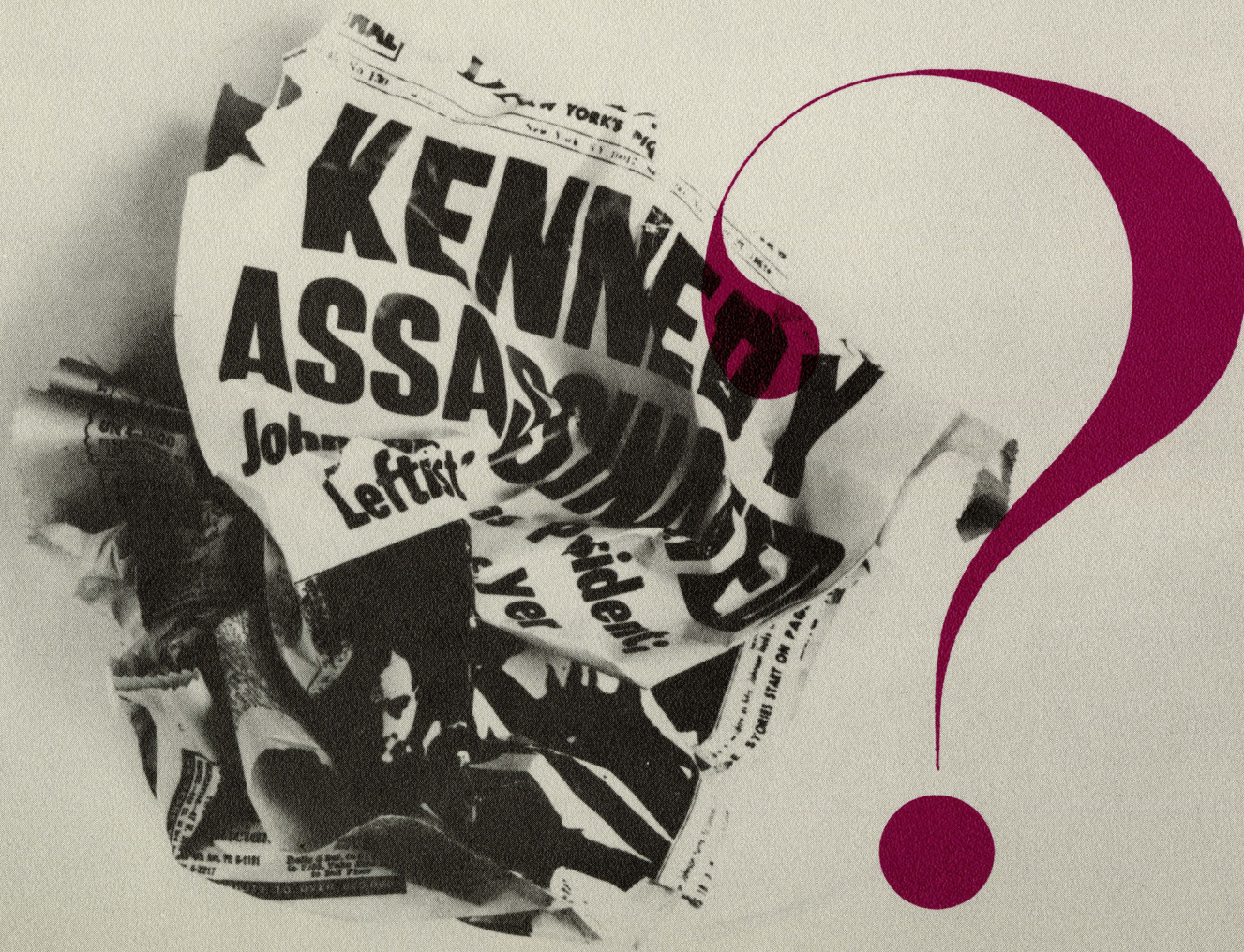


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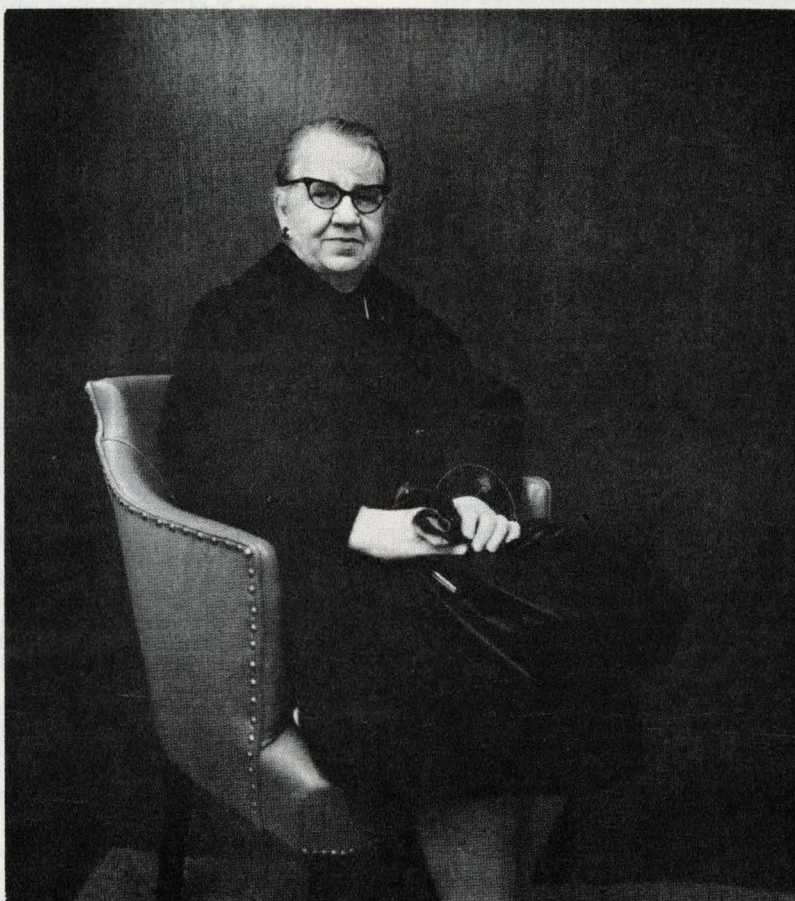
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# Lee Oswald's Letters To His Mother

(with footnotes by Mrs. Oswald)



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*Lee went to Russia in November of 1959. He was in Russia twenty months before I had the first letter from him.*

*I was in constant touch with the State Department with no result, so I made a personal trip to Washington, D.C., in January, 1961, and approximately in March I received an answer from the State Department informing me of my son's whereabouts. He was in Minsk, Russia, where he was working in a radio factory. When he first went to Russia it was in the paper that he was in the Metropole Hotel in Moscow, and then for twenty months I didn't know whether Lee was alive or dead.*

*Lee joined the Marines at age seventeen, on his birthday. Three years later he got out of the Marines and three days after that went to Russia. Lee wrote continuously while in the Marines, and then stayed with me for three days when coming out of the Marines, and there's much speculation about the three days because he did leave a mother who was partially ill. I had had an accident. But Lee and I discussed this immediately upon his return: I was destitute and matter of fact, Lee got a dire-need discharge because of this accident, but he was only out of the Marines three weeks before his time would have been up. I started through the Red Cross at Lee's insistence, to see if he could help me in July. But it was September before he was released, and I have always said those three months of negotiations meant either that I could have been well and not needed my son, or that I could have been dead and not needed him, also. But someday I hope to do something about this, because I am sure there are very many other mothers who are ill and need their sons, and I would say that they need them immediately, and not go*

