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 DALLAS (UPI)—THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND A DENVER GILMAN ENTER  
 COURT MONDAY IN A BIGHT OVER OWNERSHIP OF THE \$10,000 MAIL ORDER  
 RIFLE USED TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.  
 THE TRIAL IS SET FOR U. S. DIST. JUDGE JOE E. ESTES' COURT.  
 JOHN L. KING, GILMAN AND GUN COLLECTOR, CONTENDS HE BOUGHT THE  
 ITALIAN MILITARY RIFLE AND ANOTHER PISTOL OWNED BY LEO HARVEY  
 OSWALD FROM THE ASSASSIN'S WIFE FOR \$10,000.  
 THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PRESERVE THE WEAPONS FOR "HISTORICAL  
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 OSWALD USED THE RIFLE TO KILL KENNEDY AND THE PISTOL TO KILL  
 DALLAS POLICEMAN J. D. TERRY. HIS WIDOW, NOW MRS. MARINA  
 OSWALD KENNEDY, SOLD HER RIGHTS TO THE WEAPONS TO KING FOR \$10,000  
 AND IS KING CAN GET POSSESSION OF THE WEAPONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT,  
 MRS. KENNEDY WILL RECEIVE AN ESTIMATED \$15,000 MORE.  
 ESTES' COURT WILL JUDGE CONTENTION THAT HIS COURT LACKS  
 JURISDICTION IN THE CASE AND LISTED THREE POINTS OF LAW AT DISPUTE  
 IN A PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE. THEY ARE:  
 --WAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY FORFEIT UNDER THE FACTS  
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 --DID OSWALD DENY OF THE RIFLE AND PISTOL DENY KING DUE PROCESS  
 OF LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEED BY THE 5TH AMENDMENT?  
 --DID OSWALD DEALING WITH ITEMS OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BEFORE THE  
 GOVERNMENT IN VIOLATION OF THE ASSASSINATION ACT BY PROVIDE  
 THE GOVERNMENT A JUST REASON TO TAKE THE WEAPONS?  
 ANOTHER POINT AT DISPUTE IS THE RIFLE WAS BOUGHT BY OSWALD AS  
 HIS OWN.  
 ESTES' COURT HAS HEARD NO WITNESSES MONDAY, BUT HIS DECISION WILL  
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THE TRIAL IS SET FOR U. S. DIST. JUDGE JOE E. ESTES' COURT. JOHN L. KING, GILMAN AND GUN COLLECTOR, CONTENTS HE BOUGHT THE ITALIAN MILITARY RIFLE AND ANOTHER PISTOL OWNED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD FROM THE ASSASSIN'S WIDOW FOR \$10,000.

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PRESERVE THE WEAPONS FOR "HISTORICAL PURPOSES."

OSWALD USED THE RIFLE TO KILL KENNEDY AND THE PISTOL TO KILL DALLAS POLICEMAN J. D. TIPPITT. HIS WIDOW, NOW MRS. MARINA OSWALD PORTER, SOLD HER RIGHTS TO THE WEAPONS TO KING FOR \$10,000 AND IF KING CAN GET POSSESSION OF THE WEAPONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, MRS. PORTER WILL RECEIVE AN ESTIMATED \$35,000 MORE.

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### BBC to Film Oswald Story

LONDON (AP)—Plans to film a play entitled "Lee Oswald, Assassin" were announced today by the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), with Hollywood actor Tony Bill in the role of President Kennedy's killer.

Dora Reiser, a Bulgarian actress, will play Oswald's wife, Marina.

The drama-documentary is to be shown by the BBC in March.

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## Mrs. Earline Roberts, Oswald's Landlady, Dies

"He came running like the dickens and I said to him, 'You sure are in a hurry, but he didn't say anything . . . just ran in his room, got a short tan coat and ran back out . . .'"

"He" was Lee Harvey Oswald and he had just killed the President of the United States.

The woman who never got a reply was Mrs. Earline Roberts, a plumpish, bespectacled widow who ran the rooming house at 1026 N. Beckley where Oswald, living as O. H. Lee, plotted the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Sunday Mrs. Roberts apparently was seized by a heart attack at her home, 212 W. Woodin. She was rushed to Parkland Hospital, where she died at 5:15 a.m. Both President Kennedy and Oswald died at the same hospital.

Mrs. Roberts, interviewed by The Dallas Morning News just after the assassination, said, "He was always in bed by 9:30 or 10 p.m."

In cleaning his \$8-a-week, 5-by-12-foot room, Mrs. Roberts had noticed that Oswald was neat, read Westerns, ate a lot of fruit and made sandwiches in his room.

Mrs. Roberts, widow of building contractor Olan Roberts, was widely quoted in newspapers and magazines and interviewed numerous times on TV and radio following the assassination.

A native of Tennessee, she moved to Dallas in 1940.

Survivors: Four sisters, Mrs. Dovie Dukes, Mrs. Opal Fowler and Mrs. Bertha Lyles of Dallas and Mrs. Ela Sheppard of Tyler, and a brother, W. Howard Bogle of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Restland Wildwood Chapel. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Rucker Cemetery in Troup, Smith County.

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**IN THE NATION**

**Bar Okay of Oswald**  
 Washington, Dec. 30 (UPI) —  
 A Navy review board has refused to act on a petition seeking a posthumous honorable Marine Corps discharge for Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy. The petition was submitted by Oswald's mother.

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# New Look Into Oswald's Record

(Drew Pearson is in Israel. During his absence the column is written by his associate, Jack Anderson.)

By Jack Anderson

Believe it or not, the Navy has submitted the case of Lee Harvey Oswald, the misfit former Marine who assassinated President Kennedy, to a civilian review board to determine whether he should receive an honorable discharge posthumously.



The Marines gave him an undesirable discharge in 1959 after he had asked to be released as a hardship case but turned up instead in Russia, declaring his preference for the Soviet system.

Though he had forsaken his country, he wrote to then-Secretary of the Navy John Connally demanding a reversal of his undesirable discharge. The Discharge Review Board rejected his request.

This might even have been the secret motive for his terrible crime. It is significant that Connally, as Governor of Texas, was riding with Mr. Kennedy in the fateful motorcade which passed under Oswald's window on the road to

downtown Dallas. The tormented Oswald gunned them both down, though Connally survived.

Started by Mother

Now Oswald's mother, Marguerite, has applied formally to set aside the undesirable discharge and win an honorable one for her son.

Strangely, the Discharge Review Board did not reject the request outright as it had done previously, but submitted it to the Civilian Board of Corrections for a formal hearing.

A Navy spokesman assured this column that the handling of Mrs. Oswald's request was purely routine. The Discharge Review Board has the option of rejecting the request or forwarding it to the Board of Corrections, he said. He would not predict what action the Board will take.

Bombing Delay

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have been pressing to resume the air attacks on North Vietnam ever since the Vietcong abruptly ended the Christmas truce. But President Johnson, though he has ordered no moratorium on bombing of North Vietnam, has quietly held up the go-ahead signal.

Insiders say he merely wants to impress upon the world, through his own re-

straint, that it was the Communists who broke the ceasefire.

Meanwhile, the Joint Chiefs are pleading for permission to strike all the missile sites and air bases in North Vietnam since these have become a threat to American planes.

LBJ Dances Again

Washington society is whispering about President Johnson's dancing comeback.

