but that it would be better for me if I went to Russia, and what he had in mind I don't know.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 49, 2/4/64

MR. RANKIN: At the time of Exhibit 14, then, you were not anxious to return to Russia?

MRS. OSWALD: I never wanted to return but Lee insisted and there is nothing else I could do. But sometimes when I wrote these letters, I felt very lonely - since my husband didn't want me, I felt perhaps this would be the best way.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 13

Elsbeth MR. RANKIN: Mrs. Oswald, as I recall you were telling us about these developments at Neely Street when you found that your husband was suggesting that you go back to Russia alone and you discussed that matter, and you thought it had something to do with the idea he had, which I understood you have discovered as you looked back or thought back later but didn't know at the time fully. Is that right?

MRS. OSWALD: That is correct.

FBI: 12/4/63; CE 1401

She said that she had thought of going back to Russia but was afraid that if she went back to Russia, that somehow Oswald would get her child. She said Oswald loved the child. Oswald told her that he would not let

FBI: 1/16/64; CE 1820

Marina was questioned regarding her personal relationships with Lee Harvey Oswald. She stated that she can recall that after a series of arguments, which had culminated in her writing a letter to the Soviet Embassy in the United States, requesting permission to return with her daughter June to the Soviet Union. Oswald had begged her not to leave him alone; and she had thereafter agreed that the whole family could return to Russia together.

FBI: 1/17/64; CE 1821

In this connection, Marina Oswald said that although she had in the spring of 1963 petitioned the Soviet representative in the United States to return to Russia, that by the fall of 1963 she had no desire to return to Russia. She said she had originally petitioned the Soviet government for a return to Russia mainly because Oswald had found it difficult and almost impossible to support his family in the United States. She wanted to help Oswald and she felt that she could do this by returning to Russia with their baby daughter.

Secret Service: 12/5/63

Concerning Lee Oswald's being in Mexico City and his visits to the Cuban and Russian Embassies, Marina Oswald stated that she had no prior knowledge of him going to Mexico City. But that due to their family difficulties she on several occasions expressed her desire to return to Russia on which he agreed and that he also expressed a desire to return to Russia to save their marriage and on account of their children. She also stated that in order to return to Russia she wrote to the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

OSWALDS' MARITAL CONFLICT

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 416, 6/11/64

REPRESENTATIVE FORD: Did Mr. De Mohrenschildt reprimand Lee for his abuse to you?

MRS. OSWALD: I don't know. He didn't support this. He didn't favor this conduct of my husband's. But I don't think he ever said anything to him about it, or told him that he shouldn't do it.

REPRESENTATIVE FORD: Mr. De Mohrenschildt didn't say anything to Lee Oswald in your presence about his abuse towards you?

MRS. OSWALD: No; not in my presence.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 281

Everyone knew that Lee stood in awe of the "size and weight and muscles" -- Bouhe's words -- of George de Mohrenschildt. The meeting of husband and wife was accordingly set for Sunday morning, November 11, at the De Mohrenschildts' apartment. "Don't worry," Bouhe reassured Marina as he drove her to the rendezvous. "George will be a good shield for you. He is big and strong. I'm not. He'll protect you like a wall." Bouhe escorted Marina inside, conferred a moment with De Mohrenschildt, and quickly left.

When Lee arrived, he was nervous, pale, and obviously embarrassed to be having such a scene in front of the De Mohrenschildts. George immediately started to lecture him. "Look," he said, "do you think it's heroic to beat a woman who is weaker than you? I've beaten women myself. I can see it once or twice, for something serious, but not all the time." Lee was discomfited and did not answer.

Jeanne, who adored her husband, joined him in all his enthusiasms and backed him in everything. Now she was feeling parental. "You have to grow up," she told Lee and Marina. "You cannot live like that. This is not a country that permits such things to happen. If you love each other, behave. If you cannot live with each other peacefully, without all this awful behavior, maybe you should separate, and see. Maybe you really don't love each other after all." [fn.] She was speaking Russian, although, Marina says, she had lived so many lives and knew so many languages that she now used all of them badly, speaking each as if it were English.

