

DRAFT MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Possible Interview with Verna Deane Brown

Verna Deane (Mrs. G. Stanley) Brown reportedly arrived in Moscow in March of 1960. She served at the American Embassy in Moscow as a secretary. There is some discrepancy as to when she actually served at the American Embassy. Oswald reportedly visited the American Embassy in Moscow in the fall of 1959, which should have been before Mrs. Brown arrived in Moscow. There are reports, however, from other employees of the Embassy, who remember Mrs. Brown and her involvement in the Oswald case. During the interview, these questions, as well as those below, need to be addressed.

The following are questions to ask Mrs. Brown in an interview.

Have you ever served in the American Embassy in Moscow?

When did you arrive in Moscow for service at the American Embassy?

During what years were you in Moscow?

What did you do in the American Embassy in Moscow?

Did you have a security clearance?

What were the functions of your position at the Embassy?

What hours/days did you work in the Embassy?

Whom did you report to at the Embassy?

Could you draw a floor plan of the Embassy and the departments or offices on each floor?

Where in the Embassy was your office located?

Do you remember a woman by the name Marie Cheatham?

What was her position at the Embassy?

Do you remember a man by the name Richard Snyder?

What was his position at the Embassy?

Do you remember a man by the name of John McVickar?

What was his role at the Embassy?

Do you remember a woman by the name of Pricilla Johnson?

What was her role at the Embassy?

Do you remember a woman by the name of Joan Hallett?

What was her role at the Embassy?

Where were their offices located in the Embassy?

What sort of issues did you deal with at the Embassy?

Would you have had any contact with someone wishing to renounce his or her citizenship?

Do you remember anyone ever coming into the Embassy for that reason?

Do you remember Lee Harvey Oswald ever visiting the Embassy?

When did Oswald visit the Embassy?

How many visits did Oswald make to the Embassy?

What was his reason for visiting the Embassy?

Could you please describe him and his visit to the Embassy?

How was this particular visit dealt with?

Could you tell of your other contacts with Oswald, for example, the telegrams sent to him through the Embassy and the attempts you made to contact him at his hotel over the phone?

Mrs. Brown's responses will hopefully answer many of the questions that remain about Oswald's visit and will, of course, lead to additional, much more detailed questions worth asking. The questions above are for basic background information.