For the first time since his gall-bladder operation, he tried out his legs on the dance floor at the White House party in honor of West Germany's Chancellor Erhard.

The President whirled Mrs. Heinrich Knappstein, wife of the German Ambassador, around the floor. Then he grabbed the most beautiful girl within reach, singer Roberta Peters, and monopolized her most of the evening.

It was after 1 a.m. before the President finally stopped dancing.

Note: The guest of honor, Chancellor Erhard, lasted less than an hour. Heavy of foot, he discreetly kept off the dance floor and stood briefly in a corridor, puffing on one of his long cigars, not the least intimidated by an earlier presidential crack that West Ger-

many's air pollution program has been set back by the Chancellor's cigars.

Reverse Peace Corps

Often overlooked in the explosion of war news are the men who work quietly for peace. Their efforts seldom produce the sensational and spectacular events which make headlines.

One such is Carl Stenzler, a Philadelphia educator, who has started a Peace Corps in reverse. He found that foreign students in this country often stayed to themselves, never

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discovering what America is really like, often going home with wrong impressions.

To draw them out, he began inviting them to his neighborhood Ogontz Junior High School to answer questions about their countries. The idea caught on in other Philadelphia schools, which invited foreign students to lecture as substitute teachers.

In 1965 more than 10,000 Philadelphia pupils have learned about foreign countries from these exchange students. In this way, the young people have learned more about each other.

The Ogontz plan, as this reverse Peace Corps idea is called, is now spreading to other areas.

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**Mrs. Oswald  
 Asks Navy to  
 Alter Record**

The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy, has petitioned the Navy Department to change her son's discharge from the Marine Corps from "undesirable" to "honorable."

The matter has been turned over to the Board for Correction of Naval Records which will handle it "in routine fashion," the Navy said today. Oswald was discharged a private first class on September 11, 1959.

In her petition, filed Nov. 30, Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald said the undesirable discharge given to Oswald was based upon his renouncing his American citizenship with the intent to become a citizen of the Soviet Union.

"In fact," she said, "he never renounced his United States citizenship within Sec. 349 (a) (6) of the Nationality Act of 1952 and was never considered a citizen of the Soviet Union by the State Department."

In support of her request, Mrs. Oswald enclosed letters dated 1960 and 1961 from the State Department and the American Consulate in Moscow which indicate that he did not lose his citizenship.

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## Calendar Page Autograph By Oswald Sells for \$250

A calendar page signed by Lee Harvey Oswald a month before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be sold for \$250 on Dec. 14, in New York, by Charles Hamilton, an autograph expert.

The page was signed by Oswald when he rented a room in the boarding house of Mrs. Mary Bledsoe of Dallas a month before his death.

Oswald laboriously printed his name to indicate that he had paid two weeks' October rent. A week later he is supposed to have used an alias in seeking a room elsewhere.

The valuable calendar was used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in efforts to trace Oswald's whereabouts in the weeks before the assassination.

Letters and memorabilia of Oswald already sold by Mr. Hamilton in September brought \$7,165 to the collector, Mr. Hamilton said.

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# Oswald Claims Mercy Killing

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of President John F. Kennedy's assassin, charged that her son may have been involved with the United States Secret Service in "a mercy killing." She feels it was a conspiracy to remove the President from office because he was suffering from "an incurable disease."

Mrs. Oswald's theory was revealed by writer Jean Stafford in a copyrighted interview in the October issue of McCall's.

"President Kennedy was a dying man," Mrs. Oswald asserted. "He has Atkinson's disease, which is a disease of the kidney, and we know that he had three operations on his back and that he would have been a lingering President." The article gave no further information to substantiate her theories.

(Miss Stafford reported she asked Mrs. Oswald whether she was referring to the rumors that the President had had Addison's disease, "a deficiency of the adrenal glands, and thanks to cortisone, no longer fatal . . . she found my interruption irrelevant and answered simply, "What-  
ever.")

"For security reasons, we could not have a lingering President, because of our conflicts with other nations," said said. "So why wouldn't it be just a normal thing to have a mercy killing of the President?"

"Now, maybe Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, but does that make him a louse? No, no. Killing doesn't necessarily mean badness," continued Mrs. Oswald. "You find killing in some very fine homes for one reason or another."

The assassin's mother complained, "Here is Mrs. Kennedy, a very wealthy woman; Mrs. Tippett, a very wealthy woman; and Marina is very wealthy, and here I'm wondering where my next meal is coming from."

"Here we are, four women in history, and yet I am the mother; but has anyone come forward to reimburse me for my emotional stability? No, no and I have given of myself, I have given of my time and my voice, and I have twenty-three hundred dollars to my name."

Mrs. Oswald reported to the McCall's interviewer that when she heard that Oswald's wife, Marina, had been offered money for the murder gun by a collector, "I said to myself, 'Now these guns are worth a great deal more than \$10,000 and Marina should get more money for my grandchildren.' I am thinking about the welfare of my grandchildren."

She said she had called the Fort Worth Star Telegram and told them "those guns are priceless but if they're going to be sold, let's see some justice done to the children of Lee Harvey Oswald."

Mrs. Oswald claimed, "I know who framed my son, and he knows I know who framed my son."

When the interviewer asked her whether "he" was in Texas, now she replied: "I can divulge nothing on that score."

"She said, 'I can absolutely prove my son innocent. I can do it any time I want by going to Washington, D. C., with some pictures.'"

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She recalled that her son had  
had a stamp collection when he  
was a boy, "and he loved to play  
Monopoly, which is a thinking  
game. So was stamps." He also  
enjoyed playing chess, his mother  
revealed. "So he was really a  
very busy little boy, and I don't  
see anything abnormal about any  
part of his life. He'd climb up on  
the roof to look at the stars and  
I'd have to get the older boys  
to get him down because he was  
interested in astronomy.

"I would say that the Oswald  
family was actually an average  
American family," she said.





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FORT WORTH--THE MOTHER OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD SAID TODAY SHE HOPES TO FINANCE A TRIP TO RUSSIA WITH MONEY SHE GOT LAST NIGHT FROM SALE OF A LETTER HER SON WROTE HER FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

SHE SAID SHE WILL LOOK IN RUSSIA FOR EVIDENCE TO CLEAR HER SON'S NAME.

THE LETTER, WHICH BROUGHT \$3,000 AT AN AUCTION BY CHARLES HAMILTON AUTOGRAPHS IN NEW YORK, TOLD OF EVENTS WHICH EMBITTERED OSWALD TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. OSWALD WROTE IT TO HIS MOTHER AFTER HE MARRIED A RUSSIAN GIRL, MARINA.

MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD SOLD IT AND 16 OTHER PIECES OF OSWALD MEMORABILIA, INCLUDING HER SON'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE THROUGH THE AUCTION.

SHE SAID TODAY SHE HAD NOT YET HEARD EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY SHE GOT THROUGH THE AUCTION, AND, THEREFORE, HAS MADE NO DEFINITE PLANS ABOUT A TRIP TO RUSSIA EXCEPT THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT NEXT SPRING.

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Would Finance Trip by Sale of His Letters

# Oswald's Mother May Visit Russia, Hopes to Clear Son

By United Press International  
FORT WORTH.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the mother of Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said yesterday she hopes to finance a trip to Russia with money she got Thursday night from sale of a letter her son wrote her from the Soviet Union.