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reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (R0 23)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S APPEARANCE IN NEW ORLEANS

Marina and Lee: Pg. 415

...But she did notice that Lee's habits were beginning to change. He was getting very sloppy. By late May or early June, he had become alarmingly indifferent to the way he looked, and went around wearing only sandals, work pants, and a dirty T-shirt. Marina would beg him, when they were going out, please to put on a fresh shirt. He refused and she would cry. She was ashamed to be seen on the street with him.

When he went to work he looked even worse.

Clay Shaw Trial: Pg. 12, 13 and 14

Q: Now with respect to clothing, Mrs. Porter, did he ordinarily wear dirty clothing or clean clothing?

A: Clean clothes. (Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter)

Q: Do you know of any difference in his habits with respect to clothing when he was going to stay home or when he was going out in public?

A: For example, if he had to go downtown, you know, he always changed clothes, he wore a fresh shirt or suit, or if he goes just to nearby, to the grocery, you know, little supermarket, he might wear slacks and T-shirt.

Q: Now, these garments that he wore, what was their condition with respect to cleanliness or dirtiness?

A: I don't recall them sloppy.

Q: I didn't hear you.

A: I don't recall them dirty.

is she talking about
the New Orleans period?
If so, she had forgotten by time of
Shaw trial (1967?). In August, he did dress up to
pass out leaflets, go on TV (but see Shuckey testimony)
and probably to see the Murrels

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S SPENDING HABITS

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 419, 6/11/64

MR. MCKENZIE: Did your husband ever give you money or did you ever handle money in caring for the household, or did he take care of the money?

MRS. OSWALD: He never gave me any money. We would go shopping together, and he would make all the payments.

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 400, 6/11/64

MRS. OSWALD: Yes; he didn't give me any money to buy stamps. I never had any pocket money of my own.

FBI: 2/17/64, (Memo dated 4/1/64); CE 2694

She was en route to the small fish store and ice cream store nearby and after Oswald boarded the bus, she proceeded to the store.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 461

On Friday afternoon, September 20, Marina went out to buy a few last minute groceries.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 306

Lee's reactions were often inexplicable. Around this time, Marina lost a purse containing \$10 he had given her for groceries and she expected to be scolded or even beaten.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 459

Marina scolded him for being stingy. And he, in turn, scolded her for the way she spent even the small amount of money he did give her.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S MEXICO CITY TRIP

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 23, 2/3/64

MRS. OSWALD: Nothing. And it is at that time that I wrote a letter to Mrs. Paine telling her that Lee was out of work, and they invited me to come and stay with her. And when I left her, I knew that Lee would go to Mexico City. But, of course, I didn't tell Mrs. Paine about it.

MR. RANKIN: Had he discussed with you the idea of going to Mexico City?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes.

MR. RANKIN: When did he first discuss that?

MRS. OSWALD: I think it was in August.

MR. RANKIN: Did he tell you why he wanted to go to Mexico City?

MRS. OSWALD: From Mexico City he wanted to go to Cuba - perhaps through the Russian Embassy in Mexico somehow he would be able to get to Cuba.

FBI: 11/29/63; CE 1781

When asked what the arrangements were at the time she left New Orleans, Mrs. Oswald said that her husband was to remain there in New Orleans or return to Dallas, but no arrangements were made for him to go to Mexico City.

FBI: 11/29/63; CE 1781

Mrs. Oswald said that she did not know anything about any trip that Oswald may have made to Mexico City... She said that Oswald had not volunteered any information about where he had been or what he had done.

