

Oswald's Mother Finally Tells **How Lee Was**

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Assassination Plot

Who killed President John F. Kennedy? Who killed Lee Harvey Oswald?

More than ever, the American people want to know.

For the old answers are no good anymore. The Warren Commission Report has been proven weak. Watergate and the CIA scandals have destroyed all faith in those charged with the responsibility of finding the truth in Dallas, 13 years ago.

Marguerite Oswald, the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, is the last principle character still alive in that tragedy and still willing to talk.

And talk she did — to a MIDNIGHT reporter, for two days — in perhaps the longest interview she has ever granted.

Mrs. Oswald has dedicated her life since November of 1963, to clearing her son's name and finding the people responsible for his murder.

Her story is here, exclusively in MIDNIGHT.

Marguerite C. Oswald
as told to
Malcolm Abrams
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My son, was framed for the murder of President John F. Kennedy and then he was executed.

After his death, the authorities let him take the blame for the murder in order to pacify a nation. After his death, it was all cold, cut and dried to the American people.

They believed they had the right man, that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin.

Television and newspapers made him out to be the lowest form of humanity that could possibly be found.

They made him into an assassin.

They picked and chose the details of his life that were compatible to being an assassin. And it was accepted. The nation wanted to believe that the murderer of President Kennedy had been found and the nightmare ended.

And so it all fell on my boy's shoulders and on the shoulders of his family.

Commission No. 184 - Nov. 8, 1961

Dear Mother,

I sent a letter a week ago, but I think I put the wrong address on it so I'm writing again, we received your post card it was very interesting for Marina.

Well at the end of February beginning of March we should have a baby. We want a boy.

There is very little information about the medal, we still have not received them and until we do, we cannot leave the Soviet Union.

You can send me a few pennies if you like, a lot of my friends are interested in collecting coins from Russia.

The weather here is cold and rather rainy now, although there still is no snow.

If you have any old photos

THE LAST LETTER from Lee Harvey Oswald is still in the possession of his mother. It was just an ordinary letter from a son far away. Dated Nov. 8, 1961, postmarked Minsk, USSR, the big news was that Lee and Marina were expecting

But after 13 years of constant study and research it is my theory that there were two conspiracies. There was one conspiracy to kill President Kennedy and there was a conspiracy to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

It does not necessarily follow that the same people plotted both murders.

This is my theory. What follows is fact.

The FBI knew a day after Kennedy's assassination that 100 men were planning to kill Lee. They relayed that information to Dallas Chief of Police Jesse Curry. No one has mentioned this but me. It's not in Curry's book and it's not in any of the other books. But it's true.

The FBI even asked me to identify a picture of Jack Ruby while my son was still alive. I had never seen him before but they knew something about him. This was reported in the New York Times.

Now where do you get 100 men who will sit down and vote to kill a man they believe has murdered their President and then dispassionately plan his death?

One hundred men come from a group. Aha! But what group?

The FBI is a group, so is the Secret Service and the police. We also have the Right and the Left and the Ku Klux Klan and the Mafia, and all the religious denominations.

I know that Jack Ruby was not one of these 100 men. They may have bribed him or blackmailed him to get him to do the job.

I have said from the beginning, that Jack Ruby pulled the trigger, but I want to know who paid him or told him to pull the trigger.

I'm not bitter towards Jack Ruby — I never have been. In a way I think of Jack Ruby as being a patsy himself — just like my son.

The money that Ruby had with

him in his car at the time he went to kill my son was supposed to have been from his nightclub. That's all you hear.

But there's no proof that it came from his nightclub. Yet he had thousands of dollars with him. That's a lot of money to be carrying around. But the police say he always carried around a lot of money and we're supposed to accept that.

The Warren Commission and the police should have showed us proof of where that money came from.

When I viewed my son's dead body I said to the police — "I think someday you will hang your heads in shame." I really think the picture has changed now and this is exactly what's happening.

For the police gave out only the information that they wanted to — the information that would make Lee Harvey Oswald look like a murderer.