*through the Government red tape for three months before they are sent home to help their mother out, however the case may be. So, after the three days—Lee said, "Mother, I have no background of work, and if I stay here the only salary I can demand would be \$30 to \$35 a week." Now we're talking about Texas, and not the Eastern states, because the salaries there are very, very low and actually that is the standard salary. And he said, "You're broke, so we would both be in the situation that you're in, so I've made up my mind that I'm going to work on a ship in the import and export business, where I can demand some money and I'll be able to help you."*

*I agreed with Lee because this is the way you help seventeen-, eighteen-, nineteen-year-olds, and I said, "It's a wonderful idea; but why don't you wait; Mother will settle her claim." It was not a suit, it was a compensation claim, I would be entitled to sixty percent of my salary, and the claim would have to be settled. In the meantime, probably I could baby-sit, and together we could manage. He said, "No, my mind's made up. We'll both be as bad off as you are now if I try to find work here, so I want to work on a ship." This was good thinking, and he was right, because a \$35-to-\$40-a-week job would not take care of a mother and a boy. So I accepted the fact that he has a right to his own mind. And so he left, and one week later I received a letter from Lee from New Orleans, stating that he had passage on a ship to Europe and he didn't expect me to understand, but to please try and understand—"This is something I must do," and so on, so then about a week later I picked up the paper and knew that he was in Russia.*



# The Oswald Case

## Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD READS LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S LETTERS FROM RUSSIA