She said she will look in Russia for evidence to clear her son's name.

The letter, which brought \$3,000 at an auction by Charles Hamilton Autographs in New York, told of events that embittered Oswald toward the United States. Oswald wrote it

to his mother after he married a Russian girl, Marina.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald sold it and 16 other pieces of Oswald memorabilia, including her son's baptismal certificate, through the auction for a total of \$7,165.

She said yesterday she has made no definite plans about a trip to Russia but would like to go next spring.

"The Russians haven't turned over everything (to the United States)," she said. "I thought if I went to Russia, being his mother, that I might be more successful."

"You know mothers are wonderful people, and I feel it's quite possible the Russian people I contact will give me the information I'm seeking."

She said the information she was seeking covered the "blank period" of several months in her son's life between the time he left Moscow and the time he married Marina.

She said many people who write her believe her trip might be successful in helping build up "enough evidence to ask that this case be reopened."

"They believe, as I do, that my son is innocent," she said.

"But even if my son did kill President Kennedy, legally he died an innocent man. I feel like if we keep doing what we're doing we will have enough to ask that this case be reopened."

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to let the government preserve the rifle used by Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy.

The committee approved a bill authorizing the government to acquire and keep the rifle and other items connected with the assassination, saying the physical evidence should be kept to eliminate any questions and doubts about the assassination that may arise.



Mrs. Marguerite Oswald

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# The Rambler

... Goes Over A List

By JOHN McKELWAY

This Thursday, in New York, Charles Hamilton Autographs, Inc., is holding another auction and the Rambler, as usual, has found it interesting to go over some of the items listed for sale in the catalog and to note the value attached to them.

He finds it fascinating and maybe a little bit weird that a scrap of paper someone scribbled on gradually becomes valuable as the years go by—so long as the author attains some degree of fame.

How the fame was achieved seems to determine the value. The letters and notes left in the wake of a scientist who, say, discovered a cure for smallpox might not be worth half as much as a ruffled post card signed by a man who did away with all his nine wives.

In the upcoming sale, for example, two paper dolls, cut out with scissors by the great Danish storyteller, Hans Christian Andersen, are selling for \$120. The dolls, according to the catalog excerpts from some of the letters on sale.

But a program from a London appearance of the Beatles in 1964, signed by all four in ink on the cover, is said to be worth \$250. At least the bidding can start there.

As always, the seller, Charles Hamilton, has included in the catalog, excerpts from some of the letters on sale.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederacy, once, after the war, sent off a letter to a "Mr. Knott, chairman of the Committee on Amnesty."

Apparently, some congressmen would not go along with general amnesty for the Southerners because Davis was included.

Davis wrote: "... I write to express my regret that any of my compatriots should suffer by identification with me, and to request that you will not allow the objection to prevent others from enjoying whatever benefits may be accorded to them, on the condition of my exclusion.

"Further it may be proper to state that I have no claim to pardon, not having any wise repented, or changed the convictions on which my political course was founded as well before, as during, and since the War Between the States."

The value on this letter has been set at \$225, although, during the auction, it might bring more or less.

And there is a wonderful letter from Albert Einstein, physicist, written to a magazine which apparently was working up a story on what great men think about this and that.

Einstein was asked: "By what standard will you judge your success or failure in life when on your deathbed?"

Einstein answered: "Neither on my deathbed nor previously should I think of putting such a question to myself. Nature is not an engineer and not an organizer of enterprises, and I am a little bit of nature." The value is assessed at \$225.

In a manuscript drawn up by the late T. S. Eliot, there is the author's note that: "The specific reward which should mean most to the poet is the consciousness of having been able to bring poetry to people who didn't know they wanted it."

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Also on the block are two letters signed by President Lyndon Johnson during the time when he was majority leader of the Senate. In one he writes: "I have always opposed forced integration in the public schools, feeling that this was a matter for the individual states to decide." In another he has written: "I have no ambitions for the presidency and I have made that point emphatically clear. . . ." Both letters were written, or so says the catalog, in the mid 1950s.

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INCREDIBLE AS IT may seem, the name of Lee Harvey Oswald is also represented in the collection to be auctioned off, along with such names as Eugene O'Neill, Jacqueline Kennedy, Robert E. Lee, H. L. Mencken, Lydia E. Pinkham, Thomas Mann and Warren G. Harding.

The Oswald items, apparently obtained from his mother, include:

A three-page letter from Oswald to his mother, written during the time he spent in Russia. Priced at \$1,000.

A postcard from Oswald to his mother, also sent from Russia. Priced at \$250.

Two certificates of promotion. One shows Oswald completed the 9th grade at a school in New Orleans; the other shows he was promoted from elementary to junior high. Priced at \$100.

And for \$250, or thereabouts, you could pick up a tea box, a soft wool scarf, a cotton scarf and four table napkins. Oswald also sent these to his mother from Russia.

The firm describes the items as "unique souvenirs, in fine condition, and particularly suitable for display."

Since reading the catalog, the Rambler has continued to wonder who would want the Oswald items.

His mother, at any rate, seems to have found a use for them.

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(OSWALD)

WASHINGTON--A CONGRESSMAN TODAY LABELED A MCCALL'S MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS "CHEAP SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM." THE ARTICLE APPEARS IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE AND IS ENTITLED "THE STRANGE WORLD OF MARGUERITE OSWALD." OSWALD, ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT, WAS FATALLY SHOT TWO DAYS LATER BY JACK RUBY IN THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL.

REP. BERNARD F. GRABOWSKI, D-CONN., TOLD MCCALL'S EDITOR ROBERT STEIN THAT HE WAS "SHOCKED AND DISGUSTED THAT A MAGAZINE OF THE SUPPOSED REPUTATION OF MCCALL'S" WOULD PRINT SUCH A STORY.

"I AM ALSO SURPRISED THAT A WRITER OF THE STATURE OF JEAN STAFFORD WOULD LEND HER LITERARY REPUTATION TO SUCH A SHODDY PIECE OF JOURNALISM," GRABOWSKI ADDED.

THE CONGRESSMAN STATED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS A HISTORIC TRAGEDY.

"ALL OF US FEEL A DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE HUMAN BEINGS WHO WERE PERSONALLY INVOLVED," HE CONTINUED. "I THINK MARGUERITE OSWALD IS A PERSON TO BE PITIED, NOT EXPLOITED. WHAT CREDIBILITY CAN BE GIVEN TO THE ALMOST INCOHERENT RAMBLING OF THIS OBVIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT MOTHER?"

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# Mrs. Oswald Hints JFK Mercy Killing

Marguerite Oswald, the mother of the man who assassinated President Kennedy, charged yesterday that her son may have been involved in a plot with the Secret Service to remove the President by "mercy killing" because he was suffering from "an incurable disease."

Her theory was reported by Jean Stafford in a copyrighted interview in McCall's magazine, released yesterday.

Mrs. Oswald asserted that President Kennedy was dying of "Atkinson's disease." (she may have meant Addison's disease, which is now neither fatal nor incurable), had had three back operations and "would have been a lingering President."

"So I say it is possible that my son was chosen to shoot him in a mercy killing for the security of the country," Mrs. Oswald said, "and if this is true, it was a fine thing to do, and my son was a hero."

