(ADVANCE FOR 5:30 P.M., EST, TODAY

(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, AUG. 1 (AP)-MRS. MARINA OSWALD, WIDOW OF THE MAN" ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SAYS SHE WROTE TWO LETTERS TO KENNEDY'S WIDOW BUT COULD NOT SUMMON ENOUGH COURAGE TO MAIL THEM, A NATIONAL MAGAZINE REPORTED TODAY.

"I FEEL THIS WOULD MAKE TOO MUCH PAIN FOR HER," MRS. OSWALD IS QUOTED AS SAYING IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S ISSUE OF PARADE MAGAZINE, SUNDAY NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT. "I DON'T BELIEVE MRS. KENNEDY WOULD WANT TO READ A LETTER FROM ME."

THE 23-YEAR-OLD WIDOW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ALSO TOLD PARADE SHE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 6,000 LETTERS FROM SYMPATHETIC AMERICANS SINCE KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS LAST NOV. 22.

"THESE LETTERS HAVE GIVEN ME COURAGE AND STRENGTH," INTERVIEWER SID ROSS QUOTED HER.

SHE SAID SHE ANGRILY SENT ONE LETTER BACK TO THE WRITER, HOWEVER. SHE SAID IT CONTAINED \$1 AND THE COMMENT " . . . FOR THE SERVICES YOUR HUSBAND DID FOR THE COUNTRY."

THE INTERVIEW ALSO TOUCHED ON THESE HIGHLIGHTS OF HER LIFE AND HER FEELINGS SINCE THAT FATEFUL NOVEMBER DAY:

SHE DISCOVERED WITH SURPRISE THAT SHE AND HER TWO DAUGHTERS WERE ENTITLED TO SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS, DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HER HUSBAND'S DEATH.

OSWALD WAS SLAIN TWO DAYS AFTER KENNEDY BY NIGHTCLUB OPERATOR JACK RUBY, WHO SHOT HIM AS HE WAS BEING LED OUT OF THE DALLAS CITY JAIL.

MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE BOES NOT HOPE FOR RUBY'S EXECUTION -- HE IS CURRENTLY APPEALING A DEATH SENTENCE -- AND THAT SHE FEELS NO BITTERNESS TOWARD THE DALLAS POLICE, WHO HAD HER HUSBAND IN CUSTODY WHEN HE WAS

"IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWHERE, IN ANY CITY, " SHE SAID. OF RUBY, SHE COMMENTED, "HE WILL EXECUTIVE HIMSELF EVERY DAY AS LONG AS HE LIVES.

WHEN SHE WENT TO WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION IN ITS PROBE OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, SHE WANTED TO VISIT THE PRESIDENT'S GRAVE IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND PLACE FLOWERS --

"NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE HE WAS PRESIDENT BUT BECAUSE HE WAS A FATHER, " SHE SAID.

BUT SHE DIDN'T GO TO THE GRAVE, EXPLAINING: "I WAS AFRAID OF HOW PEOPLE WOULD REACT, THAT THEY WOULD SAY I DID NOT BELONG THERE." MJ436PED