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DALLAS, TEX. FEB.23 (AP)-JOHN THORNE, LAWYER OF NEARBY GRAND PRAIRIE, SAID TODAY HE STILL HOLDS A CONTRACT AS LEGAL ADVISOR FOR MRS. MARINA OSWALD.

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THORNE SAID HE HADN'T SEEN MRS. OSWALD FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT PLANS TO SEE HER SOON. HE SAID THAT AS PLANNED MRS. OSWALD HAD LEFT THE MARTIN HOME, AND HAD BEEN VISITING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THIS AREA. MRS. OSWALD AND HER TWO SMALL DAUGHTERS HAD BEEN LIVING AT THE MARTIN HOME SINCE SOON AFTER THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND.

THORNE SAID MARTIN HAD BEEN ARRANGING A CONTRACT FOR PUBLICATION OF MRS. OSWALD'S MEMOIRS, AND POSSIBLY THEIR MOVIE RIGHTS.

NEITHER MRS; OSWALD OR MARTIN COULD BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.
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