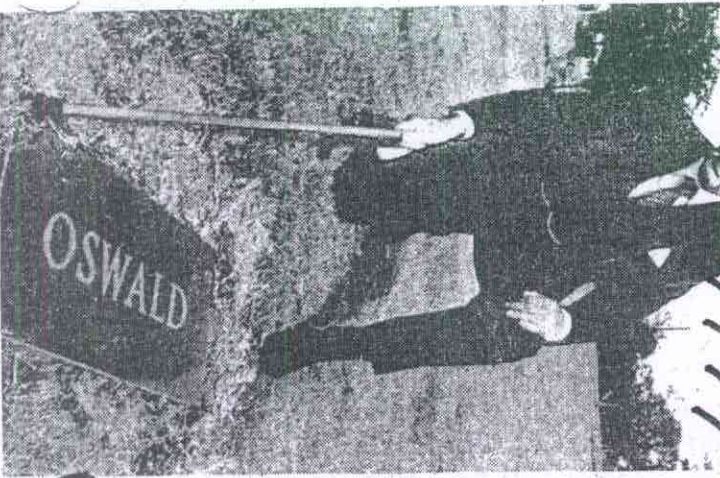


OSWALD SENSATION!

There may be nobody in his grave, says top Texas attorney

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WHOSE GRAVE?... Michael Eddowes at the cemetery in Fort Worth.

STARTLING new evidence indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald is NOT the man buried in that famous grave in Fort Worth, Texas.

In fact the grave may even be empty.

These amazing claims were made exclusively to *The Globe* this week by Fort Worth attorney Gerry Pittman, who's trying to force authorities to open that grave and take a look

Pittman said: "There's a very strong possibility that there is nobody there at all."

If there IS a body under that tombstone, Pittman says, it is definitely not Oswald's — it's the body of a Russian secret agent.

SPY

Pittman has come up with key passages of the unpublished Warren Commission transcript of Jan. 21, 1964 that may shed new light on the secret of Oswald's tomb. The passages refer to digging up the body and cremating it or digging it up and hiding it in a secret mausoleum.

None of these passages ever appeared in the published commission report, Pittman said from his Fort Worth office.

The passages, he said, are: "It has been suggested we should

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examine him and then cremate him!" — Earl Warren, chairman, January 21, 1964, speaking about Oswald.

"I thought we might get some mausoleum to take the body and see whether they'd put it in the mausoleum known to anybody else and no one would know where it was." — Senator Richard Russell, member, January 21, 1964, speaking about Oswald.

"I don't think we ought have on the record that we're moving in this. We are not saying anything about it." — John McCloy, member, January 21, 1964, speaking about disposing of the body.

"Leave it there until we complete our work." — Senator Russell, January 21, 1964, referring to the body in Fort Worth.

And the reason for all this concern? Pittman says the answer is simple: The Warren Commission members knew very well the examination of the body would prove Oswald and the assassin were not the same.

He believes that the Commission members were trying to avoid saying that a

Soviet spy impersonated Oswald.

Pittman said the information about the secret Warren Commission hearings was obtained by British lawyer Michael Eddowes from the National Archives.

"Anyone can see them because of the Freedom of Information Act," Pittman said.

"But you've got to know where to look and what to look for because the records are sealed up and can't be opened for 75 years."

Case

Pittman joined Eddowes in a suit last summer to force Texas authorities to open the grave and take a look for themselves.

"We've waited two months now and I think that's a lot of patience," Pittman said.

"I mean, we have given them every opportunity to think about it and they won't budge."

Pittman says he believes the district attorney's representative assigned to the case, Mervin Collins, is delaying the case on purpose.

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