### SIDE I, Band 1: INTRODUCTION I

This is Mrs. Marguerite Oswald speaking, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy. You will hear my voice reading sixteen letters from Lee to me from Russia. I would like you to become acquainted a little with what I am doing. I believe in America. I believe in our American way of life. I believe that my son, Lee Harvey Oswald is innocent. I heard him say, "I didn't do it, I didn't do it, I did not kill anyone," just as many million Americans heard this voice say this quote. So I go from place to place, without any pay. I mention this because many, many people have written and have asked and said that I am trying to commercialize on my son's death. I will have royalties from this particular record. This is the way I earn my income and several other stories that have been written. Otherwise than that I have no income. I have lost my job immediately because of the publicity. I am being paid, expenses, travel, plane and hotel accommodations. And I take my energy and my emotional stability, to bring before you, the people, the facts of my life and of Lee's. Many, many things have been written about us both which are untruths and I try in my small way to make the story as human as possible according to facts. I am the mother of this boy. As you will listen to my voice and listen to me talk about the letters and hear me read the letters, I think that you will get a different picture of the boy, than has been presented through the news and through the magazines and the general public. This boy was an average American boy from an average American home. We are a very patriotic family. My oldest son is in the Air Force and has been for fourteen years. This is his career. His brother Robert was a marine for three years and as we know, Lee was a marine for three years. I hope that I am making some progress in my tours, to show the American people that as a whole we were all intolerant because this boy was supposed to be a Marxist, was supposed to be a defector, and immediately when arrested, District Attorney Wade said the case is closed. We accepted this. I ask you, in all sincerity, as a mother, and also as an American, had the District Attorney picked up a so called "good citizen", would we have jumped to the conclusion that the police had the right man? I will answer no. The question would have been; This is a good citizen, surely the police had made a mistake, surely this is not the man." They have the wrong man. But, you see, Lee Harvey Oswald was a so called defector, was also a so called Marxist, so we did jump to conclusions. We were intolerant and we did judge. We accepted the fact that the Dallas Police had the right man. The case is closed.

Our future generations must never, never read the case is closed. This would be un-American. For no one to try to prove this boy's innocence, even if he were involved, there were other people along with him I am sure. This is my role, not as a mother, but because this was my son, I have the opportunity to come before the public and present my case. I hope when you hear my voice, and hear me read this boy's letter, that you will understand what I mean. Thank you for listening.

### SIDE I, Band 2: INTRODUCTION II

This is Mrs. Marguerite Oswald speaking, mother of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald. I had no contact with Lee after his so-called defection to Russia for twenty months. Then I had extenuating circumstances that I thought

was extenuating, so I made a personal trip to Washington, D.C., which was in January of 1961. I was in conference with four State officials, and approximately four weeks later I received the first notification from the State Department of my son being alive and also his address. Imagine, after twenty months not knowing if my son was alive or dead to receive this wonderful news. I felt like my trip to Washington had accomplished this, and I was grateful to the State Department in giving me Lee's address. I immediately wrote to Lee, and he answered me. However, I do not at the moment have his very first letter to me. It was either lost or in my safety deposit vault in another city at this particular time. Then I answered his first letter and now I will begin to read the correspondence between my son and myself. These are his original letters written to his mother from Russia after a twenty month period of not knowing whether he was alive or dead. To me these letters will show the American public a much better view of the boy who is being exploited throughout our nation. So far I am very much concerned, about the picture that has up to date been presented about a human being accused of assassinating a President. I do not say that this boy is a perfect boy. I myself am not perfect. We are all human beings. But I do have evidence which I am now ready to present through this recording that we will have a different picture of Lee Harvey Oswald. This is his second letter to me.

#### Letter 1

Dear Mother,

Received your letter today and was very surprised that you are working on a ranch. Where is Crowell, Texas, anyway? How is it that you decided to go there? I am glad that you think Marina is beautiful, and I shall be good to her. She doesn't have a mother and father. They are dead, but she has a lot of aunts and uncles here in Minsk and also in Leningrad where she was born. She was living at her aunt's place when I met her. They are real nice people. Her uncle is a major in the Soviet army. She works as a druggist. She finished the University two years ago for that occupation. We are in good health and I am glad that you are with good people also. Love and kisses, Lee. P.S. Marina sends her love also.

#### (COMMENT)

Before I continue with Lee's second letter, I am going to say that Lee is a very bad speller and his English is very very bad. And by now he is using phrases that I would say are Russian phrases. You will notice as I continue many of such phrases.