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(OSWALD)

NEW YORK--A COLLECTION OF LETTERS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD OFFERED FOR SALE BY HIS MOTHER WENT ON PUBLIC VIEW TODAY.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE AUCTIONED SEPT. 30 BY CHARLES HAMILTON AUTOGRAPHS INC.

THE 17 ITEMS INCLUDE OSWALD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, A LETTER FROM RUSSIA TO HIS MOTHER TELLING OF THE EVENT WHICH EMBITTERED HIM TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, AND A COLLEGE APPLICATION REVEALING HIS AMBITION TO BE A SHORT STORY WRITER.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE SOLD ALONG WITH SEVERAL NOTES AND LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND JACQUELINE KENNEDY.

HAMILTON SAID TODAY HE THOUGHT THE OSWALD ITEMS WOULD BRING IN "SUBSTANTIALLY MORE" THAN THE KENNEDY NOTES AND LETTERS. HAMILTON'S BROCHURE SAID THE COLLECTION CONTAINED PERHAPS THE LAST REMAINING AUTOGRAPHS OF THE YOUNG ASSASSIN.

HAMILTON SAID HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. OSWALD ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO. SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS AFRAID TO USE THE MAIL, CONTENDING HER CORRESPONDENCE WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

"SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO REVOKE INTEREST IN HER SON'S CASE," HAMILTON SAID. "OF COURSE, SHE SAYS SHE IS FIRMLY CONVINCED OF HIS INNOCENCE."

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# U.S. Seeks OK to Keep Assassination Evidence

Washington Bureau of The News  
**WASHINGTON**—The Justice Department asked Congress Thursday to give the federal government authority to take possession of weapons and other items collected as evidence by the Warren Commission in its investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Principal item will be the Italian-made rifle used by Lee Harvey Oswald when he shot Kennedy from a window of the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas.

Also included is Oswald's revolver, which killed Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit.

Purpose of the action, Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach announced, is to prevent "disparagement and exploitation" of the collection.

"Also, he said, the proposed legislation will enable the government to bar 'irresponsible rumors and allegations designed to destroy the widespread public confidence in the work and conclusions' of the Warren Commission.

The collection currently is in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but there has been a question over its disposition.

Oswald's widow, Marina, has reported that she has been offered \$20,000 for the rifle alone.

The collection contains a wide assortment of papers, including Oswald's diary. Even the wooden crates on which Oswald sat in the book depository are included.

The attorney general would be authorized to decide which items should be kept by the government. Previous owners could sue the government for compensation in the U.S. Court of Claims.

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# U.S. Seeking Bid For Oswald Items

WASHINGTON BUREAU — Items it wants the federal government to keep. Claims for compensation could be brought in the U.S. Court of Claims.

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department was seeking power Friday to gain permanent title to accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle and all other items of physical evidence turned up in the investigation of John F. Kennedy's murder.

Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach forwarded a proposed bill to Congress Thursday that would make all evidentiary material subject to federal acquisition. The bill includes the assassination rifle, the pistol used by Oswald in the slaying of Dallas officer J. D. Tippit and even the crates collected from Oswald's vantage point in the Texas School Depository.

Other items of physical evidence are in custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These include the personal papers found in Oswald's wallet on the day of the assassination, the rifle, the pistol, photographs, letters, the Oswald diary and other material.

**MAY SPUR BUNCHES**

"In my judgment, a failure to retain the critical physical exhibits and the resultant possibility of their loss, destruction or alteration will serve to encourage irresponsible rumors and allegations designed to destroy the widespread public confidence in the work and conclusions of the President's commission (the Warren Commission)," Katzenbach told Congress.

Under terms of the proposed bill, the Justice Department would have one year to determine which

items should be preserved. The bill also provides for the preservation of the exhibits and would save them from "disposal and exploitation."

The rifle used in the assassination has already been the subject of speculation over how much it would bring on the private market. Estimates have ranged up to \$10,000.

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Marina Says

# 'Nobody's Business' About Guns

Mrs. Marina Oswald said Monday night that it was "nobody's business" whether she had sold the two guns Lee Harvey Oswald used to kill President Kennedy and Police Officer J. D. Tippit Nov. 22, 1963.

"I think all the things belong to me," she said.

Earlier Monday John J. King of Engelwood, Colo., filed suit in Denver District Court against the U.S. Justice Department, claiming he had bought the guns from the Oswald estate and de-

manded that the rifle and pistol be handed over to him.

He gave no price. King said negotiations were handled by an unidentified agent in Dallas "in order to keep my (King's) name out of it as long as possible."

The firm of Kilgore & Kilgore of Dallas represented King in Dallas. James A. Kilgore said he was unfamiliar with anything beyond the fact his firm represented the Colorado man.

"Bill Garrett handled everything," Kilgore told The Dallas Morning News.

It had been an open secret in Dallas for weeks that Marina had bargained for the sale of the 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle and the .38-caliber pistol. Some had the price as low as \$10,000, others as high as \$5,000 down and \$40,000 later, upon delivery.

But, has Mrs. Oswald definitely sold the guns?

"No, not yet," she said, then repeated, "Whose business is this!" and hung up the phone sharply.

Mrs. Oswald's present attorney, William Blalock, declined to comment.

A French radio network offered \$20,000 for the guns about

a month ago and was turned down.

King, an oilman and gun collector, said he bought the two guns last New Year's Eve. He said the Justice Department had refused in both letter and person to give them up.

"They've been using the euphemism that 'the matter is under study,'" King said.

King said he wanted the guns for his private collection and does not plan to display them publicly when and if he acquires them.

Oswald paid about \$12.95 from a Chicago mail order house for the rifle.

The Justice Department reportedly is weighing whether to place the guns in the National Archives or return them to Oswald's widow.

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# Englewood Man Sues To Get JFK Slay Gun

By WILLIAM MARVEL

Rocky Mountain News Federal Reporter

A Denver area oilman and gun collector Monday was revealed as the purchaser of the Kennedy assassination weapon.

John J. King of 27 Sunset dr. in Englewood demanded, in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court, that the 6.5 mm. Mannlicher-Carcano rifle—the gun Lee Harvey Oswald used to kill President Kennedy—be turned over to him as the gun's rightful owner.

King says that he purchased the rifle, and the .38 caliber pistol with which Oswald killed Dallas Patrolman J. D. Tippit, from Oswald's estate on New Year Eve.

## Agent in Dallas

The oilman said negotiations for the weapons were carried out through an agent in Dallas "in order to keep my name out of it as long as possible."

He declined to reveal the purchase price of the guns but the District Court lawsuit stipulated

that the weapons are worth more than \$10,000. An attorney for Marina Oswald in March disclosed that a \$10,000 bid had been received for the two guns.

Oswald originally purchased the rifle from a Chicago mail order house for \$12.95.

King's lawsuit alleges that the U.S. attorney general has taken the firearms into custody and has refused to give them up. Spokesmen for the Justice Department, King says, have refused, both by letter and in face-to-face confrontations, to turn over the guns.

## It's 'Under Study'

"They've been using the euphemism that 'the matter is under study,'" King told The Rocky Mountain News.

King has retained the Denver

law firm of Holmberg and Paulson and the Dallas firm of Kilgore to represent him in his attempts and Kilgore to gain possession of the weapons. Members of the Dallas firm acted in King's behalf during negotiations to purchase the guns from Mrs. Oswald.

