

Oswald's Widow Now Reported Convinced of Husband's Guilt

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GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas, Jan. 7—Mrs. Lee H. Oswald is convinced that her husband assassinated President Kennedy, her business adviser said today.

James H. Martin, the adviser, said her conviction was so strong that even if a jury could find Oswald not guilty her opinion would be unchanged.

Mr. Martin made the statement as he explained why Mrs. Oswald has resisted suggestions that she sue either Jack L. Ruby, or the City of Dallas for the death of her husband.

Oswald was allegedly shot by Ruby Nov. 24, two days after the assassination, in the basement of the Dallas city jail.

"She has this feeling that her husband killed the President," Mr. Martin said. "When the lawsuits are proposed to her she says that we should let sleeping dogs lie."

"That's not her expression," he explained. She hasn't learned that much English yet. But she's convinced that he's guilty, even though she cared for him."

Mrs. Oswald had previously told investigators about the night of April 10, 1963, when her husband told her that he had fired a rifle shot at former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in his Dallas study. Earlier Oswald had left his wife a list of instructions in case he was arrested.

Oswald married his wife, Marina, who is now 22, in the spring of 1961, when he was in Russia as a defector from the United States.

She spoke little English before the assassination, "not more than 15 words when I first met her," Mr. Martin said.

Mr. Martin was the manager of a motel to which Mrs. Oswald and her children were taken by the Secret Service after her husband was killed. Oswald's older brother, Robert, hired him as her business adviser.

She can now communicate without an interpreter, he added. "We speak only English to her."

Mr. Martin disputed reports that his client was being held in protective custody by the Government. He said:

"Secret Service agents are

guarding her, at the direction of President Johnson, because there had been some crank letters threatening her life.

"But she is completely free to see anyone she chooses to go any place."

She now lives in a private residence in the Dallas area.

Both Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, her mother-in-law, and Mrs. Ruth Paine, an Irving, Texas, woman who had befriended Marina Oswald before the assassination, have protested that they have not been able to see her for the last six weeks.

Mr. Martin that it was Marina Oswald's decision not to speak with them.

He said that Oswald's widow would soon begin looking for a house to buy for herself and her two small children.

She intends to look both in Grand Prairie and Arlington, suburbs of Dallas, he said.

Mr. Martin and John Thorne, Mrs. Oswald's attorney, have an office in Grand Prairie. Mrs. Oswald is inclined toward this community, Mr. Martin said.

A trust fund has been established for her with the more than \$25,000 that has been received so far in donations. Mr. Martin speculated that she would receive between \$500 and \$1,500 annually from the fund.

She would also receive \$200 a month from her husband's social security, he said.

Ruby May Be Witness

DALLAS, Jan. 7 (UPI)—Jack Ruby will be offered as a witness to the Presidential Commission investigating the Kennedy assassination, J. H. Hill of Jasper, Tex., one of Ruby's six lawyers, said today.