

Oswald Wanted

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In an exclusive Dallas News interview Saturday, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of slain assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said her son had wanted to become a writer.

She said he had applied and had been accepted by the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland at the time he defected to Russia in 1959.

Mrs. Oswald said she learned of this when she opened some of his mail forwarded to her home in Fort Worth, after her self-styled Marxist son departed for the Soviet Union.

ONE LETTER from the Swiss college noted that he had been accepted, she said. On an application blank, Lee had written why he wished to attend the school.

He wrote that he wanted to visit foreign lands to see conditions and the people first-hand, and then return to the United States to write about his travels.

A Fort Worth stenographer disclosed Friday that she had typed

some of Oswald's notes after he returned to the U.S.

Mrs. Oswald said the \$10 bill he used to pay the stenographer in June, 1962, for 10 pages of single-spaced typewritten notes was probably the same \$10 bill the mother gave him on his first day back home.

"I know it is," she said. "That was all the money he had."

MRS. OSWALD did not see her son for about a year after he left Fort Worth. He did not even write.

Apparently, there had been a rift. The mother said she had given a high chair to Lee's then 1-year-old daughter. Lee scolded her, she said.

"Don't do this again, mama. You cannot afford these things. I will not have it," she quoted her son as saying.

Mrs. Oswald said, "That was like my Lee. He did not want me to spend a cent on him. He wanted to earn his own way.

"He didn't come around to see me in the past year because he didn't want me to be involved in his troubles. He wanted to shoul-

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der it himself. He was always an individualist."

MRS. OSWALD expressed bitterness toward the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She said an FBI man had shown her a picture of Jack Ruby on the eve of her son's slaying.

"The FBI knew something. How then did he (Ruby) manage to get so close to my boy if the FBI feared this man might do harm?" she asked.

An FBI agent flatly denied her story about Jack Ruby's photograph. He admitted showing the mother a picture and asking if she knew the man portrayed in it. He said the man was not Ruby.

She said she had earlier exchanged words with the agent when he attempted to question Oswald's Russian wife.

SHE SAID she told the agent she would "not permit Marina (the wife) to talk until she was given counsel." She said the agent told her "to keep quiet."

The Russian wife speaks little English. Mrs. Oswald said she shook her head at Marina and said, "No. No. Do not say a word until we get a lawyer."

The mother said, "Then in the best English she knew, Marina told the FBI agent, 'I do what mama say I do.'"

"About that time, Robert

(Lee's brother) came into the room and he told the agents, 'Marina has told all she knows to Capt. (Will) Fritz. She has had a hard day. Please leave her alone.'

"THAT TOLD the agents off," said Mrs. Oswald. "They left with a Russian interpreter I'd seen earlier with some magazine reporters."

Mrs. Oswald denied that she was paid for her story by a national magazine. In fact, she said the magazine reporters left her and Marina stranded in a Dallas motel.

She said she did not give the magazine reporters a story. "I don't think we should give you the story exclusively if you don't pay us for it," she said she told them.

They offered to pay expenses, food, lodging and the like. She said the magazine men took her and Marina to a downtown hotel and then moved them to a motel to hide them more effectively.

EN ROUTE to the motel, she said, one of the men put a \$50 bill in her hands, saying, "Take this and we'll see you later."

Two rooms were reserved at the motel, one for the mother and another for the wife and children.

The magazine men never did come back, she said.

When she and her daughter-in-law checked out, the \$50 bill barely covered expenses, she said.