#### Letter 2

Dear Mother,

I receive your package today. Thanks a lot for all the nice things. You really should not have bothered to send those little things. It's so expensive. I really now only need literature and every now and then some chewing gum like you sent me before. In the future please only send very light and necessary things. I wrote Robert and he was surprised that you are working in Crowell, Texas. Don't you ever write at all to each other? We are getting ready to see you all, but it is a long process, especially for Marina. Well, that's about all for now. Love and kisses, Lee.

#### Letter 3

Dear Mother,

Received your package of books yesterday. Thanks a lot for them. I am very glad to have them. I hope you are feeling well and are enjoying your stay in Vernon. How is the weather in Fort Worth and Vernon now? I suppose it must be still pretty hot there, although here it has already turned quite cold. Do you ever hear much from John? How is he? I am receiving a letter from Robert about once a month now.



In the future if you send me some books you can send me Time Magazine, not Ford Times and books like Close to the Wind. I don't really want. They are too heavy and you could have sent me several smaller books instead. But it's not important. You made a very good choice in these books and I'm grateful. Well, that's about all for now. Marina sends her love. Love and kisses, Lee.

(COMMENT)

When I sent the books Ford Times and Close to the Wind they were books I had in my possession, because up until this time I myself was working as a practical nurse for \$25 a week, a live-in case, 24 hours duty. I had devoted myself to helping humanity because of Lee's defection and not knowing whether he was alive or dead. So actually I didn't have any reserve money in order to buy postage which is very expensive to send heavy things to Russia and also to buy books. But my son didn't like my choice. I'm going to read this little part again to show you even though he didn't like my choice he says,

It's not important. You made a very good choice, mother.

This is what I'm trying to bring before the public, the difference in the boy now that I am telling about and the difference of what the newspaper accounts have exploited.

SIDE I, Band 3:

Letter 4

Dear Mother,

Sorry to take too long to write. I thought some time might have come up but we're still waiting. I received your birthday card on the 14th. Thanks for the thought. I'll be glad to get any books you send me in the future. You might include some fashion magazines for Marina also if you remember it. Marina's maiden name was Proosakava. Her aunt and uncle's address in Minsk is such and such. They don't speak any English, however. Her uncle is an army colonel soon to retire. You needn't worry about my losing American citizenship. I can and only do that if I want to, and I don't want to. For my birthday Marina sent me a gold and silver cup with the inscription To My Dear Husband on His Birthday. Very nice, don't you think? Marina is on her vacation now. She is spending it with her aunt in the city of Kolos, about six hundred miles southeast of here. She's just relaxing and taking it easy from work and housework. We both agreed that she should go to a new environment on her vacation, but she comes back in a few more days on the 29th of October. Her aunt Polina's address is in the city of Kolos also. Marina unfortunately doesn't speak any English at all. I would like her to learn and I bought some books for her on the subject but for now she doesn't want to learn. She speaks a little French already. She learned in grammar school, and she doesn't want to study another language for now. She usually does not have the time, you know, what with her working from 10 to 5 and then the housework, but it doesn't matter for now. Well, that's about all for now. I will try to write more often. Love, Lee. P.S. Did you receive my letter with some pictures of Minsk?

(COMMENT)

I am going to explain to the American people that there have been newspaper accounts that Lee did not want Marina to speak English or to learn English. So now I have read in black and white Lee's own words saying he had bought books of the English language for Marina to learn, and I also know personally that while Marina was in Fort Worth, Texas, and I visited there, she was studying English. So you see already I am beginning to give you a different picture of Lee Harvey Oswald.

SIDE I, Band 4: Letter 5

Dear Mother,

I sent a letter a week ago but I think I put the wrong address on it as I'm writing again. We received your post card. It was very interesting for Marina. Well, at the end of February beginning of March we should have a baby. We want a boy. There is very little information about the visa. We still have not received them and until we do we cannot leave the Soviet Union. You can send me a few pennies if you like. A lot of my friends are interested in collecting coins from America. The weather here is cold and rather rainy now although there still is a lot of snow. If you have any photos old photos of myself and of you also, please send them. Do you ever hear anything from Aunt Lillian in New Orleans, and how about John? Marina sends her love and asks, Do you want to be a grandmother again? Are you still working for these people? You have changed address quite often, haven't you? Well, that's about all for now. Write soon, Love, Lee. Enclosed is some pictures of Leningrad where Marina was born. This is not Minsk.

