

Texas Woman, Gun Linked

FRIEND OF OSWALDS CALLED BY GARRISON

The district attorney's office today subpoenaed Mrs. Ruth Paine, an Irving, Tex., woman who befriended Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife the year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Mrs. Paine was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury April 18 and 19 in connection with an investigation of the assassination.

The subpoena was issued by Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff at the request of Assistant DA James L. Alcock.

THE SUBPENA request alleges, among other things, that Mrs. Paine transported

Oswald's rifle, the gun the Warren Commission said was used to kill the president, from New Orleans to Dallas in September of 1963.

President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. DA Jim Garrison says the assassination was plotted in New Orleans by Oswald and others, but he has cast doubt on the commission's conclusion that Oswald was the triggerman.

Except for the gun angle, the subpoena request's information about Mrs. Paine is the same as that given in the

Warren Report, with which Garrison usually takes violent issue.

The request says Mrs. Paine is a necessary and material witness because of her connections with the Oswalds. It says she first met them in

February of 1963 in Dallas and befriended them.

ON APRIL 25 of that year, Marina Oswald lived in Mrs. Paine's home in the Dallas suburb while Oswald came to New Orleans, the document says. It adds that on May 10, Mrs. Paine drove Marina here in her car and stayed three days, returning to Texas May 14.

On Sept. 20, Mrs. Paine again came here and took Marina back to Texas with her on Sept. 23. The exact language of the motion is:

"Also Sept. 20, 1963, Ruth Paine again arrived in New Orleans, and departed with Marina for Texas on Sept. 23, transporting the alleged assassination weapon with them in the car at that time. This rifle was subsequently kept in Ruth Paine's garage."

THE SUBPENA request also says Mrs. Paine helped Oswald get a job at the Texas Book Depository by calling on Supt. Roy Truly on Oct. 14, 1963.

It adds that on Thursday, Nov. 21, the night before the assassination, Oswald stayed overnight at the Paine residence. The next morning he left for work at the book depository, and was later that day arrested and charged with

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the assassination, the motion says.

ON SATURDAY, the day after the assassination, Oswald called Mrs. Paine from the Dallas jail to ask her to get him a lawyer, the request says.

Like most of the requests for witnesses, the motion grants Mrs. Paine immunity from prosecution while in the state. It gives her address as 1201 Woodleigh st., Irving.

Mrs. Paine can either obey the subpoena voluntarily or fight it in the Texas courts.