FBI: 12/5/63; CE 1401

Oswald never stated that he was making plans to go to Cuba. He did not mention that he had made application for a visa to go to Cuba. He did not state in September when Marina left New Orleans that he intended to go to Mexico or to go to Cuba.

she did not tell this later admitted

she lied

Secret Service: 12/11/63

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FBI: 1/17/64; CE 1821

Marina was again questioned concerning the trip taken by Lee Harvey Oswald to Mexico in September-October of 1963. She said Oswald had not told her anything whatsoever about any intentions on his part to go to Mexico. She said he had not told her upon his return to Dallas in early October, 1963 that he had been to Mexico. She said she received no intimation whatsoever that he had intentions of going to Mexico or that he had been to Mexico. She said her first knowledge of Oswald's travel to Mexico had been that which she gained from television programs at Dallas immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy.

FBI: 1/22/64; CE 1823

Concerning this trip by Oswald to Mexico, Marina said that she did not know that he intended going to Mexico nor did she know that he had taken a trip to Mexico.

how here on she is telling the truth - not on next page
FBI: 2/25/64; CE 1404 (Interview of Marina Oswald)

For about a week prior to the time she left New Orleans for Dallas with Mrs. Paine, Oswald made plans to go to Mexico for the purpose of obtaining permission to enter Cuba legally.

FBI: 2/25/64; CE 1833

She said that when she refused to take part in the scheme to hijack an airplane, she counseled Oswald to attempt to enter Cuba legally. Thereafter, her husband began planning to go to Mexico alone for the purpose of obtaining permission to enter Cuba.

COPY, ORN Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

FBI: 1/16/64; CE 1820

Marina said Oswald did not state where he had bought the bracelet, which he gave her as a gift, and that she definitely did not know that he had been to Mexico prior to his return to Dallas.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 447

"Go to Cuba if you must. But try to find a legal way." (Marina to Lee)

Her words found their mark. A day or two later, Lee burst into the apartment. "Guess what, Marina? I've found a legal way. There's a Cuban Embassy in Mexico. I'll go there..."

Secret Service Interview of Marina Oswald done at Inn of Six Flags Pg. 18--

Q: Did Lee come back with you?

A: No, he did not come back with me. He remained in New Orleans for another two weeks in hopes that he would find another job, and then he came to Dallas.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

WALKER INCIDENT

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 18, 2/3/64

MRS. OSWALD: Soon after that, (the Walker incident) Lee lost his job - I don't know for what reason.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 36, 2/4/64

MR. RANKIN: At the time of the Walker incident, do you recall whether your husband had his job or had lost it?

MRS. OSWALD: You had said that this had happened on a Wednesday, and it seems to me that it was on a Friday that he was told that he was discharged. He didn't tell me about it until Monday.

MR. RANKIN: But it was on the preceding Friday that he was discharged, was it not?

MRS. OSWALD: No, not the preceding Friday-the Friday after the incident. That is what he told me.

MR. RANKIN: If he had lost his job before the Walker incident, you didn't know it then?

MRS. OSWALD: No.

MR. RANKIN: On the day of the Walker shooting did he appear to go to work as usual?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes.

MR. RANKIN: And when did he return that day, do you recall?

MRS. OSWALD: Late at night, about 11.

MR. RANKIN: He did not come home for dinner then, before?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes, he had come home, and then left again.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 351

On the morning of Wednesday, April 10, Marina thought Lee looked pensive and rather sad. With tears in his eyes, he confessed at last that he had lost his job.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 351

As nearly as Marina can recall, Lee did not come home for supper that night (April 10th). She waited until seven, an hour past their usual suppertime, then absent-mindedly cooked something for herself.

as nearly as I could figure out

this is how she remembered it when she told it to me

Walker Incident - 2

FBI: 12/5/63, CE 1401

On the evening that Oswald attempted to assassinate General Walker, Oswald came home at the usual time as best as she can remember, and on that evening he said that he was going to his typewriting class. Oswald left at the usual time as best as she can remember. Oswald when he came home from work that evening did not bring anything home with him. When he left supposedly for his typewriting class, he did not have a rifle or anything else with him.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

WALKER INCIDENT (PHOTOGRAPHS)

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 14, 2/3/64

MRS. OSWALD: Before the incident with General Walker, I know that Lee was preparing for something. He took photographs of that house and he told me not to enter his room. I didn't know about these photographs, but when I came into the room once in general he tried to make it so that I would spend less time in that room. I noticed that quite accidentally one time when I was cleaning the room he tried to take care of it himself.