(COMMENT)

Lee's commenting to me that I had many addresses, as I have explained I am a personal nurse -- practical nurse -- doing private duty and so my addresses change quite frequently. The newspapers have made an issue of this, that I have moved from place to place. Now I have explained why I move from place to place. I do live-ins and I go anywhere in any city that I'm needed.

SIDE II, Band 1:

Letter 6

Dear Mother,

Today we received your grand gift. I am very surprised you guessed my taste in color and fabric. Here it is already very cold, so your wool stole will be very useful. It is very nice to feel that you are so attentive to me, more so even than to Lee. I shall always remember your gift as a mark of our friendship. I hope you won't be nervous about us. You shouldn't worry about us too much. I have never seen your except on a photograph but I have a lot of affection for you already. I hope you will be well and thank you again for the fine present. Love, Marina. P.S. I wrote it for her, but the words are hers. Love, Lee.

(COMMENT)

The last letter I -- read -- was received in November. Now this is a December Christmas card from Russia. The picture is of two pine cones and clock, and the inside of the card is very very different from our cards, and I understand that all cards in Russia are this way. There is no writing at all, which to me is very beautiful. The people themselves write their sentiments, where here in America the sentiments are written for us and we sign our name, and I would assume that people who have many many cards to send out don't even sign their name, and I think this is a wonderful way. Of course it would be time consuming and in our busy life we might not have time to have this particular type card, but then the words say in Lee's handwriting, Merry Christmas, dear mother, from us both, Lee and Marina signs her name in Russian, and this is the inside of the card, no other written, Let us be tolerant of other people's views. I myself was very ignorant, and still am, naturally, but in the beginning I knew nothing about Russia. I thought all Russian people were peasants and were very poor and didn't have even a decent livelihood, and when Lee defected and I became interested in Russia and began reading about the Russian people, I have learned that Moscow, for instance, is a very beautiful city, and because of my connection with my Russian daughter-in-law and Lee being in Russia they have sent me many many beautiful gifts and many such postcards that I now have a broader understanding and I would hope that our American people also could realize that we should



be tolerant of other people in foreign lands and their way of life. Some of the things in a Communist country I would go so far as to say are very very good, and if we will verge their views with our American views then together at last we will have peace.

SIDE II, Band 2: Letter 7

This is another letter written in December. Dear Mother, We received your post card today and also the first package of books which you sent us a month and a half ago. I sure do appreciate your help. I think we'll all get together if we finally get back to the states and maybe we'll be able to settle in Texas. I hope everything is all right with you. Why do you change address so often? I sent you and Robert a Christmas card and even Aunt Lillian in New Orleans. Do you write to them at all, or to Aunt Lillian? Has John been writing to you lately? When you write can you send us just postcards instead of letters? They are cheaper, and Marina enjoys the pictures of Texas and America. Snow is on the ground here and will be here until April or May. Marina is feeling fine and everything is ok with that. Marina laughed when she heard your question about babies being born at home or in hospitals. Of course almost everyone here has their babies born in the hospitals. Your choice of books is very good. Thanks a lot for them. Marina sends her love and hopes you received her thank you letter for the beautiful scarf you sent her. Love, Lee. P.S. I wrote this letter on one day but didn't get to send it till today and I received your record package of books, cowboys and Times, so I shall thank you again for them, dear Mother. Love and kisses, Lee.

(COMMENT)

This boy is a very grateful boy, a very deep thinker, which I have expressedly said in 1959 in his defec-tion. His letters are now telling the public this. He is thanking me, he is saying please, he is not demanding me to do these things. He is asking me very humbly to send the books and then saying thank you for your wonderful choice, and I know that he didn't think my choice was so wonderful.

SIDE II, Band 3: Letter 8

Dear Mother,

Please do me a big favor. Go to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Offices and file an affidavit of support on behalf of my wife. This is a technical point in regards to permission to enter the U.S. for Marina and must be made in the United States. You simply fill out a blank, there may be a charge of a few dollars, and that's all. Please do this now, as they are actually waiting for this document in Moscow. Personal information about Marina which may be included in this blank are birthplace and date, city - Molotsk, USSR, July 17, 1941. Name - Marina Nikolialava Oswald. Place of residence - Minsk. Thanks. Love Lee.

Letter 9

Dear Mother,

I hope you received my last letter of December 27, as I then said we shall receive the exit visa to leave the country in March or early April. Right now what we need is money for the tickets. Maybe you could try the Red Cross in Vernon about that. They should notify the American Embassy in Moscow for information. We received your package of magazines on or about New Year's. Thanks a lot for them. Today I also received a post card from you. The weather is very cold and wet here. How is it in Texas? Marina is feeling fine and sends her love. Did you receive the tea and candy from us? If so, how did you like it? That's about all for now. Write soon. Love, Lee.