For example, at the time of the assassination it was exploited that Lee had read the story of the Huey P. Long murder. The implication was that he had dug out this old book about the Governor of Louisiana because he liked to read about murders.

But I got the book and it was a recent book, published in 1963. So it was natural for Lee to be reading it, since he was interested in a wide variety of things and since he had lived in Louisiana. But it was implied that he read it in order to commit murder.

Much has been made of the books stacked by the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository. This was supposed to be an assassin's perch.

But I investigated myself and found that workmen at the book depository were laying a floor, and in order to do so, they had to remove all the books. These cartons of



MIDNIGHT reporter Malcolm Abrams spent two days interviewing Marguerite Oswald at her Fort Worth, Texas home. In her study, packed with books about the assassination and decorated with pictures of Oswald, they checked discrepancies in the Warren Report.

*of myself and if you could, please
 send them.*
*Do you ever hear anything from
 Aunt Libbie in New Orleans?
 and how about John?
 Maria sends her love and asks
 do you want to be a grandmother
 again?!*
*Are you still working for those
 people? You have changed address
 again haven't you?
 Well that's about all
 for now. Write soon.
 Love
 M*
*Enclosed are some pictures of
 Leigrad when Maria was
 born (this is not mine)*

their first child. In all, Marguerite Oswald had 21 letters from her son. The others have been sold, for up to \$3,500 apiece. This last letter, she decided to keep.

books were all stacked on the sixth floor near the window.

So it really had nothing to do with my son picking up boxes of books and stacking them, in order to support his rifle. There is so much terrible misinformation like this.

The police say that after leaving the book depository, Lee went by bus and taxi back to his boarding house at 1026 North Beckley. But there is absolutely no proof.

You have to realize that the documentation states that he took a cab and that the fare was 90 cents and that he tipped the driver 10 cents. And that Lee got off six blocks from the house.

The next time they have him is in the house. Yet no one saw him walk from that taxicab to the house!

He could just have easily gone from the cab to the theater where he was apprehended, a few blocks away in the opposite direction. The authorities didn't even try to find evidence of him walking to the boarding house.

Now the woman at the rooming house, Mrs. Earlene Roberts, I believe is a very poor eyewitness and I have investigated her testimony carefully. She said she saw Lee rush into his room and back out.

The television was on at the time and she was on the telephone — someone had phoned with the news that the President had been shot.

So, while she's watching television and while she's trying to figure out about the assassination, she identifies my son. That's a very, very poor identification as far as I'm concerned. Anybody could have gone into my son's room.

As for the shooting of Officer Tippit, I'm very sad to say that I've never seen in any of the books or articles, that he was found with his gun drawn. But it's documented by the police that it was out. Even so, everyone writes that his gun was still in his holster.

I certainly don't believe that the man who shot Tippit was Lee Harvey Oswald. For one thing, the description of the suspect's clothing does not match Lee's clothes as identified by Marina, his wife.

The man who shot Officer Tippit

was wearing a white jacket and black pants. I get the impression he was a caterer.

Someone in the Book Depository

shot at President Kennedy and then a policeman was killed and then Jack Ruby killed the suspect.

But there's no proof that all of

What Kind Of Woman Is Marguerite Oswald?

There are seldom tears anymore...

Marguerite Oswald stopped crying a long time ago. For her son and for herself.

Instead, she has fed on the hurt, on the injustices, on the exploitations, and on the hatred — and it has made her strong.

Strong enough to fight the whole world and to proclaim above all the noise of the accusers, that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the "lone assassin" of President John F. Kennedy.

Marguerite Oswald, 69, has had to endure a lot. Her two sons, Robert and John, have abandoned her since Lee's death. So has Marina, Lee's widow. She has not seen her grandchildren. There is no communication at all.

Old friends and neighbors shun her. She is completely alone.

Her only income is welfare, and what she can make selling letters and personal belongings, and by giving interviews.