I asked him what kind of photographs are these, but he didn't say anything to me.

MR. RANKIN: That is the photographs (sic) of the Walker hosue that you were asking about?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes. Later, after he had fired, he told me about it.

FBI: 2/18/64; CE 1156

Marina stated that she had originally seen these photographs about two or three days after the Walker shooting. On this occasion, she smelled smoke in the house which they rented on Neeley Street. She investigated and found Lee Harvey Oswald in the bathroom burning pages from a loose-leaf notebook. Oswald identified the paper he was burning as being the plans for the shooting of General Walker. Marina stated these pages came from a loose-leaf notebook with a blue cover. She has seen this loose-leaf notebook about the house since the Walker incident and knows that Oswald did not destroy the notebook also. She also recalls seeing a bus timetable in the notebook at the time he was burning the pages. At this time, Oswald had in his hand some photographs. She asked to see the photographs and then asked Oswald what they were. He identified them as being photographs which he had taken of the Walker home.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 358

That Thursday morning, only a few hours after his attempt on Walker's life, Marina saw Lee thumbing through the blue looseleaf notebook in which he kept his typing lessons. She noticed that he stopped now and then to read a page.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (Pg 233)

she was worried about her own culpability
his statement is true

Marina and Lee: Pg. 358 (Cont'd)

"And what is that?" she asked.

"My plan."

"And those pictures?"

"Walker's house."

He was sitting on the sofa with the notebook in his lap.
Marina stood facing him across the coffee table. "May I see?"

He handed it to her. She saw photographs of a house (from)
various angles and the book was filled with lined sheets covered
with handwriting. There were pages of typing, too, and Marina
guessed-correctly-that some of the handwriting, all of which
was in English, was the political justification for Lee's act.

..."Some keepsake! It's evidence! For God's sake, Alka,
destroy it."

She left the room so that he could make up his mind by
himself.

The next thing she knew he was standing by the toilet
with some sheets of paper in his hand and a box of matches.

I think my account is
the correct one -
She herself counsels him
to destroy ~~the~~ evidence +
admits it

LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THE NEELY STREET PHOTOGRAPHS

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 16, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Did you have anything to do with the prints of the photograph after the prints were made? That is, did you put them in a photographic album yourself?

MRS. OSWALD: Lee gave me one photograph and asked me to keep it for June somewhere. Of course June doesn't need photographs like that.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 75, 2/5/64

MR. RANKIN: And what were they doing during that hour?

MRS. OSWALD: They searched the entire house.

MR. RANKIN: Did they take anything with them?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes-everything, even some tapes-Ruth's tapes from a tape recorder, her things. I don't know what.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 79, 2/5/64

MRS. OSWALD: I went to my room. But then I showed Lee's mother the photograph, where he is photographed with a rifle, and told her he had shot at Walker and it appeared he might have been shooting at the President. She said that I should hide that photograph and not show it to anyone.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 544

Alone in the bedroom she found June's baby book which, by some miracle of oversight, the policemen had left behind. In it were the two small photographs of Lee dressed in black and wearing his guns. He had given them to her to keep for June.

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Marina and Lee: Pg. 341

Lee probably developed the photographs at work the following day, April 1. He handed one of them to Marina and told her to keep it for the baby. On it he had written: "For Junie from Papa."

at that time he did give her one, as she remembers it

FBI: 12/3/63; CE 1401

The photograph was taken in the yard at their Neeley Street address toward the end of February or in early March, 1963.

