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SECOND NIGHT LEAD OSWALD
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FORT WORTH, TEX., JAN. 14 (AP)-LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S MOTHER SAID TODAY NEW YORK ATTORNEY MARK LANE WILL TRY TO PROVE HIM INNOCENT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD SAID LANE HAS AGREED TO REPRESENT HER LATE SON BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, LANE SUBMITTED A LENGTHY BRIEF TO THE COMMISSION, HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, SAYING OSWALD SHOULD BE DEFENDED.

MRS. OSWALD COMPLAINED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE SHE HAS NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO SEE HER SON'S WIDOW, MARINA OSWALD, WHO IS UNDER SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION AND ALSO IS REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY AND A BUSINESS AGENT.

HER SON, 24, WAS SHOT TO DEATH NOV. 24 BY DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR JACK RUBY. OSWALD WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOV. 22.

MRS. OSWALD HAS CONTENDED HER SON WAS INNOCENT, OR ACTED WITH OTHERS IF GUILTY. EVIDENCE RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAS INDICATED THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN ACTED ALONE.

SHE SAID LANE VISITED HER IN FORT WORTH OVER THE WEEKEND.

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FORT WORTH, TEX., JAN. 14 (AP)—MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD SAID TODAY SHE HAS RETAINED NEW YORK LAWYER MARK LANE TO REPRESENT HER LATE SON BEFORE THE SPECIAL WASHINGTON COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD DID NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY LANE IN TALKING TO NEWSMEN. OSWALD, CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT, WAS SLAIN ON NOV. 24.

MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE OFFERED TO PAY LANE WHEN SHE IS ABLE.

"TRUE TO MY SENSE OF JUSTICE," SHE SAID IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, "MR. LANE IMMEDIATELY REPLIED THAT HE HAD NEVER TURNED DOWN A CASE YET BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FEE, AND THAT IT WAS TOO LATE TO START BAD HABITS NOW.

"HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE CASE WITHOUT EVEN ANY FUTURE FEE."

MRS. OSWALD, 56, A PRACTICAL NURSE, AGAIN MENTIONED PLANS TO WRITE A BOOK, AND SAID SHE HOPES IT WILL BE A SOURCE OF FUTURE INCOME.

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SHE DISTRIBUTED HER STATEMENT TO REPORTERS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD IN HER SMALL APARTMENT IN WEST FORT WORTH.

". . .THE FACT THAT HE (HER SON) WAS MURDERED BEFORE HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEND THE CHARGE AGAINST HIMSELF MAKES ME KNOW THAT I NEED MR. LANE'S HELP NOW," MRS. OSWALD SAID.

"THIS IS WHAT HAS MOTIVATED ME IN MY DECISION TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE."

SHE APPEALED FOR PUBLIC HELP AND ASKED PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE EVIDENCE CALCULATED TO PROVE HER SON'S INNOCENCE TO WRITE TO LANE.

THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION, HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, HAS BEEN SCRUTINIZING EVIDENCE OF THE ASSASSINATION FOR SOME TIME.

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