

# Oswald Estate Put at \$17,654

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DALLAS, July 9 (AP). — A Federal court evaluator says personal property left by Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was worth \$17,654.

This compares with the \$3000 the government said it was worth and the \$500,000 price set by his widow, Mrs. Marina Porter.

The final report by William W. West 3d, a former U. S. attorney here, is not binding on Mrs. Porter or the government.

Either the widow or U. S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell could ask for a jury trial to determine exactly how much compensation would be due her for the 500 items now held in the U. S. Archives at Washington.

## OPTIONS OPEN

The parties also could waive a jury trial and go before U. S. District Judge Joe E. Estes for a determination, or they could settle the case out of court.

Judge Estes ordered the U. S. government to pay West \$3126 for his work. West was appointed a special master by Judge Estes on Sept. 16, 1968, to appraise the property at fair market value as of Nov. 1, 1966.

The highest appraisal given by West for a single item was \$5000 for "sheets of English writing" which appear to be from Oswald's diary.

A \$2000 appraisal was given Oswald's 32-page typewritten dissertation outlining the political, domestic and labor life of the Soviet Union, accompanied by five photographs.

## NOTEBOOKS KEPT

Also valued at \$2000 were several pages of Oswald's handwriting on Holland American Line stationery. A notebook with Russian script in it was appraised at \$1750.

West estimated that Oswald's wallet containing various identification cards, a Dallas public library card and other papers was worth \$500.

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