

## Mrs. Oswald's statement

*Following is the statement made by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Oswald, to the GUARDIAN Jan. 13, the day before it was to have been released generally to the press.*

I HAVE RETAINED Mark Lane to represent my son, Lee Harvey Oswald, before the Warren Commission. Last week I placed a long-distance call to Mr. Lane. He is a New York attorney. I asked him to come here because I had something important to discuss with him. He arrived in Fort Worth during the weekend and I asked him if he would represent my son, Lee Harvey Oswald, at the Warren Commission hearings and at the investigation.

I explained to him that I would not be able to pay him now as I was living on the \$863 insurance money along with contributions from people interested in justice. I told Mr. Lane that he was the only one I had faith in. The reason for that faith was that I had read the articles he had written and felt sure I would have some future income if I could write my book and of course have it published and offered to pay him later. True to my sense of justice, Mr. Lane immediately replied that he had never turned down a case yet because there was no fee and that it was too late to start bad habits now. He said he would take the case without any future fee even.

I have over approximately 1,000 letters stating opinions of the lack of trial and verdict of Lee within a few hours time, and of course the fact that he was murdered before he was able to defend the charges against him. This is what motivated me in my decision to continue to fight for our American way of life. I have up until now carried this fight alone. It is with great respect and deep gratitude to have such an individual as Mr. Mark Lane to help me. I know that there are many people who have information about this case, people who can help prove that Lee is not guilty. I pray that anyone with information or who wants to help will write to Mr. Mark Lane, 164 West 79th Street, New York.

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