(COMMENT)

For Christmas in 1961 I received a package from

Lee which contained a box of candy, and there again I was most amazed to find out that in Russia they're human beings like we are. The box of candy had on the cover a Russian Santa Claus, of all people, a lady Santa Claus dressed very similar to our Santa Claus, and the candies were chocolates, and five or six of the candies were wrapped in colorful paper, just packaged like we package here, and the box of tea -- I still have the box, a very delightful box. It was a tin box covered with a lot of Russian words and a lot of Russian design on it, and then when you opened the first lid there was a second lid with a little spring in order to keep the tea fresh, and the tea in the box was separated into two different compartments. In other words you would use one and the other would be kept fresh, and this is all very very new to me, and I say this is an expensive box of tea, and I am learning a lot about foreign people.

SIDE II, Band 4: Letter 10

Dear Mother,

I received two letters from you, one from the twelfth and the other from the seventeenth. As for the gifts we sent you, the can is of candy. Eat it in good health. As to your questions about the money problem, I don't know if giving the story to the newspapers is too good. Maybe you'd better hold off for awhile about that. I will tell you when. The baby is due around March the first. We will probably fly into the U.S. on an airplane and I see no reason for you to come to New York to meet us. I want you to understand that although you can aid us in certain small ways, this business about our coming to the U.S. is relatively simple. Don't make it more complicated than it is. That's about all for now. Write soon. Marina sends her love. Love, Lee.

Letter 11

Dear Mother,

Well, it won't be long now until the baby is born until we shall be seeing you. In the meantime you can do two things for me. File an affidavit of support on behalf of Marina. This has to be done in the USA. It's a technical point regarding US permission to enter the United States and can be done at the Office of Immigration and Naturalization. Also you can see about sending me some clippings or columns from the Fort Worth paper for the month of November, 1959. I want to know just what was said about me in the Fort Worth newspapers so I can be forewarned. If you don't have copies yourself of clippings you can always get back issues of newspapers by applying at their office or the public library. I received your package of newspapers and magazines. Thanks. Cutting those editorials was also good thinking. I am grateful because it gives me a lot of news. I suppose it is almost spring in Vernon by now, huh? What is the latest news in Vernon? Please write soon. We are getting your letters so we always wait for more. Ha ha. When you write, please write Minsk 29 zone. This helps me to get your letters much quicker.

SIDE II, Band 5: Letter 12

Dear Mother,

Well, I have a little six pound daughter June Marina Oswald, born at 10 am February the 15th. How about that. Marina feels ok. She only took an hour and a half to give birth at the hospital. The possibility of our coming to the United States are very good, although of course it will be another couple of months. Marina's exit visa to leave the USSR is good until December 1st, 1962, so we have no worries about the visa running out before everything is arranged. The American Embassy in Moscow sent me an application for a loan which I requested, so they will make the money available to us as soon as as everything is arranged for Marina. The only thing holding us up now is the affidavit of support for Marina which I already told you about once, and we can leave the USSR any time we want. How are



things at your end? If you don't have that letter from the Marine Corps telling about the discharge, how about getting a copy? I would like to have some material upon which to start before going into this discharge matter further with the Marines. Thanks a lot. Love and kisses, Lee and Marina. P.S. Enclosed three pictures of Marina taken last summer on our balcony.

SIDE II, Band 6: (COMMENT)

Now I'm going to comment about Lee Harvey Oswald. I think that by now my voice has come over the air and on these records you are getting a different picture of this boy. This picture has never been presented before. These are his letters. It gives to me a deep insight of his thinking. He is humble, grateful for anything, hoping that I continue to write. He wants news of his homeland and in all of the letters he's asking about the other members of his family. When do I see John? John is his older brother who -- his career is the service. He has been in the Air Force for fourteen years. This is his career. We are a military family. He ask about his Aunt Lillian and he ask about his brother Robert, as you know by now, continuously. This boy is a family man, talking about his wife and his new baby and writing to his mother like any normal boy would do.

Letter 13

Dear Mother,

Well I suppose you've already received our letter about the birth of little June Lee Oswald, not June Marina. She weighed seven pounds at birth, which was on February 15th. Mother and child are doing well. She left the hospital on February 24th. We will probably wait for a period of two or more months while little June gains weight for her trip to the U.S. I don't think it is too advisable to leave earlier than May. Our visas are good. How is everything on your end, okay? The weather is rather cold here, yet I guess in Texas it must be pretty hot by now. Do you get those newspaper clippings I asked you for? I hope you've already made our that affidavit of support for Marina by now like I asked you to. That's about all for now. Love and kisses, Lee. Love from little June and also Marina.

