Money Gifts to Tippits
Near $200,000 Mark

DALLAS (UPI)—Money kept
pouring in Monday from all over
the country for the widow
and three children of the police
officer slain trying to seize accused
assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. It
was trickling in for Oswald's
widow.

Counters and auditors worked
through more sacks of mail for
Mrs. Marie Tippit at police
headquarters with the week-
end figure at $714,400. A running
total, to be confirmed later, put
the amount now received at al-
most $200,000.

The Internal Revenue Service
said no decisions had been made
on taxation of donations. A
spokesman said, however, there
was one big contribution: the 28-
year-old Mrs. Tippit was
paid interest on it, the IRS said.

Mrs. Shirley Williamson, a
Fort Worth housewife who felt
compassion for the widow and
her two babies, said the fund for the Russian-
born 28-year-old widow had
reached $7,000.

Mrs. Williamson said she had
received $118 today for Mrs. Ov-
wald.

Mrs. Oswald and her babies, 6
weeks old and 22 months old,
were under the protection of the
Secret Service.

Mrs. Tippit and her three chil-
dren, Allen, 14; Brenda, 10, and
Curtis Ray, 4, were home, mourn-
ing their loss and still
overwhelmed by the outpouring of
gifts from grateful Americans.

The gifts continued to come in
such volumes that police did not
refer to letters but to "sacks of
mail."

Oswald's Widow
Reported Hoping
To Be U. S. Citizen

FT. WORTH, Dec. 7 (UPI)—
Marina Oswald, widow of the
suspected assassin of President
Kennedy, was quoted Friday as
saying she wants to become an
American citizen.

Mrs. Oswald, 22, Russian-born
mother of three, burst into tears
when she learned that at least
$7700 had been sent to her by
sympathetic Americans.

Mrs. Shirley B. Williamson,
park-time private investigator
and housewife, headed a drive
to raise money for Lee Harvey
Oswald's widow and children.

An agent, who has Mrs. Os-
wald and her children under
guard and in hiding, was quoted
by Mrs. Williamson:

"She said that she didn't be-
lieve the people in America, the
people anywhere, could be this
nice."

The agent reportedly said she
is a "very nice, highly-intelli-
gent woman who is enthusiastic
to learn the ways of America.
She wants to be an American
and continue to live here."

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