

# No Contact With Son in Year, Mrs. Oswald Say

## Talkative Mother Conducts Six-Hour Monologue at Kennedy Murder Inquiry

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WASHINGTON — Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, who claims to have evidence exonerating her late son in President John F. Kennedy's murder, disclosed Monday that she had no communication with Lee Harvey Oswald for about one year prior to the assassination.

The talkative, white-haired Ft. Worth practical nurse made the comment during six hours of nearly uninterrupted monologue before the Warren commission.

At the end of the day, Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of the commission, told newsmen that Mrs. Oswald had related her version of Oswald's life from his flight to Russia in 1959, through the assassination to his own murder in Dallas police headquarters last Nov. 24.

### Value Discounted

Warren's description of Mrs. Oswald's testimony indicated that no important new evidence was laid before the commission.

He said Mrs. Oswald's report "produced nothing that would change the picture" of the assassination already pieced together by investigators and the appearance last week of Oswald's Russian-born widow, Marina.

Where the commission spent four days interrogating Marina, its members asked Marguerite Oswald but a bare handful of questions during her flowing commentary.

But the 56-year-old mother of the accused assassin has more to say.

"I have not finished my story," she called to newsmen as she left the Warren commission.

Mrs. Oswald made the comment after being frustrated in her attempt to get to a microphone to make a statement.

As she left the commission headquarters in an elevator, she was asked if she had anything to say about the day's proceedings.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Oswald with a confident smile. "I would like to make one comment." She headed toward microphones and television cameras.

But her attorney, John F. Doyle, of Washington, placed a hand on her arm and said, "Mrs. Oswald, you'd better wait until after you finish your testimony."

### Leaves With Lawyer

Mrs. Oswald appeared disappointed. But she walked along with Doyle to a waiting Secret Service car and drove off. Doyle was appointed by John Pratt, president of the Washington Bar Assn., to represent Mrs. Oswald when it turned out her New York attorney, Mark Lane, was otherwise occupied.

When one reporter suggested to Warren that Mrs. Oswald might not be the silent type, the chief justice replied very seriously that she's telling her story in her own way from beginning to end.

Warren said he does not expect her to finish the testimony until Wednesday.

As she arrived and departed the commission offices in the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters, the short, plump woman bounced happily along the corridors smiling and laughing. She appeared to enjoy the attention she was getting.

She also indicated that she is anxious to talk with Washington reporters — as soon as she concludes her testimony.

## Evidence on Oswald Innocence Claimed

A New York attorney claimed here Monday he has documentary evidence to prove that Lee Harvey Oswald "did not fire the shots" that killed President John F. Kennedy.

Mark Lane, retained by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald to represent the interests of her dead son before the Warren Commission in Washington, also criticized the manner in which the case against Oswald was handled.

"Lee was convicted before he died," Lane told newsmen at an airport press conference. "I question in particular the release of statements in advance of trial supposedly identifying Oswald positively as the assassin."

### Flying to Washington

Lane said he was flying to Washington and would attempt to introduce his evidence before the Warren Commission today.

"I have requested permission to appear, but I was told that my presence would be neither appropriate nor helpful."

The attorney, a former New York legislator, exhibited photostatic copies of Dallas police reports "as part of the evidence."

He said one document, a report on the paraffin test given Oswald Nov. 23, proves that the accused assassin could not have fired a rifle the day before because no nitrate patterns were found on his right cheek.

"The report concludes," Lane said, "that the nitrate patterns found on his hands were similar to those produced by a revolver."

Lane refused to comment on whether he thought other people were involved in the assassination.