

Marina Oswald. Attended Mass, Had Quiet Yule

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Marina Oswald, surrounded by presents from all over the United States and the world, said Thursday, "I've never had a Christmas like this before and I probably never will again."

Somewhere in the Dallas area the 22-year-old widow of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was living out the historic, tragic year that struck her like an explosion.

She followed through with Christmas in a manner familiar to many Dallasites, except that she is being held in protective custody and a Secret Service man even followed her to church.

THROUGH A DIRECT contact with Marina, this story emerges of her Christmas:

In her secret quarters Marina came down with a mild case of influenza last weekend, but shook it off herself. Daughters June Lee, 2, and Rachel, two months old, didn't catch it.

She visited and put flowers on Oswald's grave at Rose Hill Cemetery on the outskirts of Fort Worth again on Christmas Eve, her fourth pilgrimage to the grave of the accused assassin of President Kennedy, who was then killed himself.

MARINA, A 100-POUND brunette, was surrounded in her reasonably spacious quarters with gifts. They came from everywhere—boxes, cards and packages.

There was another Bible in Russian. That makes five. There were 15 dolls for June Lee and Rachel. There were clothes for all of them.

Standing around a tree decorated with typical American lights and baubles, Marina said:

"I think this is wonderful."

SHE WENT TO midnight mass on Christmas Eve at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grand Prairie. Marina is Greek Orthodox, but Secret Service men felt this would be safer.

On Christmas Day, the brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, Robert and his family, visited Marina.

She wandered around the secret quarters for long periods of time. Sometimes she listened to Christmas carols over radio or television.

Marina continued her studies of the English language and watched television, including her favorite Steve Allen Show.

Was she depressed?

"I don't know," said a man who sees her every day. "She was quiet a few times, but I don't know if anything was bothering her."

Marina's business advisor is now busy getting a flat stone marker for Oswald's grave, as the young widow requested.

"I want a cross and some small flowers to be put on the stone," she said.