Secret Service: 12/3/63; CE 1787

Marina Oswald also stated that when she was shown, by the reporting agent, pictures of Lee Oswald holding a rifle she did not advise at that time that she had the same pictures but in smaller sizes pasted in her family album but that upon suggestion of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald she destroyed them upon learning that her husband was a prime suspect in the shooting of the President.

FBI: 2/29/64, FBI File DL 100-10461

Oswald developed the film she believes and printed one copy each of the poses as far as she knows. These prints he gave her and inscribed each on the back to his daughter June. He told Marina for her to show them to June after he had gone away. He did not explain to her what he meant by going away. Marina said she had placed the pictures in the baby photo album which she had. On November 22, 1963, following her questioning by the Dallas Police, she and Marguerite Oswald were at the Paine residence and she showed Marguerite Oswald the photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald with the rifle. Marguerite told her to hide the photographs. She hid them in a shoe at the Paine residence. On the next day, Marina was again questioned by the Dallas Police Department following which questioning Marguerite Oswald asked her what she had done with pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald with the rifle. She replied she had hid them. Marguerite told her to burn them. Marina Oswald burned these two photographs on November 23, 1963, at the Paine residence. She does not recall that there were other prints in existence.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 554

After their visit with Lee on Saturday afternoon, Marina, Marguerite, and the children were moved from the Hotel Adolphus to the Executive Inn Motel, near Love Field. That evening, Marina dealt in her own fashion with the bothersome photographs of Lee. She removed them delicately from her shoe, tore them in two, placed them in an ashtray, and lit a match to them.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 94, 2/6/64

MR. RANKIN: Now do you recall your husband having any ammunition around the house at any time?

MRS. OSWALD: Yes.

MR. RANKIN: And where do you remember his having it in the places you lived?

MRS. OSWALD: On Neely Street, in Dallas and New Orleans.

MR. RANKIN: Do you know whether that was rifle ammunition or rifle and pistol ammunition?

MRS. OSWALD: I think it was for the rifle. Perhaps he had some pistol ammunition there, but I would not know the difference.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 119, 2/6/64

MR. RANKIN: Have you ever seen bullets or shells like that that your husband had?

MRS. OSWALD: I think Lee's were smaller.

MR. RANKIN: If that was the size for his gun, would that cause you to think it was the same?

MRS. OSWALD: Probably.

FBI: 12/4/64; CE 1401

...She said she had never seen any ammunition around the houses in which they had lived.

FBI: 12/16/63, FBI File #105-8255-1172

...She saw no ammunition for the rifle either in Dallas or New Orleans.

FBI: 12/17/63; CE 1403

Oswald did not have any ammunition for the rifle to her knowledge in either Dallas or New Orleans, and he did not speak of buying ammunition.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S PISTOL

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 15, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Do you recall when he first had the pistol, that you remember?

MRS. OSWALD: He had that on Neely Street, but I think that he acquired the rifle before he acquired the pistol. The pistol I saw twice - once in his room, and the second time when I took these photographs.

FBI: 12/3/63; CE 1401

She was hanging up diapers at the time and recalled she was real busy. She took the picture. Later, she saw it developed and saw that Oswald had a pistol at his belt. She did not observe that when she took the picture.

Clay Shaw Trial: Pg. 67

Q: You didn't see the pistol when you were taking the picture?

A: No. I mean it happened to be there But I didn't. I can't recall exactly when I saw the pistol.

had forgotten by then

Marina and Lee: Pg. 368

...Suddenly Lee stood before her, dressed in his gray slacks, white shirt, and a tie. He had his pistol at his waist and was about to put on his best jacket.

Secret Service Interview of Marina Oswald at Inn of Six Flags:
Pg. 24

Q: Did Lee own a pistol?

A: She said she never saw a pistol Lee owned.

Q: Did he ever have in his possession - not necessarily owned, but in his possession?

A: She said that she saw the rifle but she has never seen a pistol on Lee or in his possession or in the house.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S POSSESSION OF RIFLE

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 13, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Do you recall the first time that you observed the rifle?

