

## SUBPENA GIVEN OSWALD FRIEND

T.P. 3-26-68  
Request Says She Transported Rifle

The district attorney's office Monday subpoenaed Mrs. Ruth Paine, an Irving, Tex., woman who befriended Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife the year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

The subpoena was issued by Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff at the request of Assistant DA James L. Alcock. Mrs. Paine was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury April 18 and 19 in connection with an investigation of the assassination.

The subpoena request alleges, among other things, that Mrs. Paine transported Oswald's rifle, the gun the Warren Commission maintained was used to kill the President, from New Orleans to Dallas in September of 1963.

In Irving, Mrs. Paine said she was "not terribly keen" on testifying before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

### SHE CAN'T TELL

She said she couldn't tell the grand jury anything that wasn't in the Warren Commission Report.

"Sure, I carried all of Oswald's worldly possessions from New Orleans to Dallas in 1963," said Mrs. Paine. "For all I know, the rifle was in there."

Asked whether she would go to New Orleans, Mrs. Paine asked "Do I have a choice?"

President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission claimed that Oswald was the lone assassin. Garrison says the assassination was plotted in New Orleans by Oswald and others, but he cast doubt on the commission's conclusion that Oswald was the triggerman.

### SAME INFORMATION

Except for the gun angle, the subpoena request's information about Mrs. Paine is the same as that given in the Warren

Report, with which Garrison usually takes violent issue.

The request says Mrs. Paine is a necessary and material witness because of her connections with the Oswalds. It says she first met them in February of 1963 in Dallas and befriended them.

On April 25 of that year, Marina Oswald lived in Mrs. Paine's home in the Dallas suburb while Oswald came to New Orleans, the document says. It adds that on May 10, Mrs. Paine drove Marina to New Orleans in her car and stayed three days, returning to Texas May 14.

On Sept. 20, Mrs. Paine again came to New Orleans and took Marina back to Texas with her on Sept. 23.

The exact language of the motion is: "Also, Sept. 20, 1963, Ruth Paine again arrived in New Orleans, and departed with Marina for Texas on Sept. 23, transporting the alleged assassination weapon with them in

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the car at that time. This rifle was subsequently kept in Ruth Paine's garage."

### HELPS OSWALD

The subpoena request also says Mrs. Paine helped Oswald get a job at the Texas School Book Depository by calling on Supt. Roy Truly on Oct. 14, 1963.

It adds that on Thursday, Nov. 21, the night before the assassination, Oswald stayed overnight at the Paine residence. The next morning he left for work at the book depository, and was later that day arrested and charged with the assassination, the motion says.

On Saturday, the day after the assassination, Oswald called Mrs. Paine from the Dallas jail to ask her to get him a lawyer, the request says.

Like most of the requests for witnesses, the motion grants Mrs. Paine immunity from prosecution while in the state. It gives her address as 1201 Woodleigh st., Irving.

Mrs. Paine can either obey the subpoena voluntarily or fight it in Texas courts.