

OSWALD'S MOTHER RECEIVES THREAT

F.B.I. Checking the Letter
—Other Mail Abusive

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— Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, shaken by the first abusive mail since her son was charged with assassinating President Kennedy traced his early life today looking for the seeds of a corrosive bitterness.

Several letters, all postmarked outside of Texas, denounced Mr. Oswald as having refused psychiatric aid for her son, Lee H., when he was a chronic truant in New York in the early 1950's.

Others attacked her for reports that she planned to ask that he be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mrs. Oswald, whose son was shot in the Dallas city jail two days after the assassination, had said she had not been advised in New York that her son needed psychiatric treatment.

She said today that she initially thought of seeking an Arlington grave for her son as a way of cutting expenses. Another son, Robert, dissuaded her.

She has no plans for moving Oswald's body from Rose Hill Cemetery here, she said.

Mrs. Oswald received one threatening letter today, postmarked at Jamaica, N. Y., and unsigned. Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation called on her this afternoon to inspect the letter, the first that has threatened her with harm.

Receiving letters that blamed her indirectly for the slaying of the President disturbed Mrs. Oswald. She discussed her early life in detail in an effort to show that "I did my best for my boys."

First Marriage Happy

Mrs. Oswald said her first marriage, to Edward John Pic, a New Orleans stevedore, had been a happy one. They were married in 1929. When she became pregnant in 1931, she said, her husband left her, saying he did not want children.

The child, named John Edward Pic, was born in January, 1932. Mr. Pic sent child-support payments until the boy was 18, in 1950, Mrs. Oswald said. She has not heard from her first husband since then and does not know if he is alive.

After her divorce, she met Robert Edward Lee Oswald, a New Orleans agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He, too, had been married previously, but had no children. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Oswald was 36, 10 years older than his second wife.

"He was a wonderful man," Mrs. Oswald said. "He treated John Edward exactly like his own son and even wanted to adopt him. But since Mr. Pic was paying support, I didn't think that was right."

The Oswalds' first son was born in April, 1934, and named for his father.

The family lived comfortably in New Orleans.

"At Christmas, Mr. Oswald would dress up like Santa Claus for all the children in the neighborhood and pass out little gifts," Mrs. Oswald recalled. "Both Robert, and later Lee, looked quite a bit like their father, except Mr. Oswald was chunkier."

He died of a coronary thrombosis in August, 1939, two months before the birth of Lee Harvey Oswald

on Oct. 18. To Mrs. Oswald's knowledge, he had not previously suffered any physical or mental ailments.

Despite her husband's occupation, they had scrimped on insurance because of mortgage and furniture costs, Mrs. Oswald said. He left \$3,500 in life insurance.

When Lee was 2 years old, Mrs. Oswald put the older children in the Bethlehem Lutheran School in New Orleans, a boarding school for children orphaned or with one parent.

"I took the children home on weekends," Mrs. Oswald said. "But I couldn't look after them and work, too."

She took a succession of sales jobs.