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## Ruby Case Mystery: Why FBI Helped Him

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**Defense Got  
Secret Data**

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

DALLAS, Feb. 21—One of the best kept secrets of the Jack Ruby trial is the extent to which the Federal Government is cooperating with the defense.

**OSWALD CLASSIFIED**  
It appears that Washington knows in substance more than most of the world is aware of about Lee Harvey Oswald's past. It knows and would like to disclose to anyone who would care to know the details of his life and his movements in the days before he was shot. The only person, apparently, who is permitted to know the details of Oswald's life is the man who shot him and only to his attorney's counsel, but in the possession of "classified" persons whose duty it is to keep such information secret.

THE HEARST press headlines Dorothy Kilgallen's story from Dallas.

By GEORGE MORRIS

THE N. Y. JOURNAL-AMERICAN in a copyrighted story Friday from Dallas by Dorothy Kilgallen, says the federal government through the FBI is "cooperating" with the defense of Jack Ruby on the basis of an understanding that no questions would be asked during the trial about Lee Harvey Oswald, the man Ruby killed.

Miss Kilgallen writes that an "alliance" was arranged last month between the FBI and Ruby's lawyers. The deal enables the defense to obtain "reams of helpful information" that otherwise would not be obtainable from the FBI. She writes:

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## New Attorney

MRS. LEE HARVEY OSWALD has fired John Thorne, her attorney, and James H. Martin, her business manager, it was announced in Dallas Saturday.

She engaged as her new attorney William A. McKenzie, Dallas attorney who accompanied Robert Oswald during his testimony before the Warren commission.

Mrs. Oswald gave no reason for the changes.

Martin had announced last week that Mrs. Oswald had signed contracts with Meredith Press in Des Moines, Iowa, for the book rights to her memoirs, and with Tex-Italia Films, an Italian company, for motion picture rights. Martin, however, refused to say how he and Thorne would benefit from the contracts.

The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Houston Post, dug up some corroborating material.

Mrs. Oswald suggests her son was dragged into the conspiracy as a "scapegoat." Other evidence points to the possibility that others were triggermen because the President was hit from the back and front.

But whatever the truth, the Journal-American will strongly influence some new public thinking on the assassination mystery that the Dallas police and the FBI declared "solved" and "closed" within hours of the crime.

Meanwhile more mystery was added with entry of a new person into the picture, Lee Oswald's older brother, Robert, who testified before the Warren Commission, bringing 20 letters that he had received from Lee during the year and a half that Lee sought an exit visa from the Soviet Union. According to the Chicago Daily News, an informant of the Warren Commission

"It appears that Washington knows or suspects something about Lee Harvey Oswald that it doesn't want Dallas or the rest of the world to know or suspect."

The story suggests that the defense will be told that not only is Oswald dead but that he passed on "to the mysterious realm of 'classified' persons whose whole story is known only to a few government agents."

The Journal-American's story, under a blazing headline and presumably running in all the papers of the Hearst chain, seems to have run against the "national security" wall that Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of the commission investigating the assassination, indicated when he said that some information may not be known "for decades" or "in your lifetime."

Miss Kilgallen's story all but says that Oswald may have been an agent of the CIA, as his mother has been saying at news conferences all over the country. And it adds more to doubts in many minds concerning the FBI claim that Oswald and Ruby were total strangers and each acted alone spurred only by psychiatric disorders.

The Worker has been pointing out since the week of the assassination that what is known of Oswald's conduct bears all the earmarks of an undercover agent. The Worker has been alone in that position and accumulated the evidence to back it, until Mrs. Marguerite Oswald made her disclosures. Then certain other newspapers, notably

the Dallas Morning News, said the letters contained information on the nature of Oswald's work. But no details were given. Officially, the Warren Commission was mum, in contrast to the daily briefing sessions with the press when Oswald's widow, Marina, testified.

Just before Lee Oswald boarded a ship out of New Orleans for Europe in the fall of 1959, he wrote his mother he must go and that she "wouldn't understand." Possibly he wrote more particulars to his brother.

Mark Lane, whom Mrs. Oswald has engaged as lawyer for her son to clear his name, told a Town Hall meeting in N. Y. last week that a week before the killing, Bernard Weissman, sole signer of the full-page \$1,400 anti-Kennedy ad in the Dallas News on the day of the assassination and patrolman J. D. Tippett whom Oswald allegedly shot, together with a third person whom he may be able to name later, met in Jack Ruby's striptease joint, the Carousel. Lane declined to discuss Ruby's involvement in the picture on the ground that the trial is on.

Meanwhile the monotonous routine continued of trying to find a jury in Dallas for Ruby's trial.