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DALLAS, TEX., MARCH 15 (AP)-THE FORMER WIFE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD SAID TODAY SHE HAD NEVER HEARD OF NOR MET ANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN A NEW ORLEANS PROBE INTO A POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"I NEVER MET DAVID FERRIE--I NEVER HEARD OF HIM," SAID MRS. MARINA OSWALD PORTER, WHO NOW IS MARRIED TO KENNETH JESS PORTER.

ASKED IF SHE HAD EVER MET OR HEARD OF A CLAY SHAW OR CLAY BERTRAND, MARINA REPLIED IN AN ASSOCIATED PRESS INTERVIEW, "NOT UNTIL I SAW HIM ON TELEVISION RECENTLY."

THE WARREN COMMISSION DECLARED OSWALD, ALONE, ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOV. 22, 1963, IN DALLAS. NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON CLAIMS HE HAS PROOF OSWALD, FERRIE AND SHAW, POSSIBLY WITH OTHERS, CONSPIRED TO KILL THE PRESIDENT.

OSWALD WAS KILLED TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BY JACK RUBY, WHO DIED OF CANCER THIS JANUARY WHILE AWAITING A SECOND TRIAL. FERRIE DIED IN BED IN NEW ORLEANS FEB. 22, AFTER GARRISON ANNOUNCED HIS INVESTIGATION.

GARRISON ARRESTED SHAW, 54, A PROMINENT RETIRED BUSINESSMAN AND ONETIME DECORATED ARMY MAJOR, SAYING HE WAS INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY.

A THREE-JUDGE PANEL IN NEW ORLEANS IS DELIBERATING WHETHER GARRISON HAS ENOUGH PROOF TO WARRANT FILING CHARGES AGAINST SHAW.

A STAR GARRISON WITNESS, PERRY RUSSO, TESTIFIED YESTERDAY THE LAST TIME HE SAW OSWALD WAS IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT, WHEN OSWALD WAS DESCRIBING TROUBLE WITH HIS WIFE, MARINA.

MARINA, HER BLONDE HAIR TOUSLED AND WEARING A BLUE ROBE OVER LOUNGING CLOTHES, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TODAY, "I NEVER MET FERRIE, OR ANY OF THE OTHERS."

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SHE SAID GARRISON HAD NOT CONTACTED HER DURING HIS PROBE-- AND SHE STRESSED, "I DON'T WANT ANY PUBLICITY. I DON'T WISH TO SAY ANYTHING. PLEASE GO AWAY."

SHE ASKED, "WHEN WAS ALL THIS SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING PLACE? I WASN'T EVEN IN NEW ORLEANS THEN. I BELIEVE THAT ALL THIS IS BLOWN UP AND SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND THEN PEOPLE JUST BELIEVE IT."

SHE APPARENTLY REFERRED TO GARRISON'S CHARGE THAT OSWALD CONSPIRED WITH OTHERS IN THE ASSASSINATION. MARINA SAID MONTHS AFTER THE 1963. EVENTS THAT SHE WAS CONVINCED OSWALD KILLED KENNEDY.

GARRISON CLAIMS OSWALD, FERRIE AND SHAW MET IN SEPTEMBER OF 1963 TO PLAN THE ASSASSINATION.

THE WARREN COMMISSION SAID MARINA HAD BEEN DRIVEN FROM DALLAS TO NEW ORLEANS MAY 11 AFTER OSWALD FOUND A JOB THERE. SHE LEFT NEW ORLEANS SEPT. 22 TO RETURN TO DALLAS, BUT OSWALD REMAINED. OSWALD RETURNED TO DALLAS OCT. 3 AFTER A SWING THROUGH MEXICO.

MARINA, 25 AND A HOUSEWIFE IN A BRICK DUPLEX IN NORTH DALLAS, WAS ALONE AT HOME WITH HER THREE CHILDREN--JUNE, 5, AND RACHEL, 3, BOTH BLUE-EYED AND BOUNCY AND CHILDREN OF OSWALD. SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BOY BY PORTER LAST JULY.

PORTER, 28, OPERATES A BAR AND GRILL HERE.

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