Included in the purchase, according to the lawsuit, are the 4-power telescopic sight and cartridge clip identified as parts of the murder weapon in the Warren Commission's report on the assassination.

King says he bought the guns strictly for his private collection and does not plan to put them on public exhibit. He declined to estimate the worth of his gun collection which he said is "quite large."

The assassination rifle and .38 pistol used by Oswald will be the most expensive items in the collection when and if he acquires them, King says.

His District Court suit also asks to recover costs of the legal action from the Government.

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# Marina Said Not Joining In Gun Suit

Marina Oswald is not joining a Colorado oilman in a suit against the U.S. attorney general to recover the rifle used in the assassination of President Kennedy, her attorney said in Dallas Tuesday.

The rifle, a scope-sight 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano model bought by Lee Oswald for \$12.95, was sold to John J. King of Englewood, Colo., for \$10,000 down and an additional undisclosed sum when it is returned by the government, Attorney William Blalock said.

Another Dallas attorney, William C. Garrett, filed a suit for King in federal court in Denver Monday seeking the return of the rifle and a .38-caliber pistol used in the slaying of Officer J. D. Tippitt from the Justice Department.

### NOT A PARTY

"Marina Oswald is not a party to the action filed by the gun collector," according to Mr. Blalock, the attorney for Mrs. Oswald. "She has disposed of her interests in the rifle and the pistol. They were sold to a gun collector."

The quoted price was \$10,000 in advance, plus additional payments when and if the weapons are returned.

The suit claims the rifle and pistol were purchased from the

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Lee Harvey Oswald estate last New Year's Eve.

Mr. King said in the suit the Justice Department has been "using the euphemism that 'the matter is under study,'" in declining to give him the weapons.

He described himself as a gun collector and said the purchase was for his private collection. He said he had no intentions of exhibiting the weapons publicly.

Attorney Garrett confirmed the suit was filed and that it alleged Mr. King "had asked for the guns and been refused them."

"The object of the complaint is to recover the guns," he said, declining to mention any prices paid or value placed on the weapons.

Mr. Garrett said he had drawn up some legal papers at the time of the sale, but had not been involved in the negotiation for purchase of the guns from Mrs. Oswald.

Meanwhile, other reliable sources indicated Marina Oswald had been trying unsuccessfully to recover some of the personal papers—including a personal diary of Lee Oswald—from the Warren Commission.

Reportedly a friend of the widowed Mrs. Oswald has been trying for some time to get the Warren Commission or the Justice Department to release the diary and other personal papers taken into custody shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

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# U.S. Will Seek To Retain JFK Death Weapon

Washington, May 9 (AP)—The rifle that killed President Kennedy would remain in government hands forever if Congress approves a bill to be proposed by the Justice Department.

This and other key evidence used by the Warren Commission in pinning the assassination on Lee Harvey Oswald would go into the National Archives if the Attorney General determines that its retention would be in the public interest.

While no decision yet has been made about what items of evidence the government will want to keep, an authoritative federal source said it will certainly include the 6.5-mm. Italian-made mail-order rifle used by Oswald when he fired on the Kennedy motorcade in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

## Pistol Sought, Too

It also will include the .38 caliber pistol wielded by Oswald in the fatal shooting of Dallas Policeman J. D. Tippit on the day of the assassination, the source said.

Oswald's widow, Marina, as administrator of his estate, has been offered \$10,000 for the two weapons by a gun collector—even though they are still in government possession, in an FBI storage vault.

Under the bill being drafted by the Justice Department, persons whose property is claimed by the government could sue in federal court for compensation.

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**U.S. Will Seek Possession  
Of the Rifle Used by Oswald**

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) —The rifle that killed President Kennedy would remain in Government hands forever under a bill to be proposed by the Justice Department.

The rifle and other key evidence used by the Warren Commission in pinning the assassination guilt on Lee Harvey Oswald would go into the National Archives if the Attorney General judged their retention to be in the public interest.

Under the bill persons whose property is claimed by the Government could sue in Federal Court for compensation.

Oswald's wife, Marina, has been offered \$10,000 for the two weapons by a gun collector even though they are still in Government possession.

The bill is based on the premise that the key physical evidence in the assassination should be made absolutely secure so that no doubts can be raised about it in the near or distant future.

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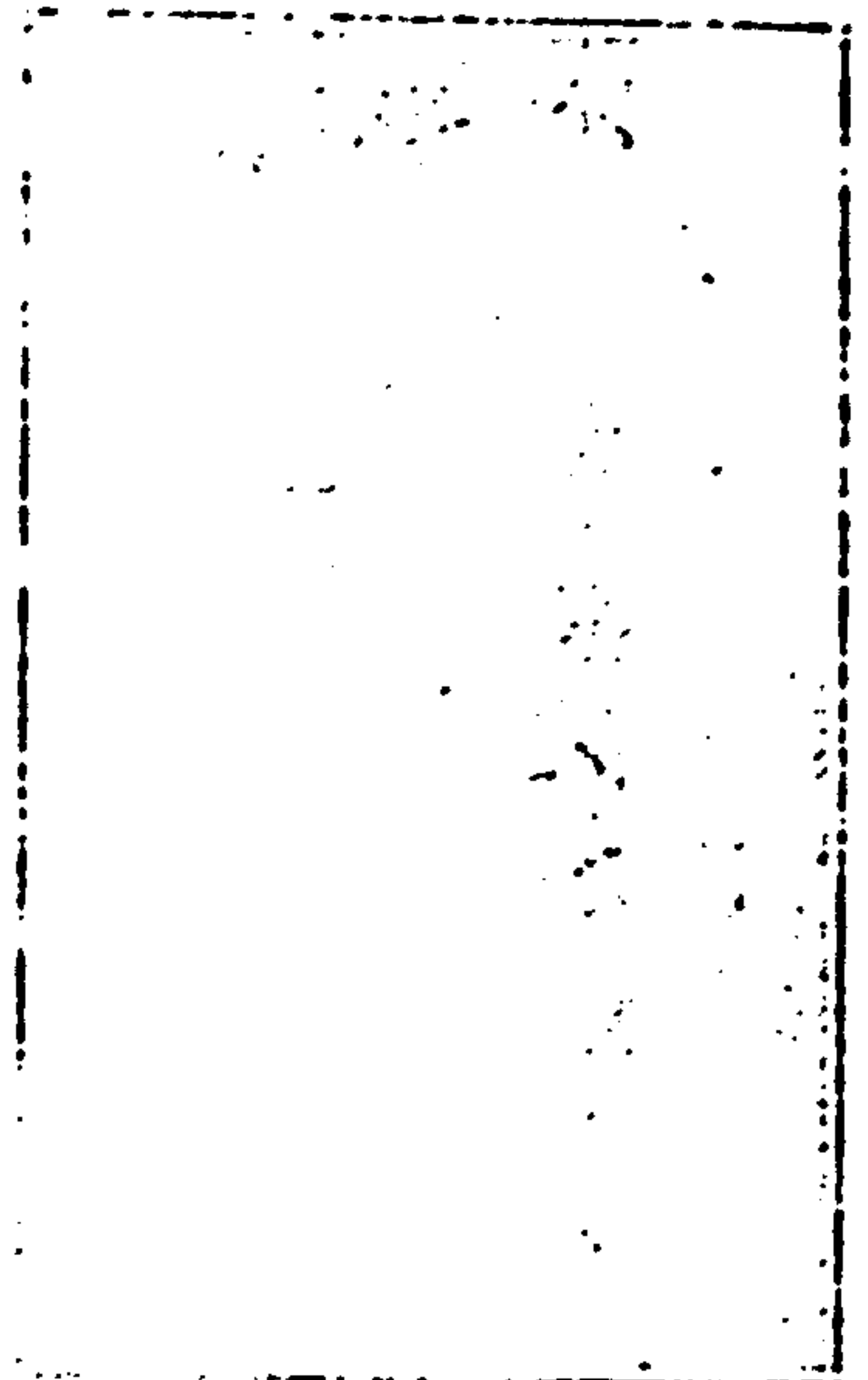
For its examination of the case of criminal justice, in its White House, might take the case of Lee Harvey Oswald, as a of departure -- speed once

