

Dear Dr. Goldberg,

12/31/95

I'm surprized at your "full-length study" of Marguerite Oswald, an interest I never had. I have always regarded her as a flake who suddenly regarded herself as important once charges were made against her son. She then said anything that popped into her mind and as soon as she said it she believed it. I was never in touch with her except that I did send her a copy of "Whitewash" because she was Oswald's mother. When she heard I was to be in Dallas in 1972 she told the people with whom I was to stay that she'd like to see me at a certain time on a Sunday. It happened that I had a prior appointment for that time so I phoned her to arrange a different time. Haughtily she announced, "Marguerite Oswald plays second fiddle to nobody" and hung up. That was my one contact with her, it was not in my initiative and it was all I wanted! So as you can see I cannot respond to most of your questions.

I never had any reason to believe that she had any factual basis for saying that Lee was a government agent of any kind.

I did not know that she fired Lane. The personality of either of them could explain their separation.

On people turning against her, she did all she could to assure that by her conduct and her words. She was pretty hard to take.

She was, I suppose, her own kind of tragedy.

I do not know anyone who has made any kind of study of her and frankly I see no reason to, not in terms of the assassination.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg December 18, 1995

You are one of the few researchers who responds positively to letters of inquiry.

I now write, as part of a full-length study of Marguerite Claverie Oswald, to respectfully request your help in learning more about her.

1. Did you two [ever] correspond? Can I please have some samples? [payment for reprints and postage for all items sent, will be gladly re-imbursed, with a check drawn on an active USA account.]

2. Did you two ever doing any independent investigations together? If so, please inform me of their nature and details.

3. Did Marguerite Oswald ever request your help? If so, on what matter(s), what were you able to provide her?

4. At the time, 1963-1965, what did you think of her claims, for example that Oswald was a government agent and his "so-called" defection

5. What do you now think of Lee's claims?
6. Did Marguerite Oswald make any contribution (s)?
7. In what way (s) did Marguerite Oswald hinder / harm your research or the entire field of assassination research?
8. What were the real reasons Marguerite Oswald fired Mark Lane?
9. Was there something about Marguerite Oswald that made [almost] everyone eventually turn against her?
10. Marguerite Oswald became very suspicious in her last years. Did you maintain contact with her? Until when? Who broke off the relationship?
11. How would you characterize your relationship with Marguerite Oswald?
12. Was Marguerite Oswald (always) paranoid? or in any way psychotic?
13. Did Marguerite Oswald have any sense of humor?

Please know that all assistance you provide will be most valued.

Very truly,
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