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NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 6 (AP)—MRS. MARINA OSWALD IDENTIFIED TODAY THE RIFLE PRESUMABLY USED BY PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN AS THE MAIL ORDER WEAPON BOUGHT BY HER HUSBAND, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 24.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN TOLD REPORTERS THAT OSWALD'S RUSSIAN-BORN WIDOW DISCLOSED HE HAD USED THE FICTITIOUS NAME OF "A. HIDEELL" IN NEW ORLEANS--THE NAME USED WHEN THE ITALIAN-MADE CARBINE WAS BOUGHT FROM A CHICAGO COMPANY LAST MAY.

SHE SAID THAT "WHILE SHE DID NOT LIKE TO BELIEVE HER HUSBAND KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY, THE FACTS PRESENTED TO HER SINCE THE ASSASSINATION WOULD NOT PERMIT HER TO REACH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION," SAID A PREPARED STATEMENT ISSUED BY WARREN AS HEAD OF A SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION.

WARREN ANNOUNCED THAT MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, MOTHER OF THE MARXIST EX-MARINE WHO HAS TERMED THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM "TRUMPED-UP CHARGES," WILL TESTIFY HERE NEXT MONDAY.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID OSWALD'S MOTHER ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR AND PRODUCE "EVIDENCE THAT SHE HAS."

SHE HAS AGREED TO COME, PRESENT HER EVIDENCE, AND BRING WITH HER LEGAL COUNSEL. THE LAWYER, WARREN SAID, WILL BE PERMITTED TO QUESTION HER.

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WASHINGTON--1ST ADD NL KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (A25) XXX QUESTION HER.

WARREN TOLD NEWSMEN, AT THE CLOSE OF FOUR DAYS OF INTERROGATION THROUGH AN INTERPRETER, THAT OSWALD'S WIDOW HAD IDENTIFIED NO LESS THAN 145 ITEMS OF EVIDENCE. INCLUDED WAS THE 6.5 MM. CARCANO CARBINE EQUIPPED WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS FOUND IN THE SIXTH-FLOOR SNIPER'S HIDE-AWAY IN THE TEXAS SCHOOL DEPOSITORY BUILDING IN DALLAS SHORTLY AFTER THE NOV.22 ASSASSINATION.

MANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS, BROUGHT IN CARTONS FROM FBI HEADQUARTERS TO THE CLOSED HEARING ROOM, WERE LETTERS AND WRITINGS OF THE EMBITTERED OSWALD, INCLUDING NOTEBOOKS AND MEMO PADS.

"SHE DID NOT BREAK DOWN OR CRY," WARREN SAID WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER REACTION TO THE SIGHT OF THESE MEMENTOES OF HER THREE YEARS OF LIVING WITH OSWALD. THE CHIEF JUSTICE WENT ON:

"SHE WAS VERY COMPOSED, VERY SERIOUS. SHE IS VERY TIRED, I KNOW THAT, BUT SHE IS A VERY BRAVE LITTLE WOMAN."

AS TO HER OWN POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF OSWALD'S INTENTIONS, WARREN SAID THE TESTIMONY INDICATED THAT:

"SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSASSINATION BEFORE IT HAPPENED--NONE WHATSOEVER."

THE PREPARED STATEMENT SAID MRS. OSWALD TOLD OF HER CHILDHOOD IN RUSSIA, HER NATIVE COUNTRY, HER SCHOOLING, HER LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION UP TO THE TIME SHE MET OSWALD, HER MARRIAGE, AND HER MOVE TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HIM IN 1962.

HER ATTORNEY, JOHN M. THORNE OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX., SAT WITH HER AND OCCASIONALLY TOOK PART IN THE QUESTIONING, WARREN SAID.

THE SENTENCES IN THE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE RIFLE, WHICH WAS CARRIED INTO THE CLOSED HEARING ROOM CAREFULLY WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER, READ:

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"MRS. OSWALD HAS IDENTIFIED THE RIFLE THAT WAS FOUND ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING IN DALLAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AS THE ONE WHICH HER HUSBAND KEPT AT THEIR HOME PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.

"SHE ALSO TESTIFIED THAT WHILE THEY LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, DURING THE SUMMER OF 1963, IN SOME OF HIS ACTIVITIES HE USED THE FICTITIOUS NAME OF A. HIDELL WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT UNDER WHICH THE RIFLE WAS PURCHASED FROM A MAIL ORDER HOUSE IN CHICAGO.

"SHE STATED THAT WHILE SHE DID NOT LIKE TO BELIEVE HER HUSBAND KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY, THE FACTS PRESENTED TO HER SINCE THE ASSASSINATION WOULD NOT PERMIT HER TO REACH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION."

IT WAS IN NEW ORLEANS THAT OSWALD HAD A BRUSH WITH AUTHORITIES. HE HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTING PRO-CASTRO LITERATURE AND BECAME INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE WITH OPPONENTS OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST DICTATOR.

ALTHOUGH WARREN'S STATEMENT DID NOT REFER TO THE APRIL 10 ATTACK ON MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER IN DALLAS, OTHER SOURCES HAVE DISCLOSED THAT MRS. OSWALD TOLD THE COMMISSION SHE IS CONVINCED HER HUSBAND WAS THE UNSEEN SNIPER IN THAT CASE.

THE BULLET, FIRED THROUGH A WINDOW OF WALKER'S HOME, NARROWLY MISSED THE GENERAL BUT SHOWERED HIM WITH GLASS WHICH INJURED HIS ARM. POLICE NEVER FOUND THE RIFLEMAN, BUT OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT MRS. OSWALD REPORTED THAT HER HUSBAND CAME HOME THAT NIGHT BOASTING EXCITEDLY OF HAVING FIRED ON WALKER.

MRS. OSWALD IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON AT LEAST THROUGH TOMORROW. HER APPEARANCE AS THE COMMISSION'S FIRST WITNESS WAS COMPLETED WITH HER IDENTIFICATION OF THE RIFLE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PAPERS, AND ARTICLES OF OSWALD'S CLOTHING--MOST OF WHICH SHE HAD NOT SEEN SINCE AUTHORITIES TOOK THEM FROM THEIR HOME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE TOLD QUESTIONERS THAT HE ASSUMED SOME OF THE ARTICLES MAY HAVE NO IMPORTANCE IN THE INQUIRY, BUT ALL ARE NOW ENTERED OFFICIALLY AS EXHIBITS IN CASE THERE IS NEED FOR THEM.

OTHER SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT THE WHOLE LABORIOUS QUESTIONING OF MRS. OSWALD DID NOTHING TO UNDERMINE THE FINDINGS OF THE FBI, AS REPORTED IN ITS STILL-SECRET FIVE-VOLUME REPORT ON THE CASE--THAT OSWALD APPARENTLY WAS ALONE AND UNAIDED IN BOTH THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE ASSASSINATION.

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