



MARGUERITE OSWALD points to reproduction of a page from the Warren commission's report which she says points out that her son, whom the commission said assassinated President Kennedy, was an agent for the U.S. government.

Claims son was U.S. Reopen

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Matronly Marguerite Oswald, mother of the man the Warren commission said assassinated President John Kennedy, declared the probe surrounding the death of Kennedy should be reopened because, in her opinion, the late Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent working for the United States government.

That's the sensational disclosure concerning the assassination which Mrs. Oswald promised "would shock a lot of people." She revealed the information during an interview with the Alamo Messenger at station WOAI where on Nov. 30 she discussed her "findings" on radio and television.

A bespectacled woman, dressed neatly in a bright red dress, Mrs. Oswald surmised that the U.S. government in 1959 knew that one week before granted a "dire need" discharge from the U.S. Marine corps, her son applied for a passport to travel to several foreign countries, including the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Quoting from page 775 of the Warren commission report, Mrs. Oswald said that when her son applied for the passport before a clerk of a superior court in Santa Ana, Calif., he submitted a statement signed by a Marine officer noting that he (Oswald) was to be discharged. The passport was routinely issued six days later, according to the Warren report.

Explaining that Oswald had been given the discharge because of an illness she had at the time, Mrs. Oswald asked:

"How could the Marine corps give my son a dire need discharge, knowing that he had been issued a passport to travel abroad?"

Steadfastly maintaining that the Marine corps and the government knew about the details of the passport, she then declared matter-of-factly, "Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent of the United States government."

Mrs. Oswald, who makes her home in Fort Worth, said she drew this conclusion solely from the Warren commission

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probe, Oswald's mom asks

report. Members of the commission, she pointed out, failed to grasp the significance of the "connection."

Maintaining that the public has a right to know about Oswald's activities "as a U.S. agent," she demanded that the Warren commission's investigation be reopened.

Blown-up photograph

Mrs. Oswald also referred to a blown-up photograph which she said was snapped Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas by an onlooker viewing the motorcade in which President Kennedy was riding at the time he was fatally shot.

The picture, she said, shows two men in the crowd viewing the motorcade as the mortally wounded President clutched his throat. One man, she said, resembles night club owner Jack Ruby who two days after the assassination shot Oswald in the Dallas jail.

Is the man definitely Ruby? "I don't speculate," Mrs. Oswald demurred. "That should have been determined by the Warren commission," whom she said had studied the photograph.

The other man in the picture standing at the doorway of the Texas Book Depository bldg. looks like Oswald, she said, although she noted the Warren commission identified the man as a "Mr. Lovelady," an employe at the book depository bldg., from where the commission said Oswald -- from a sixth story window -- while acting alone, killed Kennedy.

"Mr. Lovelady offered contrary testimony, saying he was not dressed like the man in the doorway," remarked Mrs. Oswald. "If the man in the doorway is actually Lee Harvey Oswald, God help us all," she said.

Mrs. Oswald reiterated her request that the probe be continued to determine the doubts she raised. She does not think her son was the assassin.

The Warren commission's report, she said, is "full of inaccuracies -- 60 percent or more." The investigation should have been conducted for at least five years, providing the members with more time to properly evaluate all the evidence. The probe, she continued in her criticism, was too one-sided. It should have been public, providing for cross-examination.

Mrs. Oswald is riding a crest of recent controversy concerning the 27-volume report on the assassination issued Sept. 27, 1964 by the blue-ribbon commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The Associated Press reported last week that American newspaper editors generally agree that "confusion" and "doubt" persist about the slaying, but they disagree sharply over the potential value of a new investigation. Life maga-

zine, pointing out there are discrepancies in the Warren report, has called for a renewal of the probe.

Life based its plea on testimony of Texas Gov. John Connally, wounded while riding in the same automobile with Kennedy, who told the commission he was struck by a bullet that did not hit the President. The Warren commission said one bullet hit both men.

Connally on Nov. 23 at a press conference in Austin said although he disagrees with the commission on that one point, he sees no reason for reopening the investigation. He also criticized "journalistic scavengers" whose motives he suspects have "political overtones" in casting doubt on the commission's report.

Commenting on Connally's remarks, Mrs. Oswald remarked acidly, "All he knows is that he got shot. He doesn't know who did the shooting."

Mrs. Oswald's disclosure about her son being an agent of the U.S. government is not a novel speculation.

Editor Ronnie Dugger of the Texas Observer, recalling his investigation following the assassination, revealed in the Nov. 11 issue of his publication:

"...At one point an official told me that Oswald had been an FBI employe and had a certain pay number which my source gave me. He would not give his source but said it was solid. I at once relayed this to the (Washington) Post. (Dugger is also a correspondent for the Post.)

"Journalistically, the source would have had to have been so masked, the story would have seemed fishy if printed without confirmation and FBI sources said it wasn't so."

New stage

Dugger mentioned that Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.), a member of the commission, in a book ("Portrait of the Assassin") he helped compile stated Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr and Dallas Dist. Atty. Henry Wade brought this report to a full meeting of the commission.

The Observer editor concluded by writing:

"In my opinion the time has arrived in the post-assassination period for the matter to be advanced to a new stage, if it can be. The Warren report is not convincing, and neither are any of the theories that run to the contrary to the Washington report's conclusion.

"The legitimate doubts of the conclusion continue to be merely preliminary in the absence of evidence that there was a conspiracy and who the conspirators were. The government should reopen the investigation. Whether it does or not, the time is right for the active renewal of inquiries."