MRS. OSWALD: That was on Neely Street. I think that was in February.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 13, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Did you have any discussion with your husband about the rifle when you first saw it?

MRS. OSWALD: Of course I asked him, "What do you need a rifle for? What do we need that for?"

He said that it would come in handy some time for hunting. And this was not too surprising because in Russia, too, we had a rifle.

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 406, 6/11/64

MRS. OSWALD: When I first saw the rifle here in the United States I didn't pay much attention to it because I thought this was the rifle he had brought from Russia.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 337

...The revolver that Lee had ordered in January from Los Angeles and the rifle he had ordered from Chicago in March were both shipped on the same day, March 20. Lee probably received notice of their arrival early in the morning on Monday, March 25,...

Marina and Lee, Pg. 339

Marina was upset when she discovered the rifle. She hated guns and was annoyed that Lee was spending money on what she called "this dangerous toy" at a time when they were scrimping and saving even on food.

"Why did you buy a gun?" she asked. "Why don't you think of you family first?"

Lee shrugged. "Maybe I'll go hunting sometime."

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (Pg 233)

FBI: 11/23/63; CE 1778

Marina Oswald advised that Lee Harvey Oswald owned a rifle which he used in Russia about two years ago. She observed what she presumed to be the same rifle in a blanket in the garage at 2515 West Fifth, Irving.

Secret Service Interview by Agent Howard at Inn of Six Flags, 12/1/63

Q: Did Lee have this rifle prior to his going to New Orleans?

A (Marina): She said that when they lived in Dallas the first time before going to New Orleans, she did not see a rifle in the house in Dallas but she saw that rifle in New Orleans and also in Dallas when they came back from New Orleans.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S RIFLE TELESCOPIC SCOPE

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 13, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: When you saw the rifle assembled in the room, did it have the scope on it?

MRS. OSWALD: No, it did not have a scope on it.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 55, 2/4/64

MR. RANKIN: We had some information that a telescopic sight was fitted to a gun for your husband on that date, and that is why I am asking you if there was any time that he could have left to have that done.

MRS. OSWALD: How is it about the telescope? He always had the telescope. Were there two?

FBI: 11/23/63; CE 1778

Marina Oswald stated that on November 22, 1963, she had been shown a rifle in the Dallas Police Department, reportedly found at the Texas School Book Depository, and was unable to positively identify it as the same one she had observed in the above mentioned garage. She stated that it was dark color like the one she had seen, but she did not recall the sight.

FBI: 12/1/63; CE 1401

The rifle that was owned by Oswald she had seen many times.

She recalled specifically seeing it when they lived on Neeley Street, and she knows that Oswald had the rifle in the garage at the Paine residence. She advised she did not know that the rifle had a scope on it.

Secret Service Interview of Marina Oswald at Inn of Six Flags, Pg. 24

Q: Would you recognize a rifle scope if you saw one?

A: Yes. She says that now she knows the difference between a rifle with a scope and one without a scope. She says until she saw a rifle with a scope on TV the other day she did not know that rifles with scopes existed.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 412

Sometimes Marina had moods in which she thought she might go back to Russia if it would please Lee. But she did not want to go. She wanted to keep Lee and stay in America.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 324

...He forced Marina, a Soviet citizen, to sit down and write to Nikolai Reznichenko, chief of the consular section of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, asking officially that she and June be allowed to return to the U.S.S.R. alone, without Lee. In a message that was dictated by Lee, Marina asked the embassy to give her "material aid" for the journey.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA ACTIVITY

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, pg. 23, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: When did his Fair Play for Cuba activity occur - before or after he lost his job?

MRS. OSWALD: After he lost his job. I told him it would be much better if he were working, because when he didn't work he was busy with such foolishness.

FBI: 11/28/63; CE 1780

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.

Marina and Lee: pg. 403

Later that same night (June 4th), she at last discovered what Lee was up to.

