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An Oswald, Ruby Link In Slaying?

Mother Accuses FBI

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FORT WORTH — Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused slayer of President Kennedy, yesterday charged that the FBI had shown her a picture of Jack Ruby the night before Ruby killed her son.

The FBI denied the claim, saying it was the picture of another man who was not identified.

Mrs. Oswald's claim added new fuel to widespread rumors that there was some connection between Lee Harvey Oswald and Ruby before the assassination of the President. The U. S. up to now has indicated that it has learned of no connection between the two men.

Oswald was killed at the Dallas City jail on Nov. 24 48 hours after the shooting of President Kennedy, as he was being transferred to the county jail. Ruby, a Dallas strip tease house owner who has professed to be a strong admirer of the late President, shot Oswald down at point blank range. Ruby is being held on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Oswald gave this account of how the FBI showed her the picture she claimed to be of Ruby:

She said that at 6:30 p. m. Nov. 23, an FBI agent with another man knocked on the door where she and her daughter-in-law were staying.

She stated the agent said to her, "Mrs. Oswald, I would like to ask you a question."

"He had a picture cupped inside his hand and asked me if I had ever seen that man before," she said. "I told him 'No sir, believe me, I never have.' Then he left.

"A few days later, I walked into the room where I was staying and in front of my son Robert and a lot

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of witnesses, I picked up a paper and when I turned it over I said 'This is the picture of the man that the FBI agent showed me.'

"I did not even know at time that he was the man who shot my son, I was told that the picture was Mr. Jack Ruby."

In Moscow, the newspaper Izvestia seized upon Mrs. Oswald's claim to suggest that the FBI was implicated in the shooting of Oswald by Ruby.

"The statement of Mrs. Oswald shows that the FBI not only knew about the violence that was in preparation . . . but also who intended to commit it," the Izvestia report from its New York correspondent said.

An FBI spokesman said the Russian story was "a lot of baloney."

Mrs. Oswald blamed authorities for the killing of her son.

She also blamed the same authorities — Government agents and Dallas peace officers—for the Nov. 22 assassination of the late President.

She said protective precau-

tions were being taken before Kennedy arrived in neighboring Dallas. Since her son was known to have defected to Russia at one time, Mrs. Oswald asked why he was not under surveillance.

"I would like an answer to that question," she said.

Mrs. Oswald, 56 year old,

a practical nurse, repeated several times during an interview that she is a person seeking the facts and not merely a mother trying to defend her son. She said she is planning to write a book that will tend to defend her son by detailing all facets of the family's life.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD
New fuel to the rumors

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FBI Had Quizzed Oswald

Herald Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The FBI questioned Lee Harvey Oswald several times in the months prior to President Kennedy's assassination and was aware of his presence in the Dallas area, it was learned yesterday. The last time the FBI questioned Oswald was Aug. 10, 1963. Officials said the FBI would not normally notify the Secret Service that someone it had questioned was in a city the President planned to visit—unless the person had voiced a threat to the life of the President.