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## His Wife Tells of Abnormal Behavior

### Washington

Marina Oswald, convinced that her husband assassinated President John F. Kennedy, said yesterday that she recognized an abnormality in his conduct after he allegedly shot at Major General

Edwin A. Walker last April.

She said she did not tell Dallas police at the time of his sniper attack on Walker, an act which might have saved Mr. Kennedy's life:

"Because I am wife."

The 22-year-old widow of Lee Harvey Oswald answered in uncertain English the questions of a small group of newsmen after a night's rest from her secret, four-day interrogation by the Presidential Investigating Commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

### 'PRACTICED'

She said her husband sometimes practiced with his rifle in the months preceding the November 22 assassination. But her lawyer, John M. Thorne, said later that she had not fully understood the word "practiced."

The Russian-born Mrs. Oswald never saw Oswald go to a target range, Thorne said, but had seen him sighting, aiming, cleaning and adjusting the Italian-made carbine he bought by mail last March.

When asked if she felt the Warren commission treated her fairly, she asked for a translation of "fairly." Thorne explained what the questioner wanted to know whether she liked Warren and the others.

Warren's name brought a radiant smile.

"Oh yes," she said. "Just like my grandfather."

### EVASION

But the slim, wide-eyed woman said she did not want to talk to Oswald's mother, Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, who insists the accusation that her son killed Mr. Kennedy is a "trumped-up charge." The mother will be heard by the Warren Commission on Monday.

As to why she prefers to avoid her 56-year-old mother-in-law who repeatedly asserts that "no one saw Lee fire the shots," the young Mrs. Oswald said:

"It is too much bad for me."

She said she did not know why Oswald might have fired the shots that killed the President and wounded Governor John Conally of Texas.

Oswald never had spoken against Mr. Kennedy to her, she said.

### 'NORMAL'

A reporter asked whether Oswald, who had been discharged from the U. S. Marines as undesirable, was "an angry, a violent man."

"He was a normal man," she said.

"Did you feel that it was normal to shoot at General Walker?"

"It is not normal to shoot at anyone," she said.

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