She is poor. Sometimes in the Texas heat she cannot afford to turn on the air conditioning. She has had to mow her own lawn. At times, she has not had enough money to eat.

Yet dozens of assassination researchers have authored books and made "small fortunes" writing about her and Lee.

Marguerite Oswald lives in a small house in Fort Worth, just around the corner from Lee's old high school.

It is a neat clean little house. And Mrs. Oswald is a neat, clean, little woman. She has boundless

energy and a voice full of enthusiasm for life.

And most of all she has her work. In her study, she has every book written about Lee and the assassination. Over 350 of them, each in a plastic wrapper, each cover as shiny and crisp as new.

Sometimes she missed meals to save the money to buy one of those books.

Her days are spent reading and researching and answering the hundreds of letters she receives from sympathizers and well-wishers. She makes exhaustive notes, checks every reference, files all of her documents and writings.

She "knows" her son was framed. She "knows" there was a conspiracy to kill him. She is "positive" his name will be cleared.

And this is what keeps her going. Righting the "injustice" done to her son is her life's work.

A key word in Marguerite Oswald's vocabulary is "acceptance." She uses it frequently.

She has "accepted" her role as the mother of the accused assassin. She "accepts" that she is a public figure.

She "accepts" that her home and her telephone are probably bugged.

And she has "accepted" her son's death, thought not the way he died.

Yet sometimes... sometimes as she drives her car, she might just see someone who looks a little like Lee.

And sometimes she has to stop the car. Because sometimes she cries, just a little.

**Next week in
MIDNIGHT:
Marguerite Oswald
reveals:**

**"I thought my son
was an America agent
in Russia."**

**"I knew about the
plans to assassinate
Castro, years ago,"
and MUCH MUCH
MORE, exclusively in
next week's MIDNIGHT.**

these things are connected.

Most critics of the Warren Commission Report say that it must have been the same people involved in the assassination of the President and the murder of my son.

They all go through the same pattern. They can't understand that there was one group responsible for Kennedy's death and another group responsible for Lee's.

The people who conspired to kill President Kennedy and frame my son wouldn't give a damn if he was murdered afterwards, as long as he was picked up by the police.

After all, what could this man do to incriminate them. Lee had no money, and no father or family with money to help him.

He was said to have been a defector to the Soviet Union and it was said that he had renounced his American citizenship. And he had a Russian wife. If he had lived to go to trial, he wouldn't have had a leg to

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OSWALD: His mother 'knows' he was framed.



OSWALD'S POSSESSIONS: When Oswald ordered his pistol through the mail, he didn't order a holster. Where did the holster in his room come from? His mother Marguerite Oswald feels investigators have failed to follow up on scores of discrepancies like this one.

stand on.

And if Lee was, in fact, a CIA agent, which I believe he was, he could never have produced proof. No way. A CIA agent could never produce proof in a case like that.

Certainly no one from the CIA would have come to his defence. Allen Dulles, the former head of the CIA, says so in his Warren Commission testimony. They'd have lied like hell.

No, my son was murdered in a separate conspiracy. Murdered by 100 men. This is documented.

These 100 men who were so righteous that they could vote to kill Lee and feel good about it.

What kind of people are we anyway. I often wonder about these 100 men. I wonder if they think about me and my son.

I wonder if they think about what they did to this nation. Because the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald certainly has left doubt in everybody's mind and has placed almost everyone under suspicion.

Why, I have read in books that the highest politicians in the land have been accused of killing President Kennedy. Such hate. Such asinine thinking.

I have nothing to gain anymore if Lee is proven innocent or guilty. It doesn't make a bit of difference. He's gone. My son is dead.

I don't need to open my mouth. I don't need to put my hand into any of this. But I do it... so a tragedy like this will never happen again to any other mother's son.



'I SAID from the very beginning that Jack Ruby pulled the trigger but I want to know who paid him, or who told him to pull the trigger': Mrs. Marguerite Oswald. Photo shows Ruby shooting Oswald in Dallas Police Headquarters.