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view of the program, title course, had every great respect an in-depth appraisal of the Oswald case. However, we saw was a sequence of interviews with persons who prison terms for crimes did not commit. The, plus pictures, films and a narration by Huntley of the hour.

indicated that it's true the interviews were eye-opening and then breaking, we think NBC made a mistake by letting them be the focal point of the hour. Many of the recollections added up to a treatment of our police and more specifically of the individual of the individual.

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### Subject on Radio 100:

Huntley separated the chaff from the wheat when it presented Gary Crosby and Frank Sinatra as co-hosts of the American-organized portion of the NBC-TV. Hard as the is tried, they didn't bring off their lines with

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the peculiar flippancy of a King or a Frank, their fathers. Jerry Lewis' son Gary also was on hand with his group, the Playboys, doing a rendition of a rock 'n' roll number.

But the two hosts managed their songs well, and the guest list on the U. S. part was above the average for the program. Folk singers Judy Collins and Joe and Eddie, plus the old-time belting out of a song by Danny Mechal, gave the impression that *Haitab'oo* is looking for an audience that is older than its present norm. The impression was just about dispelled by Brian Epstein's London segment of the TVer. He had Herman's Hermits with him. He should have kept them there.

#### Capsule Comments:

WCBS-TV's Eye on New York report on Spanish Harlem was a fine documentary. It showed how there is a growing awareness in the neighborhood of its responsibilities within the city, with residents pointing out what was being done by inhabitants to improve the area. . . . One sentence description of TWB's NBC outing Tuesday night: That Was the Weakest That Was.

#### Here's News:

WPIX has discovered that TV kid shows and newspaper comic strips have one thing in common — adult viewers. Recent station breakdown on November Super-Saturday ratings for the 5:30-6 P. M. feature, 144,000 teen-agers and 130,000 women and 122,000 men. . . . Congratulations to George Rosen (of NBC's *Variety's* radio-TV editor, who starts March 15 with NBC as the web's London-based coordinator of NBC News Information Services. Rosen will report directly to William R. McAndrew, executive vice president in charge of news. . . . Alan King plans to write several of the scripts for his new TV series, *The Alan King Show*.

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**BELLOWS SAYS  
HE WANTS OUT  
OF RUBY CASE**

Charles Bellows, Chicago lawyer, said last night that he will ask permission to withdraw as a defense counsel for Jack Ruby, now under sentence of death in the fatal shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President Kennedy.

He said his decision to withdraw was motivated by interference by Ruby's family and a Detroit attorney, Sol Dann, who is seeking to have a Texas attorney, Joseph Tonahill, removed from the defense team.

Last October Mrs. Eva L. Grant, sister of Ruby, asked the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals to fire all of Ruby's attorneys of record except P. B. Bureson of Dallas. As a result two other attorneys, Clayton Fowler and Emmett Coivin, withdrew.

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# Jurists Seek to Curb Statements to Press <sup>1-3</sup>

By DANA BULLEN  
Star Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS — A code for judges urging them to prevent lawyers from talking to the press about pending court cases is being developed by the National Conference of State Trial Judges.

If present plans materialize, the code will be distributed to the nation's 3,500 state trial judges with the recommendation that individual states adopt similar codes tailored to local circumstances.

The relationship between freedom of the press and the right to a fair trial is being studied by many groups now in the wake of the Lee-Oswald and Jack Ruby cases and the Warren Commission report.

The executive committee of the state judges group discussed the proposed code at a session here yesterday in connection with the American Bar Association mid-year meeting.

In other meeting activities:

1. Judge Bernard Botcin of New York told the National Conference of Bar Presidents that arrangements are under way to have domestic peace corps workers help with local bail projects.

He said that if sufficient requests from communities are received, Vista (Volunteers in Service to America) would attempt to recruit and train 100 volunteers for this type of work.

Programs are under way in Washington, New York and a number of other places for release of selected criminal defendants without bail pending trial. The volunteers could help with such programs, Botcin said.

## Harriman Speaks

2. W. Averell Harriman, undersecretary of state for political affairs, said in remarks at a banquet of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation that the conflict between the Soviet Union and Red China has "vastly favorable" implications for the free world in the long run.

But in the immediate future," Harriman said, "the competition for world leadership of the (Communist) movement is increasing the dangers . . . to free countries."

Harriman said that continuing United States leadership is necessary in Viet Nam to contain Communism, or it will be left free to spread in Southeast Asia "like a forest fire."

Harriman substituted for the scheduled speaker, Undersecretary of State George W. Ball, who was unable to attend the banquet because of what was termed a bad cold. Ball has been serving as acting secretary of state—Dean Rusk also has the "executive flu."

3. Special American Bar Foundation awards for research and service were presented to E. Blyth Stason, former dean of the Michigan Law School, and to James D. Carpenter, 80, a practicing attorney since 1909 in Newark, N.J.

## Reprimands for Revelations

The proposed code for judges outlines fair responsibilities in a number of areas of trial activity. The section dealing with the press is only a part of the overall code.

A key provision, if finally approved, states that trial judges should reprimand a lawyer or recommend disciplinary proceedings for violation of the ban on out-of-court statements.

"A public trial is one to which the public is admitted without preference to the extent that the facilities permit without crowding or standing," the draft of the proposed code said.

"The fact that trials are public does not entitle anyone to photograph, record or otherwise to participate, interrupt or detract from the proceedings . . ."

"The trial judge should not permit counsel or any party

to make any statements regarding a pending case to the public, the press or to others outside the courtroom," the draft said.

The trial judge, it said, is responsible for the proper behavior of spectators and news reporters. "He should not tolerate any participation, interruption or other conduct that may interfere . . ." the proposed code said.

It provides that trial judges should not seek or encourage publicity, nor should they restrict the access of the public or the press to records or to court proceedings.

The executive committee of the state trial judges conference is to take up the proposed code again before the conference meeting next August. At that time, the conference may be asked to approve the code for nationwide distribution.

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# Rips Warren Paper as 'Soft' on Reds

The Warren commission's report on President Kennedy's assassination failed to realistically evaluate the known facts concerning the involvement with communism and the soviet secret police of the purported slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald," a member of Congress said last night.

Speaking on the radio forum conducted by Clarence F. Manion, author, lawyer and constitutional authority, Rep. John P. Pillion (R., N. Y.) declared the commission chose to "gloss-over" and to avoid Oswald's long record of pro-communism.

