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NIGHT LEAD. KENNEDY INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 6 (AP)—LOW-VOICED MARIANA OSWALD, CONVINCED THAT HER HUSBAND ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, SAID TODAY THAT SHE RECOGNIZED AN ABNORMALITY IN HIS CONDUCT AFTER HE SHOT AT MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER LAST APRIL.

SHE DID NOT TELL DALLAS POLICE OF HIS SNIPER ATTACK ON WALTER-- AN ACT WHICH MIGHT HAVE SAVED KENNEDY'S LIFE, SHE SAID:

"BECAUSE I AM WIFE." (CQ)

THE 22-YEAR-OLD WIDOW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ANSWERED IN UNCERTAIN ENGLISH THE QUESTIONS OF A SMALL GROUP OF NEWSMEN AFTER A NIGHT'S REST FROM HER SECRET, FOUR-DAY INTERROGATION BY THE PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

SHE SAID HER HUSBAND SOMETIMES PRACTICED WITH HIS WIFE IN THE MONTHS PRECEDING THE NOV. 22 ASSASSINATION. BUT HER LAWYER, JOHN M. THORNE, SAID LATER THAT SHE HAD NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE WORD "PRACTICED."

THE RUSSIAN-BORN MRS. OSWALD NEVER SAW OSWALD GO TO A TARGET RANGE, THORNE SAID, BUT HAD SEEN HIM SIGHTING, AIMING, CLEANING AND ADJUSTING THE ITALIAN-MADE CARBINE HE BOUGHT BY MAIL LAST MARCH.

WHEN ASKED IF SHE FELT THE WARREN COMMISSION TREATED HER FAIRLY, SHE ASKED FOR A TRANSLATION OF "FAIRLY." THORNE EXPLAINED THAT THE QUESTIONER WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER SHE LIKED WARREN AND THE OTHERS.

WARREN'S NAME BROUGHT A RADIANT SMILE.

"OH YES," SHE SAID. "JUST LIKE MY GRANDFATHER."

BUT THE SLIM, WIDE-EYED WOMAN SAID SHE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO OSWALD'S MOTHER, MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD OF FORT WORTH, WHO INSISTS THE ACCUSATION THAT HER SON KILLED KENNEDY IS A "TRUMPED-UP CHARGE." THE MOTHER WILL BE HEARD BY THE WARREN COMMISSION ON MONDAY.

AS FOR WHY SHE PREFERS TO AVOID HER 56-YEAR-OLD MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO REPEATEDLY ASSERTS THAT "NO ONE SAW LEE FIRE THE SHOTS," THE YOUNG MRS. OSWALD SAID:

"IT IS TOO MUCH BAD FOR ME."

SHE SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHY OSWALD FIRED, AS SHE IS CONVINCED THAT HE DID, THE SHOTS THAT KILLED THE PRESIDENT AND WOUNDED GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS.

OSWALD NEVER HAD SPOKEN AGAINST KENNEDY TO HER, SHE SAID, AND SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AIMING AT CONNALLY.

WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS DEAD AND OSWALD CAPTURED, SHE SAID, SHE WAS "SORRY" FOR OSWALD BUT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND HER OWN KNOWLEDGE, WAS CONVINCED HE WAS THE ASSASSIN.

A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER OSWALD, WHO HAD BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE U.S. MARINES AS UNDESIRABLE, WAS "AN ANGRY, A VIOLENT MAN."

"HE WAS A NORMAL MAN," SHE SAID.

"DID YOU FEEL THAT IT WAS NORMAL TO SHOOT AT GEN. WALKER?"

"THAT WAS NOT NORMAL, TO SHOOT AT ANYBODY."

SHE SAID OSWALD WAS A NORMAL AMERICAN WHEN SHE MET HIM IN RUSSIA, WHERE HE HAD GONE IN 1959 AND UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT SOVIET CITIZENSHIP, AND REMAINED NORMAL UNTIL AFTER THEY RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1962.

BUT WHEN OSWALD CAME HOME ON THE NIGHT OF LAST APRIL 10 AND BOASTED OF HAVING FIRED A SNIPER SHOT AT THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER, GEN. WALKER, SHE SAID SHE RECOGNIZED HIS ABNORMALITY.

AS FOR WHY HE CHANGED SHE SAID "I DON'T KNOW."

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