(COMMENT)

Now in Russia whether it is a girl baby or a boy baby, Lee told me this upon returning to the US, the name of the father is always used for the second name. This is why he says June Lee Oswald, not June Marina. And for instance if it is a male child and Lee the father being named Lee, would have to name the child Lee Lee Oswald. They always use the father's name for the second name, and if Lee had a boy and wanted to name him Lee, his surname, he would also have had to use the name Lee for the second name. So this is very unusual, isn't it.

SIDE II, Band 7: Letter 14

Dear Mother,

Today I received the affidavits from Mr. Phillip. You asked whether I'll be staying at your place or Robert in Fort Worth. I don't think I'll be staying at either, but I will be visiting both. In any event I will want to live on my own and probably will finally live in Fort Worth or New Orleans. We will undoubtedly come by ship to the U.S. which will be a two week trip. I'll let you know when we leave the Soviet Union. I still don't know about our exact date of departure yet, as there are still a few things to be done before we shove off. As I said in my last letter, we shall be coming probably in April. I already told you I received those clippings and so forth ok. The money situation is pretty good, although I'd like to have enough to fly to the States, but that's not too important at this particular time, still it's not very important as regards the mode (and he has it underlined) of transportation. June Lee feels fine. She already weighs

eleven pounds and is one and a half months old. Marina feels very well also. We are in constant touch with the Embassy so all is well. That's about all for now. Love, Lee. P.S. Marina sends her love. P.S. Today we also received your card. Thanks.

(COMMENT)

Lee is telling me, through each and every letter, that he is in constant touch with the U.S. Embassy. Matter of fact, he's making it a point to assure me that everything is all right, that he is in touch with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

This is Lee's last letter to me.

Letter 15

Dear Mother,

Well here we are in Moscow getting ready to leave for the U.S.A. I will be sending a telegram or otherwise informing you as to where we shall embark and so forth. Everything is ok so don't worry about us. We shall be leaving from Holland by ship for the U.S. on June 4th. However, I expect to be staying over in New York for a day or so, and also Washington, D.C. for sight seeing. Love, see you soon, Marina and Lee.

SIDE II, Band 8: (COMMENT)

I have stated publicly that I in my own humble way believe that Lee is an agent of the United States government. If you will analyze these letters that I have read, and they are Lee's letters, his own writing, you will see that each and every letter assures me that he is in touch with the Embassy in Moscow and so on, and his very last letter says that he is going to arrive in New York and he expects to spend some time in Washington. Now I have no proof that he's going to Washington to report, but because I think -- and I have a right to my opinions, and many many documents to substantiate this right -- that Lee is going to Washington for a specific reason. I cannot prove this, this is true, but I have stated and will now close this interview with my statement that I have enough circumstantial evidence in my possession to make me believe that Lee was working for our government, as the Dallas police has in their possession that Lee was the assassin of President Kennedy. Thank you kindly.

These letters which I have just finished reading to you were presented before the Warren Commission and copies made, and each and every letter now has a sticker "Commission No. 187 and so on and so forth." So I say I have presented material to the Warren Commission that they did not have before. Thank you, and I hope this will enlighten our cause. I need your help.

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Dear Mother,

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Well at the end of February, beginning of March we should have a baby. We want a boy.

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If you have any old photos

of myself and if you also, please send them. 12

Do you ever hear anything from Aunt Lidia in New Orleans?

and how about John?

Marina sends her love and asks do you want to be a grandmother again??

Are you still working for those people? You have changed address again haven't you?

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Love  
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Enclosed are some pictures of Leningrad where Marina was born (this is not mine)

Commission No. 184

Nov. 23

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I shall always remember your gift as a mark of our friendship.

I hope you won't be nervous for us, you shouldn't worry about us too much.

I have never seen you (except on a photograph) but I love a lot of affection for you already.

I hope you shall be well and thank you again for the fine present.

Marina

(I wrote it for her but the words are her own)

Commission No. 184

January 27

Dear Mother

Please be me a big favor go to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, <sup>16</sup> fill out a form or "affidavit of support" on behalf of my wife, this is a technical point in regards to permission to enter the U.S. for Marina, and must be made in the U.S. You simply fill out a blank (there may be a charge of a few dollars) and that's all.