### Cites His Statement

"I stated to the commission," Pillion continued, "that its report would, in effect, constitute a 'whitewash' if the soviet-dominated world communist apparatus was not identified as the prime motivating factor in Oswald's assassination of President Kennedy. [But] the commission was bound to conform to the state department's policies not to create any hostility toward the soviet or toward

communist infiltrations or subversions.

"Oswald was first inculcated with communism in New York City at age 15. At age 17, he joined the marine corps, where he brazenly expressed his admiration for the soviet and the communist life. It is a disgrace to our military forces that a boy, sworn to defend this nation would become an admitted and confirmed Communist, without our marine corps officers even recognizing it."

### Goes to Russia

After his discharge, Oswald went to Russia, Pillion said, where he sought out and became associated with the soviet secret police. He denounced the United States and was given "a sham cover job" in an electronic plant in Minsk where his pay was more than that of the plant manager, the chief of 5,000 employees.

Oswald's Russian wife, Marina, was a member of the Komsomol, "which is the training organization for the soviet's young communist party members," the congressman said. Her uncle was a colonel in the KGB, a branch of soviet intelligence.

"After 2 1/2 years in the soviet, Oswald returned to the United States about June, 1962," Pillion said. "From that period to the time of his assassination of President Kennedy, Oswald was preoccupied with communism. By this time, he was a cold professional killer associated with the soviet apparatus. The Warren commission deliberately avoided assigning the least bit of culpability to the soviet and to communism as the decisive factors motivating Oswald's crimes."

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# Dallas Police Chief Denies FBI Ever

## Asked Him for Oswald Cover-Up

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DALLAS, Oct. 14 (UPI) — J. Gordon Shanklin, in charge of the Dallas FBI office, today made public a letter from Police Chief Jesse Curry, denying that the FBI ever asked Curry to "cover up" the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas before the Kennedy assassination.

Shanklin wrote Curry Oct. 13: "Based upon a letter which you are quoted by news services as writing to the President's commission in May, 1964, certain members of the news media are indicating that I am supposed to have asked you to cover up the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Tex., prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. "You will recall that on the

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occasion of my call to you on Oswald under surveillance, connected with the Federal  
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I asked this retraction be by Shanklin, said: "This is in reply to your  
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# 'Little. Folded I LOGS RUN BY Lee Oswald 17

By JOHN TACKER

It's just a little prayer book. Blue, with a water-warped cover bearing the portrait of a cherubic child looking heavenward.

The title is "Little Folded Hands."

You pick it up. It's small and somehow comfortable in your hands.

You flip through the pages and your eyes scan familiar lines, like, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep . . ."

It takes you back. And it's comforting.

Then you notice an inscription in the front, written in the hand of an adult, and the book suddenly becomes anvil heavy.

"To Lee Oswald From Zion Lutheran Sunday School. Christmas 1946. Covington, La."

It hits you like a truck. Lee Harvey Oswald's hands held this book. He mouthed these innocent verses.

THE INITIAL disbelief wears into an eerie feeling, as if you've established some sort of contact with the little boy who read the book.

In terms of a 24-year-old life, his touch is still warm on the book. He must have perused the poetic prayers off and on from age seven to age 16, and maybe longer.

Several years ago, the book was left in an apartment rented by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Lee's mother. Eventually it came into the possession of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wade, who have it today. They got it from an in-law who rented Mrs. Oswald the apartment.

Under the gift notation in the front of the book is an entry written by a child.

"Lee Oswald. November 25, 1948." A box was drawn around the name and date.

LEE WAS nine years old. It was 15 years and three days before President Kennedy was assassinated.

At the time of the signing, Oswald's mother and her third husband were fighting. They separated in January of that year and in March were divorced.



Lee Harvey Oswald  
God and Karl Marx

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When he signed the book, two years after he got it ~~at a~~  
present, he may have re-read the prayer:

"What'er I do, things great or small  
What'er I speak or frame  
Thy glory may I seek in all  
Do all in Jesus Name.

My Father, for His sake I pray  
Thy child accept and bless  
And lead me by Thy grace today  
In paths of righteousness."

On a blank page opposite the title page, there are second  
and third signings.

The hand is a little surer now.

"LEE OSWALD. JUNE 9, 1954."

Oswald was 15 and in school in New Orleans. He put  
parentheses around the notation and underlined the date,  
as if making an idle addition.

Six months later another entry was made.

Lee Oswald. January 14, 1955."

According to his mother, it was about this time that she  
withdrew him from school so they could move. And it was  
about this time that she said he began reading books on  
Marxism and Communism.

Yet while in the midst of studying a godless doctrinaire,  
he went back to "Little Folded Hands."

MAYBE HE did it in the way that many kids do when  
they rediscover old Bibles and school books. Maybe he want-  
ed to sign the book and thereby verify that he as a person  
was still around. And possibly to watch for changes in his  
signature.

But if he signed the prayer book, he likely spent another  
visit with its messages. His eyes could have settled on the  
simple verse:

"I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Help me, O my God!  
Amen."

Little folded hands. They grew into hands that on Nov.  
22, for all that is known, performed the foulest deed of the  
century.

Later Oswald raised those hands—now manacled at the  
wrist—over his head and clasped them proudly in the sign  
of the Communist.

Nov. 23 . . . city jail . . . Jack Ruby . . . one shot . . .

And then the hands were folded once more. Still, peaceful  
and mysterious, across his chest.



(Lee Oswald)  
June 9, 1954

Lee Oswald  
January 14, 1955

## Little Folded Hands

Prayers for Children

Compiled from Various Sources

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# The Mystery of Marina Oswald

One year ago Marina Nikolaevna Prusakova Oswald was simply a young Russian woman whose marriage to an unstable American named Lee Harvey Oswald was not running smoothly. Her plight had aroused the sympathy of a small Russian-speaking group in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who had assisted the Oswalds with gifts of clothing and household items.

Today, Marina Oswald is a celebrity of sorts and something of a puzzle to at least one member of the Warren Commission which found that her husband assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

Senator Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., recalled yesterday that Mrs. Oswald wore several different faces during the



MARINA OSWALD

... adjusts easily to capitalism

course of the Warren Commission's investigation.

Initially, she was the shy young woman who defended her husband as a kind man, gentle with the children and a help around the house.

Later, she seemed to grow more confident, reflected an air of sophistication and charged the Oswald had on occasion beat her.

And when Senator Russell and other members of the commission visited her in her home for further questioning, Mrs. Oswald insisted Oswald's real

target that ugly day in Dallas had been Texas' Governor John Connally rather than President Kennedy.

When reminded that this view conflicted with her earlier testimony, the young woman contended that there had been a misunderstanding due to difficulties in translation. Although she speaks and understands English, her testimony had been given in Russian.

Marina Oswald remains a controversial figure. Immediately following the assassination she attracted the attention of hosts of Americans who considered her a poor little Russian girl caught up in a web of circumstances she found difficult to understand. Thousands of dollars were mailed to her.

In retrospect, Mrs. Oswald may have been more resourceful than early evidence indicated. There is no information to connect her to her husband's horrible act. But there are suggestions that the "poor little Russian" girl was something of a shrew who nagged her husband because he was not a better provider and complained in the presence of others of his sexual inadequacies. There is also evidence that she is adapting very well to capitalism and may reap extensive future profits through the sale of her story as the wife of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Meanwhile, numerous blanks exist regarding her marriage to Oswald and their journey to this country from Russia. Unanswered, for instance, is how the Oswalds were able to secure permission for Marina to leave Russia with such apparent ease. This has not always proved the case with other American nationals who married Russian women.