"Come here. I want you to sign something," he said.

...He wanted Marina to sign a membership card in the New Orleans "chapter" of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, not in her own name but with the alias he had been using for several months.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 424

The next day (July 18th) he gave her his news: "Tomorrow is my last day at work." He had been fired by the Reily coffee company.

She means by "activity" something other than the card + stamp up leaflets

she is mixed up here

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S RIFLE PRACTICE

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 14, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Did you learn at any time that he had been practicing with the rifle?

MRS. OSWALD: I think that he went once or twice. I didn't actually see him take the rifle, but I knew that he was practicing.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 14, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Do you recall your husband taking the rifle away from the apartment on Neely Street at any time?

MRS. OSWALD: ...I don't know whether he took it with him or not.

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 21, 2/3/64

MR. RANKIN: Did you notice him take it away from your home there in New Orleans at any time?

MRS. OSWALD: No. I know for sure that he didn't. But I know that we had a kind of a porch with a - screened-in porch, and I know that sometimes evenings after dark he would sit there with his rifle. I don't know what he did with it. I came there by chance once and saw him just sitting there with his rifle. I thought he was merely sitting there and resting. Of course I didn't like these kind of little jokes.

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 397, 6/11/64

REPRESENTATIVE FORD: While you were living on Neely Street you didn't tell us before of any extensive rifle shooting at Love Field or rifle practice at Love Field. Can you tell us more about it now?

MRS. OSWALD. Lee didn't tell me when he was going out to practice. I only remember one time distinctly that he went out because he took the bus. I don't know if he went to Love Field at that time. I don't - after all this testimony, after all this testimony, when I was asked did he clean his gun a lot, and I answered yes, I came to the conclusion that he was practicing with his gun because he was cleaning it afterwards.

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 398, 6/11/64

RM. DULLES: How did he pack the gun or conceal the gun when he went out on the bus toward Love Field?

MRS. OSWALD: Are you talking about the gun or the rifle?

MR. DULLES: I am talking about the rifle.

MRS. OSWALD: He used to wrap it up in his overcoat, raincoat.

Warren Commission: Vol. 5, Pg. 398, 6/11/64

MRS. OSWALD: I saw him take the rifle only once when we were living on Neely Street but he cleaned the rifle perhaps three or four times, perhaps three times - three times.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 348

...Marina could not help noticing that he was carrying his rifle, clumsily wrapped in his green Marina Corps raincoat.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"Target practice," he replied, and asked her to walk with him to the bus stop.

FBI Interview: 12/4/64; CE 1401

Marina said she had never seen Oswald practice with his rifle or any other firearm and he had never told her that he was going to practice with his rifle or any other firearm.

FBI: 12/16/63, FBI File #105-8255-1172

He never spoke of practicing with the rifle either in New Orleans or Dallas.

FBI: 12/16/63, FBI File #105-8255-1172

She did not see him leave with the rifle nor return with the rifle at any time from their residence in New Orleans.

Oswald's Rifle Practice - 3

FBI: 12/17/63; CE 1403

She cannot recall that he ever practiced firing the rifle either in New Orleans or in Dallas. She does not think he did practice in New Orelans because as a rule he stayed home when he was not working. When he did go out, she did not see him take the rifle.

FBI: 12/17/63; CE 1403

Marina did not see Oswald either take the rifle with him from the house in New Orleans or bring it back with him to the house on any occasion.

FBI: 2/17/64 (Memo dated 4/1/64); CE 2694

On February 17, 1964, Marina Oswald advised Lee Harvey Oswald had told her after the Walker incident he had practiced with his rifle in a field near Dallas. She said further that in the beginning of January, 1963, at the Neeley Street address, he on one occasion was cleaning his rifle and he said he had been practicing that day.

