

Proposed Topic Questions for Joan Hallett Interview, October 23, 1996

**Background Information:**

1. When did you arrive in Moscow?
2. Can you briefly describe your tour in Moscow?
3. Could you describe living in Moscow in 1959?
4. How did you get your job as the Embassy receptionist?
5. During what time period did you work as the Embassy receptionist?
6. What were your duties as Embassy receptionist?
7. Could you describe the general procedures for dealing with visitors to the Embassy?

**Embassy Details**

1. Could you describe the general layout of the Embassy?
2. Could you describe the general layout of the first floor visitors area?
3. Could you describe the layout of the consular area?
4. Did Richard Snyder have an office on the first floor?
5. Did John McVickar have an office on the first floor?
6. How many desks were in Snyder's office?
7. Who else had an office on the first floor?

**Oswald Visit(s)**

1. When did you first see Oswald? Do you know the approximate time period?

2. Could you describe the circumstances of that visit?
3. Did you leave your desk to go into Consul Richard Snyder's office?
4. Was John McVickar present on the first floor when Oswald was there?
5. How long was Oswald in the Embassy?
6. Why do you remember his visit?
7. Was it unusual for Oswald to come in and out of the Embassy with ease?

### Oswald's Second Visit

1. Did Oswald ever come to the Embassy again? Do you know the approximate time period?
2. How soon after the first visit did Oswald return?
3. What were the circumstances of the second visit?
4. Could you describe Oswald's second visit?
5. Were visitors normally taken to the upper floors of the Embassy?
6. Did McVickar come downstairs by himself?
7. Did anyone else see Oswald, McVickar, and Snyder go up in the elevator?
8. Did you see Oswald leave the Embassy?
9. How long was Oswald with McVickar and Snyder?
10. Anthony Summer's Vanity Fair article quotes you as saying Oswald visited the Embassy "several times" in 1959. Were there any other visits you remember?