

(370) SECOND NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 10 (AP)-THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD TESTIFIED FOR SIX HOURS TODAY BUT SO FAR HAS SAID "NOTHING THAT WOULD CHANGE THE PICTURE," CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN TOLD REPORTERS.

THE PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION WHICH HE HEADS WILL RESUME ITS CLOSED-DOOR HEARING OF MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 56-YEAR-OLD PRACTICAL NURSE, TOMORROW AFTERNOON, WARREN SAID.

IN MANY INTERVIEWS, MRS. OSWALD HAS INSISTED CHARGES AGAINST HER SON WERE "TRUMPED UP" AND SHE HOPES TO CONVINCED THE COMMISSION WITH "NEW EVIDENCE" THAT HER SON DID NOT ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

WARREN TOLD REPORTERS THAT MRS. OSWALD HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH HER SON, PERSONALLY OR BY MAIL, FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR PRECEDING HIS ARREST FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY ON NOV. 22 IN DALLAS.

"WE HAVE HARDLY ASKED HER ANY QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY," WARREN SAID. "THIS HAS BEEN HER STORY TO US."

THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT INTERRUPTIONS IN HER VOLUNTARILY GIVEN TESTIMONY, HE SAID, WERE QUESTIONS LATE THIS AFTERNOON CONCERNING LETTERS OSWALD WROTE HER FROM RUSSIA, WHERE HE MARRIED THE YOUNG PHARMACIST, MARINA, AND TRIED TO OBTAIN SOVIET CITIZENSHIP.

BUT BY THAT TIME MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE WAS TIRED, WARREN SAID, AND HE RECESSED THE HEARING UNTIL 2 P.M. EST TOMORROW. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HER TESTIMONY HAD BEEN HELPFUL, WARREN REPLIED: "YES, I THINK THERE ARE HELPFUL THINGS IN HER TESTIMONY."

DID IT CONTAIN ANYTHING NEW REPORTERS ASKED.

"NOTHING THAT WOULD CHANGE THE PICTURE AS I SEE IT, AT THE PRESENT TIME," THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID. "BUT OF COURSE, SHE SAYS SHE HAS MORE TESTIMONY TO GIVE."

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IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID MRS. OSWALD HAS NOT STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE HER SON FIRED THE FATAL SHOTS ON NOV. 22. "BUT DON'T GATHER ANY INFERENCE FROM THAT," HE WARNED. "WE HAVE NOT ASKED HER THAT QUESTION."

WHEN SHE DEPARTED FOR THE DAY, MRS. OSWALD OBVIOUSLY WAS EAGER TO TALK TO NEWSMEN, BUT HER NEW LAWYER, JOHN F. DOYLE OF WASHINGTON, HASTENED HER OUT OF THE BUILDING.

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WARREN SUPPLIED THE ONLY ACCOUNT OF THE THREE-HOUR MORNING HEARING, AND IT WAS BRIEF.

"ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE HAVE HARDLY ASKED HER A QUESTION," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

"WE ASKED HER TO TELL HER STORY AND SHE IS STILL TELLING IT...SHE TOLD US THE STORY FROM THE TIME HE (OSWALD) GOT BACK FROM RUSSIA UP TO AND INCLUDING THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION."

OSWALD, A MARXIST WHO WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE U.S. MARINES AS UNDESIRABLE, WENT TO RUSSIA IN 1959 AND TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OBTAIN SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. HE RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1962 WITH HIS RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE, MARINA.

THE LATTER, NOW 22 AND THE MOTHER OF TWO SMALL DAUGHTERS, TOLD HE COMMISSION LAST WEEK SHE IS CONVINCED OSWALD FIRED THE FATAL SHOTS IN DALLAS LAST NOV. 22. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHY.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE THIS MORNING VOICED THE EXPECTATION THAT THE OLDER MRS. OSWALD'S TESTIMONY MIGHT BE COMPLETED TODAY, BUT AFTER THE THREE-HOUR MORNING SESSION, HE PREDICTED IT PROBABLY WOULD TAKE LONGER.

WARREN SAID MRS. OSWALD, BEFORE THE HEARING, NOTIFIED THE COMMISSION THAT HER ATTORNEY, MARK LANE OF NEW YORK, WAS BUSY ON OTHER MATTERS. SHE ASKED THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT A LAWYER FOR HER. THE COMMISSION REFERRED THE REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR ASSOCIATION WHICH NAMED DOYLE TO TAKE OVER ON SHORT NOTICE.

A SECRET SERVICE ESCORT, THE SAME AGENTS WHO PROTECTED HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW LAST WEEK--WHISKED MRS. OSWALD PAST REPORTERS WHEN SHE ARRIVED FOR THE MORNING SESSION.

HER DEPARTURE THREE HOURS LATER ALSO WAS ABRUPT AND ALMOST WORDLESS. ON HER RETURN FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION AT 2 P.M., A REPORTER CALLED OUT: "HOW IS IT GOING, MRS. OSWALD?" SHE SMILED AT HIM AND SAID IN A LOW VOICE, "FINE, THANK YOU."

EARLIER DOYLE HAD BEEN OVERHEARD TELLING THE GRAY-HAIRED, BLACK-CLAD PRACTICAL NURSE THAT HE STRONGLY ADVISES HER NOT TO TALK TO NEWSMEN AT THIS TIME.

IN INTERVIEWS AT FORT WORTH, SHE HAS INSISTED THAT "NO ONE SAW LEE FIRE THE GUN" AND PROTESTED THAT HE "DID NOT HAVE HIS DAY IN COURT" BEFORE HE WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY DALLAS NIGHTCLUB OWNER JACK RUBY TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

HER DEMAND THAT SHE BE PERMITTED TO CROSS-QUESTION OSWALD'S YOUNG WIDOW DURING MARINA'S FOUR-DAY TESTIMONY LAST WEEK WAS REJECTED. BUT HER REQUEST THAT SHE HERSELF BE CALLED BEFORE THE COMMISSION WAS GRANTED READILY.

THE MOTHER SAID SHE HAS EVIDENCE THAT WOULD REFUTE THE WIDOW'S STORY. SHE CALLED OSWALD A "FINE, HIGH-CLASS BOY," AND SAID THAT THE YOUNGER WOMAN HAD BEEN MISLED INTO ADOPTING THE FBI'S THEORY THAT HE FIRED THE RIFLE SHOTS WHICH KILLED KENNEDY AND WOUNDED TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN CONNALLY.

TODAY SHE BROUGHT A LARGE BLACK HANDBAG WITH A SHOULDER STRAP. WHEN A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE BAG CONTAINED "THE DOCUMENTS" SHE SAID, "YES, IT DOES."

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