

Would Finance Trip by Sale of His Letters

Oswald's Mother May Visit Russia, Hopes to Clear Son

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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the mother of Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said yesterday she hopes to finance a trip to Russia with money she got Thursday night from sale of a letter her son wrote her from the Soviet Union.

She said she will look in Russia for evidence to clear her son's name.

The letter, which brought \$3,000 at an auction by Charles Hamilton Autographs in New York, told of events that embittered Oswald toward the United States. Oswald wrote it

to his mother after he married a Russian girl, Marina.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald sold it and 16 other pieces of Oswald memorabilia, including her son's baptismal certificate, through the auction for a total of \$7,165.

She said yesterday she has made no definite plans about a trip to Russia but would like to go next spring.

"The Russians haven't turned over everything (to the United States)," she said. "I thought if I went to Russia, being his mother, that I might be more successful.

"You know mothers are



Mrs. Marguerite Oswald

wonderful people, and I feel it's quite possible the Russian people I contact will give me the information I'm seeking."

She said the information she was seeking covered the "blank period" of several months in her son's life between the time he left Moscow and the time he married Marina.

She said many people who write her believe her trip might be successful in helping build up "enough evidence to ask that this case be reopened."

"They believe, as I do, that my son is innocent," she said. "But even if my son did kill President Kennedy, legally he died an innocent man. I feel like if we keep doing what we're doing we will have enough to ask that this case be reopened."

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to let the government preserve the rifle used by Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy.

The committee approved a bill authorizing the government to acquire and keep the rifle and other items connected with the assassination, saying the physical evidence should be kept to eliminate any questions and doubts about the assassination that may arise.