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Oswald's Mother Offers to Help Garrison Probe

Believes Conspiracy Behind Death of JFK

The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald told the Times-Picayune Monday night she believes a conspiracy was behind the death of President John F. Kennedy but that her son had nothing to do with it.

Interviewed by telephone at her Fort Worth, Tex., home, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald said she was "delighted" that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is conducting a probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy.

She said she has always contended, as does Garrison, that a conspiracy was involved and that the Warren Report is full of errors.

OFFERS TO HELP DA

Mrs. Oswald said she has not been contacted by the New Orleans DA in his investigation, but she added, "If I can help him in any way at all I will."

She expressed the hope that Garrison will conduct the investigation with an "open mind" about the innocence of her son. Mrs. Oswald said she is "devoting my life" to proving that Lee was "framed."

At a Monday afternoon press conference, Garrison said he believed that no foreign country was behind the conspiracy. Mrs. Oswald said she too had always contended it was a domestic plot.

She said that although Cubans had been mentioned in press dispatches on Garrison's probe,

"I certainly hope no one tries to link Lee to Cuba."

DENIES CONTACTING

Mrs. Oswald denied a report that she had contacted New Orleans attorney Sam Monk Zelden to defend her son. She said that her son was killed so quickly that she had no time to contact a lawyer.

Dean A. Andrews Jr., assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney, has said that he was contacted by a man named Clay Bertrand shortly after the assassination and asked to defend Oswald.

He said he recommended Zelden.

The Warren Commission was unable to locate the man identified as Bertrand.

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