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Name abuse charged Oswald's mother calls foul on CBS

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Twelve years ago Monday, nightclub operator Jack Ruby shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald to death at the Dallas jail, creating a series of question marks about the death of John Kennedy that have echoed for more than a decade.

The story—and the questions—continue on the anniversary of Oswald's death with a scheduled two-part feature entitled "The Assassins" on CBS Television Tuesday and Wednesday that examines the killings of John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy.

The program, which purports to include a recent interview with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused presidential assassin, has aroused her anger and has prompted her to send a telegram to Richard Salant, president of CBS.

Mrs. Oswald, who sent the telegram Friday and had not received a reply late Sunday night, said she had not been contacted by the network and had not been interviewed by Dan Rather, who is anchoring the program.

"They must be using an old interview," she said.

THE TELEGRAM TO Salant and CBS referred to published reports in the Christian Science Monitor, which said an interview with Mrs. Oswald would be included on the two-part program.

Mr. Salant, I have at no time had an interview with Mr. Dan Rather of CBS, and I deplore the abuse of my name and exploitation of same," the telegram said. "Demand is made that you publicly retract and apologize for your abuse of my rights and omit my name from the documentary to be aired within the next few days.

Mr. Salant, I am on welfare and the sending of this telegram means at least two meals that I will miss, but that is what it takes to protect the rights of my late son, Lee Harvey Oswald, and myself, so be it."

She told the Star-Telegram Sunday, "My son, Lee Harvey Oswald, is innocent of the charges against him."

Mrs. Oswald said that the exact wording of her statement is important. It covers a lot of territory.

conspiracy on Nov. 22 (when Kennedy was killed) and on Nov. 24 (when Ruby killed Oswald) in 1963."

Mrs. Oswald has long maintained that her son was "framed" for his alleged act as a lone assassin.

She said the new revelations about the FBI and CIA could open new avenues of investigation, but she added that "I've known plenty for 12 years, and I've carried the burden."

She said she would spend Monday (the day Oswald was killed by Ruby shortly before noon) meditating and that the next day—the anniversary of Oswald's burial—she would go to his grave at Rose Hill Burial Park.

"The Kennedys go to the grave (of John Kennedy) the day the President was shot," she said. "but I'd rather go on the day Lee was buried."

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