

Oswald's Widow and Relatives Kept in Hiding by U.S. Agents

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DALLAS, Nov. 26—The widow and relatives of Lee Harvey Oswald are being sequestered here by the Secret Service.

A spokesman for the Secret Service said today that the family was being kept in a secret place for its own protection.

Robert Oswald, 26-year-old brother of the accused assassin of President Kennedy, and his family have not been in their home in nearby Denton since shortly after the assassination Friday.

An official of the Acme Brick Company, where Mr. Oswald works as a sales coordinator, said he had not heard from him. He said he did not know when Mr. Oswald would return.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the slain man, has not been back to her home in Fort Worth since Friday.

Oswald's widow and two young daughters have not been at the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine in nearby Irving, where they had been living since Saturday.

A Secret Service spokesman said he did not know when they would be released. They have been questioned exhaustively for clues about Oswald's motives and possible associations in connection with the assassination.

Mrs. Paine said Marina Oswald, the 22-year-old Russian-born widow of the accused assassin, had been urged by Oswald early this year to return to the Soviet Union because he was unable to support her.

After this urging, Mrs. Oswald asked the Soviet Embassy in Washington for a visa, Mrs. Paine said. When the Embassy asked why she wanted to go, she did not answer. Mrs. Paine said this was because she did

not want to leave the United States.

Mrs. Paine said Mrs. Oswald had never reported any desire by her husband to return to the Soviet Union. He had lived there three years.

Mrs. Paine also said that Mrs. Oswald had never indicated if Oswald had any interest in the Communist party, in Cuba or in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

She said that neither she nor Mrs. Oswald knew of his intention to go to Mexico Sept. 26.

Mrs. Paine drove from here to New Orleans Sept. 23 to bring Mrs. Oswald and her daughter back to her Irving home because Oswald was out of a job again. This dismissal followed his handing out of Fair Play for Cuba leaflets.

She said that apparently he "deliberately" kept this from them, and said only that he was going to Houston to see a friend about a job possibility. Instead, Oswald apparently went to Mexico and inquired about visas to Cuba and the Soviet Union.

While he lived in Minsk in the Soviet Union, Mrs. Oswald had said, Oswald liked to go hunting. He did this a few times, Mrs. Paine thought, but she said her impression was that it might have been only as a guest of a hunt club member.

Mrs. Paine said she had received calls expressing sympathy for the plight of the widow. Some offered financial aid, she said. There have been no crank calls or threats.

She said she might take Mrs. Oswald to New York or Philadelphia later. Mrs. Paine said she would have more chance of getting a job in a city with a larger Russian community than the Dallas area has.