FBI: 2/17/64 (Memo dated 4/1/64); CE 2694

Marina was asked if she had ever seen Oswald take the rifle from the house and she replied she had not. She was asked if she had ever known the rifle to have been gone from the house at the same time Oswald was gone from the house. She replied that she could not recall any such incident. She was then asked if it were true then that she had never seen Oswald take the rifle from the house nor knew any occasion when he might have had the rifle at a place other than at home. She then admitted she did know of such an occasion. She said this occasion occurred on an evening in March, 1963. On this evening, she and June and Oswald left the house at about 6:00 P.M. Oswald had his rifle wrapped up in a raincoat.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

FBI: 2/18/64 (Memo dated 4/1/64); CE 2694

On February 18, 1964, Marina Oswald advised she had been mistaken on February 17, 1964, when she said she recalled Oswald cleaning his rifle at Neely Street, at which time he made the statement he had been practicing. She said she is now able to place the date that she saw Oswald cleaning his rifle as being shortly before the Walker incident, and at the time they resided on Neely Street.

FBI: 2/22/64; CE 1404

Marina gave further information concerning the incident of Oswald taking the rifle from the house in a raincoat for the purpose of practicing with it. She believes this incident occurred shortly before the attempt on Walker's life, probably in March, 1963.

FBI: 2/22/64; CE 1404

At one of the four or five times that she observed Oswald cleaning his rifle at their home on Neeley Street, before the Walker incident, he told her he had been practicing with the rifle but he did not say when he had practiced.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 21, 1963

Warren Commission: Vol. 1, Pg. 69, 2/5/64

MR. RANKIN: I understand that when you didn't make up he was quite disturbed and you were still angry, is that right?

MRS. OSWALD: I wasn't really very angry. I, of course, wanted to make up with him. But I gave the appearance of being very angry. I was smiling inside, but I had a serious expression on my face.

MR. RANKIN: And as a result of that, did he seem to be more disturbed than usual?

MRS. OSWALD: As always, as usual. Perhaps a little more. At least when he went to bed he was very upset.

Marina and Lee: Pg. 524

...About three in the morning, she thinks, she put a foot on his leg. Lee was not asleep and suddenly, with a sort of wordless vehemence, he lifted his leg, shoved her foot hard, then pulled his leg away.

"My, he's in a mean mood," Marina thought. She realized that he was sleepless, tense, and she believed that he was so angry at her for refusing to move to Dallas right away that it was no use trying to talk to him. She thinks that he fell asleep about five o'clock in the morning.

FBI: 12/4/63; CE 1401

Marina advised that on the evening of November 21, 1963 which was the evening that Oswald had spent at the Paine house with her, he did not seem to be particularly excited or agitated like he was for the long period of time before he had attempted to assassinate General Walker.

during the evening he was OK - later she saw she was not

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S WEDDING RING

Marina and Lee: Pg. 544

Marina later made a terrible discovery. She happened to glance at the bureau and saw that, again by a miracle of oversight, the police had left another of her possessions behind. It was a delicate little demi-tasse cup of pale blue-green with violets and a slender golden rim that had belonged to her grandmother. It was so thin that the light glowed through it as if it were parchment. Marina looked inside. There lay Lee's wedding ring.

FBI: 12/4/63, FBI File #DL 89-43

She said she remembered that Oswald had on his marriage ring on the evening of November 21, 1963. Marina advised that on November 22, 1963, when the police came to the Paine house and searched it, they had found Oswald's marriage ring on a dresser in the room which she, Marina, used. She said she had not seen his ring on the dresser before that. She advised the last time she had seen the ring was on the hand of Oswald the evening before. ←

FBI: 1/16/64; CE 1820

Marina stated that she had not discovered Oswald's wedding ring on the dresser in her room at the Ruth Paine home the morning of November 22, 1963, upon getting up that morning. She said she had not seen it until the police came to her house to search it, following the arrest of Oswald on November 22, 1963.

FBI: 11/30/63; CE 1787

...Marina further stated that the following day (Friday) when she got up from bed, after the departure of her husband, she noticed his wedding ring laying on the top of their bedroom dresser.

Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)