

Oswald's Mother Says He Was Federal Agent

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WASHINGTON — The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald told the Warren Commission Wednesday she believes her late son was a U.S. intelligence agent who has been made the "scapegoat" in President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald said she has as much circumstantial evidence of her son's innocence as the Dallas police have of his guilt.

But Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of the investigative panel, told reporters that Mrs. Oswald, in concluding her three days of testimony, "offered no evidence" to substantiate her contention that Oswald was an undercover agent.

Called Speculation

Warren explained that Mrs. Oswald contended that her own testimony, combined with letters she received from her son, led her to "speculate" that he was a federal agent.

But Mrs. Oswald did not use the term "speculate" in discussing the matter with reporters at the end of her testimony.

"I believe that Lee was an intelligence agent and so stated to the Warren Commission," Mrs. Oswald said.

She added that she has "many, many documents" to help substantiate her claim that Oswald was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

When reporters asked whether she has any proof

of this, she replied: "Who can prove who is a CIA man?"

Mrs. Oswald told news men she and New York lawyer Mark Lane are going to conduct their own investigation—which will include a series of personal appearances—to "find the assassin of President Kennedy, because I believe he still is at large."

"I am suggesting that he (Oswald) was not the killer of President Kennedy," she said. "He was set up to take the blame."

Warren said: "She did not profess to give us any facts that would prove anything in connection with the assassination. But she does contend that the correspondence and her own testimony taken in their entirety do present a much different picture than that given the public up to the present time."

Headline Referring to Lawyer in Error

In editions of Wednesday's Times, a headline on a story about the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy referred to New York attorney Mark Lane as a "self-appointed counsel." This is erroneous. Lane was acting at the request of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.