Actually, findings of the Warren Commission lead away from any conclusion that the Oswalds were agents of the Soviet Union. But, as Senator Russell observed, the report released last Sunday will not end debate and speculation.

"It will continue," said Russell, "for a hundred years or longer."

And what of Marina Oswald? She had friends before the Dallas tragedy. Now that she has become—as they say in the movie trade—a valuable property, she will find more friends.

But there will always be those who wonder

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"WEH HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT OF THE SORT APPARENTLY REFERRED TO BY MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER IN HIS TESTIMONY OF MAY 14, 1964," STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THE CLOSEST THING TO HOOVER'S TESTIMONY THEY COULD FIND IN THEIR FILES WAS A MEMORANDUM FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW DATED JULY 11, 1961.

THE MEMORANDUM SAID THAT "20 MONTHS OF THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION HAVE CLEARLY HAD A MATURING EFFECT ON OSWALD." IT QUOTED OSWALD AS SAYING HE HAD LEARNED A "HARD LESSON," HAD DROPPED SOME "ILLUSIONS" ABOUT RUSSIA AND HAD ACQUIRED A "NEW UNDERSTANDING" OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE MEMORANDUM SAID MUCH OF HIS "ARROGANCE AND BRAVADO" EARLIER VISITS TO THE EMBASSY WERE GONE. THE ABOVE EXCERPTS FROM THE MEMORANDUM WERE PUBLISHED IN THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID ANOTHER MEMORANDUM, WRITTEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SOVIET AFFAIRS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 16, 1962, DESCRIBED OSWALD AS "AN UNSTABLE CHARACTER WHOSE ACTIONS ARE ENTIRELY UNPREDICTABLE."

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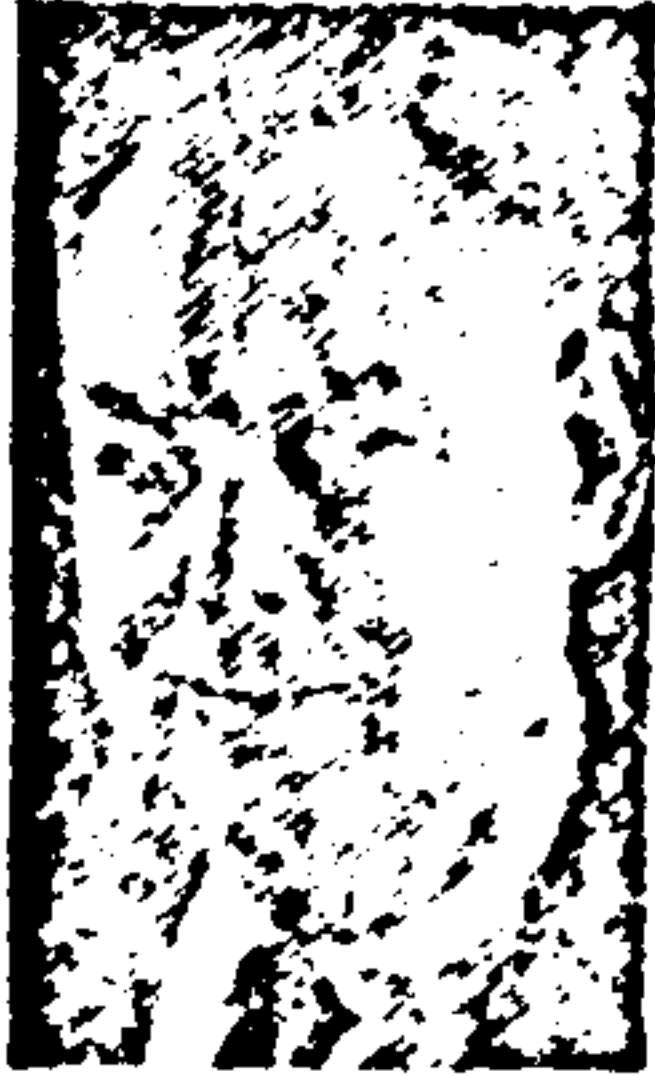
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# These Days . . . . . Pity the Poor FBI

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PITY the poor FBI. In the past, it has gotten it in the neck for taking too severe a view of the Communist menace. Its chief, J. Edgar Hoover, has been criticized for seeing Reds under the bed. The Reuther brothers, Walter and Victor, in their famous



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memo to Robert F. Kennedy (then the Attorney General), insisted that the danger from the left was not in it in comparison to the danger from the right, and called upon the Department of Justice to put a stop to Red witch-hunting by Federal sleuths.

That, of course, was almost three years before John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas. The Warren Commission report makes it plain that the assassination was the act of Lee Harvey Oswald, a loner whose Marxist background was well known to the FBI. The "get J. Edgar Hoover" faction is now echoing the Warren Commission's criticism of the FBI for its "unduly restrictive view of its responsibilities in preventive intelligence work."

"The argument is that the Dallas police should have been tipped off by the FBI about Oswald's history of dalliance in the Soviet Union, his attempt to forswear his American citizenship, and his work for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, in time to have him taken into detention

before Mr. Kennedy made the trip to Texas.

THE WARREN Commission report admits that criticism of the FBI on this score is "tinged with hindsight." As, indeed, it is. Moreover, it comes with exceedingly bad grace from a commission headed by the Chief Justice of the United States, for the Warren Court has been most zealous in its insistence that Communists have civil rights must not be invaded.

The Court has also been oversolicitous of the rights of alleged criminals. In the Mallory case, for example, the Court insisted that a Negro who had been convicted in a lower court of choking and raping a woman should be freed simply because he had been held for some 11 hours for questioning before arraignment. The same man later choked and raped another woman and was jailed for it.

Always, up to the present, the liberals have insisted that "raw and unprocessed" material in the FBI files should not be used as the basis for proceeding against any person. But now we are suddenly offered the proposition that, before a President visits a given town, every suspected Red or psychotic whose "raw" record is known to FBI agents should be forcibly detained for a safe period.

This is idiotic on the face of it. For instance, on one of President Johnson's trips to New York City, his itinerary took him past the dwelling places or hangouts

of 3700 persons who might legitimately be suspected of subversive, psychotic or crackpot tendencies. Imagine the uproar from the civil libertarians if 3700 persons were put under police surveillance at one time. The FBI would be accused of making its "raw" data the basis of wholesale invasion of private rights.

THE POINT is that Lee Harvey Oswald, before the Kennedy murder, had not been known for violent tendencies. He was merely one of thousands of persons in America who are known to the FBI for having had relations with the Reds of one sort or another.

If the Government couldn't even apply the Smith Act to control Communist subversion in a manner satisfactory to the Supreme Court, how could a big city police force justify the detention of every suspected Red or psychopath who might turn up to watch a presidential motorcade go past a big building?

The police force that did that would be denounced from one end of the country to the other. The leftist Nation magazine's Fred J. Cook, perennial critic of the FBI, would devote a whole magazine issue to it; liberal law school professors would debate it endlessly, and even some conservatives might legitimately observe that Americans are entitled to their freedom until they have been duly convicted of breaking a law.

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