

Paper Reports Oswald Had Psychiatric Record

NEW YORK (AP) — The Post said Saturday that Lee Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, had a psychiatric and truancy record in the Bronx.

The newspaper, in a copyrighted story, quoted Florence M. Kelley, presiding justice of the Family Court, as saying the information has been given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"It was learned from other sources that the psychiatric report recommended young Oswald — then only 13 — for commitment," the Post said. "The recommendation was turned down by the court.

"The probation report found schizophrenic tendencies and said that Oswald was 'potentially dangerous.'

"The boy's mother testified that she could not cope with him."

Young Oswald had been taken to the court in 1953 for long-term truancy.

Justice Kelley, who was not a member of the court at the time, confirmed that there had been a psychiatric report on Oswald, but declined to disclose the nature of it, the Post said. It quoted her as saying:

"Our records are always confidential and we never reveal them to anyone. I did give some information to the FBI, as an exception, and contrary to our regular

rules, for the simple reason that Oswald is dead and if this kind of report could cast light on what kind of person he was, that would be in the national interest."

Oswald and his mother came to the Bronx from Fort Worth, and the boy attended two Bronx junior high schools.

The Post said it had been told by Bronx teachers and principals that Oswald spent only 15 days out of an entire term at one school and that he was "below par" at the other.

The mother and son left New York shortly after the court appearance, the Post said.

Meanwhile, new stories here said the FBI was checking a report that Oswald in later years was a close friend of an extreme right-winger, a Mississippian who lived at one time in New York City's Greenwich Village.

The FBI refused to confirm or deny the report, but several villagers confirmed that agents had questioned them in an effort to learn the whereabouts of the rightist.

Village sources said the man, whose name was not disclosed, had created disturbances at liberal meetings in the village.

The sources could not confirm a report that the FBI was acting on a tip by an informant that he, Oswald and the Mississippian had served together in the Marines.