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Memorandum

TO : IOS - Mr. McNichol *McNichol*

DATE: March 17, 1964

FROM : IOS - Robert G. Emond *Emond*SUBJECT: JACOBS, John Kedzie
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At 4:15 p.m. on February 7, 1964 captioned individual called at IOS and was referred to me. Mr. Jacobs advised that Mrs. Marina Oswald, the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was expected for dinner at their home that evening.

Mr. Jacobs stated that shortly after the assassination, his wife, who is fluent in the Russian language, wrote a letter to Mrs. Oswald sympathizing with her plight and assuring her that the crime of her husband would not be visited upon her and her children. Jacobs stated that his wife had never heard of Marina Oswald before this event and wrote the letter purely as a humanitarian gesture. She was somewhat surprised when about Christmas of 1963 she received a rather lengthy letter of thanks from Mrs. Oswald which revealed that the latter had a deeply religious formation.

Mrs. Jacobs replied to this letter and as a further gesture, invited Mrs. Oswald to visit her any time she happened to be in the Washington, D. C. area. On February 6, 1964 Mrs. Jacobs received a telephone call from Mrs. Oswald who said that she had completed her testimony before the Warren Commission and that she would be willing to accept Mrs. Jacobs' invitation for dinner that evening at their home. Since other commitments precluded getting together on that evening, a date was set up for February 7, 1964. Mr. Jacobs added that Mrs. Oswald told his wife it would be necessary for her to bring along her attorney and "her agent." He interpreted the latter to describe an individual who was looking out for her personal affairs. He stated that he was at that moment on his way to get Mrs. Oswald and bring her to the Jacobs' home.

I told Mr. Jacobs that I appreciated his bringing this information to our attention but that it would not be necessary to obtain "clearance" from this office. I told him that by all accounts Mrs. Oswald was in this country legally and had cooperated entirely with the Government in its inquiries subsequent to the assassination of the President. In the absense of any information

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to the contrary there would appear to be no security consequence but in view of the public relations aspect he should be certain that his supervisors be fully aware of what he was doing. He stated that this had already been taken care of.

On March 11, 1964 Mr. Mileski brought Special Agent Charles Taylor of the Secret Service in to see me. He intimated that Mr. Taylor was conducting an inquiry on Mrs. Oswald's activities and associates and was attempting to develop information regarding the Jacobses in view of their invitation to Mrs. Oswald to "live with them." Mr. Mileski made available our file on Jacobs and I advised Mr. Taylor orally in accordance with the facts as indicated in this memorandum. In the meantime, Mr. Mileski indicated that his Division would attempt to develop further information concerning Mrs. Jacobs since there is no documentation in our file regarding her.

cc: Charles Taylor
Secret Service

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