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An Auction of Oswald Letters

New York

A scant collection of letters and other memorabilia left by presumed presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald will be auctioned next week.

"This is the first and probably the last sale of Oswald's letters," says autograph dealer Charles Hamilton, who is selling the collection for Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, Texas.

Hamilton estimates the collection's value at \$5,120.

ITEMS

The items include:

A letter to his mother from Russia in which Oswald writes about his "undesirable" discharge from the Marine Corps, an event which embittered him toward the United States. (\$1000.)

His application for admission to Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland, in which he says he wants "to be a short story writer on contemporary American life." (\$700.)

His baptismal certificate, signed by a Lutheran pastor,

Michael R. Lecoan of New Orleans, on which Oswald altered his date of birth so he could join the Marines at 16. (\$200.)

Two letters from Mrs. Oswald to her son at the Hotel Metropole in Moscow. They were returned with the notation that he had left. Mrs. Oswald says they have never been opened and that she doesn't remember what she wrote in them. Hamilton calls them "mystery letters." (\$200.)

GIFTS

In addition to 23 items of written material by or about Oswald, the collection contains seven gifts that Oswald sent to his mother from the Soviet Union, including four linen table napkins with the monogram "M. O." embroidered by Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina. (\$250 for the seven.)

If history is any indication, Oswald's letters could bring more money than those of John F. Kennedy, the President he presumably shot.

Letters by JFK, Oswald on Sale At Same Auction

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 — (AP) — Letters written by President John F. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, will be sold at the same auction with writings of the President's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

The sale Sept. 30 by autograph dealer Charles Hamilton will include two handwritten letters from the President. One was to a 93-year old woman who had written that she, a lifelong Republican, had voted for him. Another turned down a young actor's request for aid on the grounds that Kennedy was unfamiliar with the acting business.

Also on sale will be a "robot" or autopen-signed letter from Kennedy, then a senator, outlining his views on nuclear testing; and a letter to a Democratic committee-woman.

Mrs. Kennedy's letters include an exchange with Actor Basil Rathbone over an impending performance at the White House.

The Oswald offerings include letters to his mother, baptismal certificate, postcards and other mementoes of the slain assassin, offered for sale by his mother.

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