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BOSTON, MARCH 4 (AP)-MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD TODAY CAME TO THE HOMETOWN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY TO DECLARE HER SON'S INNOCENCE IN THE ASSASSINATION.

HER TRIP TO BOSTON FROM NEW YORK WAS AT THE INVITATION OF RADIO STATION WBZ FOR AN INTERVIEW ON A PROGRAM WHICH PERMITS LISTENERS TO TELEPHONE QUESTIONS.

IRONICALLY, THE INTERVIEWER WAS BOB KENNEDY, NO RELATION TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

AS SHE HAS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION, MRS. OSWALD DECLARED THAT HER SON, LEE H. OSWALD, IS INNOCENT OF THE CRIME AND REAFFIRMED THAT SHE WILL DEVOTE THE REST OF HER LIFE TO DEFENDING HIM.

SHE SAID HER SON--SHOT DOWN BEFORE A NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION--WAS WHAT SHE CALLED A "POLITICAL PATSY SET UP FOR THE ARREST TO PROTECT OTHERS." SHE REFUSED TO ELABORATE.

THE NEATLY DRESSED MRS. OSWALD REITERATED HER BELIEF HER SON WAS A SECRET AGENT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT HIS TRIP TO RUSSIA FROM 1959 TO 1962 WAS AS AN AGENT AND NOT AS A DEFECTOR.

MRS. OSWALD REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE DALLAS TRIAL OF JACK RUBY, CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE GUNSHOT DEATH OF HER SON.

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