Please do this now, as they are actually waiting for this document in Moscow.

Personal information about Marina which may be included in this blank are: Birth place and date city MoloTSK, USSR

July 17, 1941

Name - Marina Nikolayevna Oswald  
Place of residence, Minsk Kaluzhina St 4. Apt 24

Thanks  
Love Lee



Commission No. 191

January 20

Dear Mother

I have your recent my last letter of Dec 27, 1961. I then said we shall leave the apt again to leave the country in March or early April. I don't know what we need in money for the tickets maybe you can try the Red Cross in Vernon about that they should notify the American Embassy, Moscow, for confirmation. 18

We received your package of magazines on about near years. Thanks alot for them, today I also received a post card from you. The weather is very cold and wet here, how is it in Vegas.

Mama is feeling fine and sends her love.

Did you receive the tea and candy from us? If so how did you like it. That's about all for now, write soon. Love 19

Commission No. 192

Feb. 1, 1962

Dear Mother

Today I received 2 letters from you one from the 12<sup>th</sup> and the other from the 17<sup>th</sup>. as for the gifts we sent you, the can is of candy, but it is in good health.

As to your questions about the money problem I don't know if giving the story to the newspapers is too good, maybe you'd better hold off for awhile about that. I'll tell you when.

The Baby is due around March 1<sup>st</sup>. we will probably fly into the U.S. on a airplane and I see no reason for you to come to New York to meet us. I want you to understand that although you can aid us in certain, small ways this business about our coming to the U.S. is relatively simple, don't make it more complicated than it is. 19

About all for now write soon. Maria sends her love. Love 19

Commission No. 193

Feb. 2, 1962

Dear Mother

Well it won't be long now until the baby is born and until we shall be seeing you, in the meantime you can do two things for me; file an affidavit of support in behalf of Maria (this has to be done in the U.S.A.) it's a technical point regarding U.S. permission to enter the United States and can be done at the office of emigration and naturalization. 20

Also you can see about sending me some clippings or columns from the Fort Worth papers for the month of Nov. 1959. I want to know just what was said about me in the Fort Worth newspapers so I can be forwarded. 21 If you don't have

clipping yourself, you can always get back issues of newspapers by apply at their offices or the public library.

I received your package of newspapers and magazines, thanks!!

Cutting those editorials was also good. Thinking on your part. It gave me alot of news. 22

I suppose it is almost spring in Vernon by now, huh?

What is the latest news in Vernon?

Please write soon, we are getting your letters and so we always wait for more. ha-ha

When you write please write. Minish 29. (zone) This helps me get your letters quicker. Love from us both. Love



Commission No. 194

Feb. 15, 1962

Dear mother,

Well, I have a little (3 lbs.) daughter, June Marina Oswald born at 10:00 A.M. February 15th. How about that!!

Marina feels O.K. she only took on hours and half to give birth at the hospital.

The possibility of our coming to the United States are very good although, of course, it'll be another couple of months.

Marina's exit visa to leave the U.S.S.R. is good until Dec. 1, 1962 so we have no worries about the visa's running out before everything is arranged.

The American Embassy in Moscow sent me an application for a loan (which I requested) so they will make the money available

to us as soon as everything is arranged for Marina.<sup>23</sup>

The only thing holding us up now is the "affidavit of support" for Marina which I already told you about, once that is in, we can leave the U.S.S.R. any time we want.

How are things at your end? If you don't have that letter from the Marine Corps telling about the discharge,<sup>24</sup> how about getting a copy. I would like to have some material upon which to start, before going into the discharge matter further with the Marine.

That's about all for now love from all three of us

He +  
Marina  
June

P.S. Enclosed 3

pictures of  
Marina and I

Taken last summer on our vacation

Commission No. 195



Moscow, Don Shadrin 1962

Feb. 24.

Dear mother,

Well, I suppose you've already received our letter about the birth of little June Lee Oswald

(not June Marina)<sup>25</sup> she weighed 7 lbs at birth ~~which~~ which was on Feb. 15th mother and child are doing well, she left the hospital on Feb. 24th.

We will probably wait for a period of two or more months while little June gains weight for her trip to the U.S.

I don't think it is too advisable to leave earlier than May. our visas are good.

How's everything at your end? O.K.?

The weather is rather cold here yet I guess in Texas it must be pretty hot by now.

Did you get those newspapers, shipping I asked you for?

I hope you've already made out that affidavit of support for Marina by now, like I asked you.

That's about all for now.

Love +  
Lee

Love from little June and Marina