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**Hearing resumes on Oswald exhumation**

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — The brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, his mother and now the widow of the alleged presidential assassin have all at various times considered opening the grave at Rose Hill Burial Park.

In addition, an exhumation of the "Oswald" grave was requested by the Central Intelligence Agency, members of the Warren Commission and was considered by the FBI.

A hearing was scheduled to resume today at 9 a.m. on an attempt by Robert Oswald to halt an exhumation effort spearheaded by British author and attorney Michael Eddowes, who contends there is

"persuasive and powerful evidence" a Soviet secret agent assumed Oswald's identity after he defected to Russia in 1959.

In court Friday, the accused assassin's widow, Marina Oswald Porter gave startling testimony that she now believed the grave might be empty. In addition, for the first time since the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Porter raised doubt as to whether she married the real Lee Harvey Oswald.

Despite his current effort to stop an exhumation, however, Robert considered having his brother's body dug up two days after its burial Nov. 25, 1963. He sought to have the remains cremated.

In his 1967 book, Robert said he was approached by Mason Lankford, the Tarrant County fire marshal assigned by the Secret Service to help guard the Oswald family. Robert said Lankford suggested the body be exhumed and cremated because "some people were bringing pressure to have the body moved from the Fort Worth area."

Robert said he decided against exhumation. But the possibility of unearthing the body was discussed secretly by the Warren Commission and federal investigators for months after the assassination.

On Jan. 21, 1964, in executive session, transcripts show an extensive Warren Commission discussion of exhuming the body and either cremating it or moving it to a secret mausoleum. The concern appeared to be possible vandalism. The transcripts, since declassified, were made available to UPI by a source close to the current legal case.

The transcripts show that then-Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana opposed moving the body and Chief Justice Earl Warren, after discussion, agreed.

Boggs said: "If you move that body 20 feet over to somewhere else, somebody is going to say that is not the body and you are going to have to have somebody go down there and pull it out of that mausoleum and have X-rays made and prove it is his body."

During the same secret session, commission member John J. McCloy said he heard Life magazine was preparing an article on an interview with Oswald's mother, Marguerite, "and they were throwing in this note she was now saying, giving evidence in this thing that he was a Soviet agent."

Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia responded: "That will blow the lid if she testifies to that (that Oswald was a Soviet agent)."

The article was never published. Marguerite attempted to have the body exhumed in 1967, but said her request went nowhere "because I never did have the money."

She had repeatedly told authorities following the assassination she suspected her son was "an agent" of U.S. intelligence sent to Russia to pose as a defector.

And The Dallas Morning News reports Sunday that two weeks after Oswald was buried, another attempt was made to persuade Robert and Marina to permit cremation — this

time by U.S. Justice Department officials.

Barefoot Sanders, now a federal judge and then U.S. attorney for North Texas, sent a letter to Deputy U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, stating "desecration of the grave is a real possibility."

He asked Katzenbach "to ascertain once and for all that the (Warren) Commission has no interest in having these remains preserved." If it had no such interest, Sanders said he would "see what I can do, as indirectly as possible, to have the Fort Worth police encourage widow Oswald and brother Oswald to have these remains cremated."

The paper also reported that in March 1964, a Warren Commission memo said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was reluctant to exhume the body to comply with a CIA request. Hoover's memo said the CIA was attempting to determine whether scars on Oswald's left arm, allegedly from a Marine Corps gun accident, actually occurred during a suicide attempt in the Soviet Union.

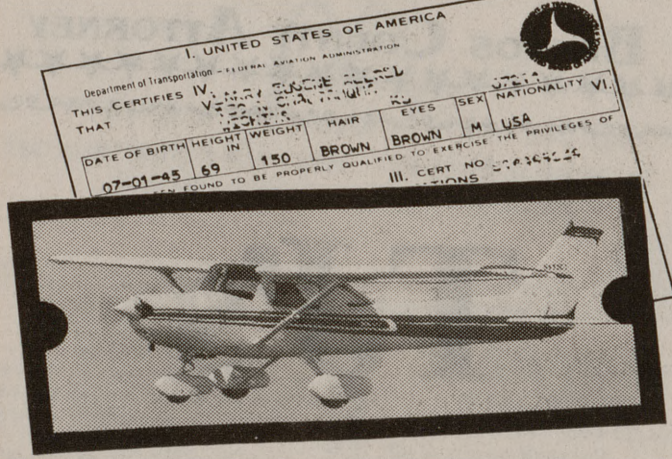
Hoover, stressing the matter "highly secret," said the CIA was concerned because if the Corps accident was "a fabrication the time supposedly spent by Oswald in recovering from the suicide (try) in a Moscow hospital could have been spent by Russian secret police custody, coached, brainwashed, etc."

At Friday's court hearing, Sanders said he noticed a bald spot on the crown of his brother's head when he returned to Dallas in 1962. The family had no history of baldness and confirmed Warren Commission testimony that he had consistently worn a wig. His authority to wear a wig was even undergone shock treatment in the Soviet Union.

He said, however, he had no comment in sheer speculation.

After about four months of exhumation, the talk was until Eddowes entered the picture. Supposedly, the grave was touched.

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**Oswald widow has statement for court explaining consent**

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — Marina Oswald Porter, widow of alleged presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, read this statement in court at Fort Worth Friday on the advice of her attorney due to her less-than-full command of English.

"I would like to outline my statement for the court. To give my consent was a very hard decision to make. It wasn't made overnight or on impulse. It wasn't made for publicity sake or financial gain. I carefully weighed all the factors.

"In my previous statement, I said that my reason for giving my consent was to publicly challenge Mr. Eddowes' theory and disprove his speculation. Before this time, I could

not fight anyone's speculations because I did not have the financial means to do so... I took the responsibility for signing the consent in order to put his speculations to rest.

"This is at least one theory that I can fight because we will have very simple proof — when the casket is opened for the medical examination.

"Another thing is that according to his theory (about the impostor), my children and I are illegal aliens. Since this is our home, we want to belong here legally without any doubt.

"I have been emotionally upset by Robert's lawsuit. With all respect for his rights and feelings, I have to say that very few times my family's feelings have been considered. One

must be very strong and minded in times of difficulties.

"Next thing that disturbs me is a rumor that I've heard later Lee's body is not in the grave. Rumors make me recollect some incidents which have been forgotten. Number One: One day before funeral there was a commotion. When I asked what was going on someone told me that they thought the body had been stolen. Number Two: After the funeral, I received the letter from some attorneys who suggested that I tour the body in the country like a carnival show. Commission problems of a rageous proposition. But it was aware of how many evil people around who are capable of doing something like this for money.

Number Three: Several months after funeral, I receive a call from an official who said that it was very expensive to guard the grave for hours. It would be less trouble if I had my permission to install an electronic device so that if grave was perched with, they would be alerted right away. I went along with because I did not want any harm on anyone if I could help it. I signed the papers for this. The stone was stolen and I don't know any device ever existed. Take this in consideration, I strongly believe in the possibility of the not being there.

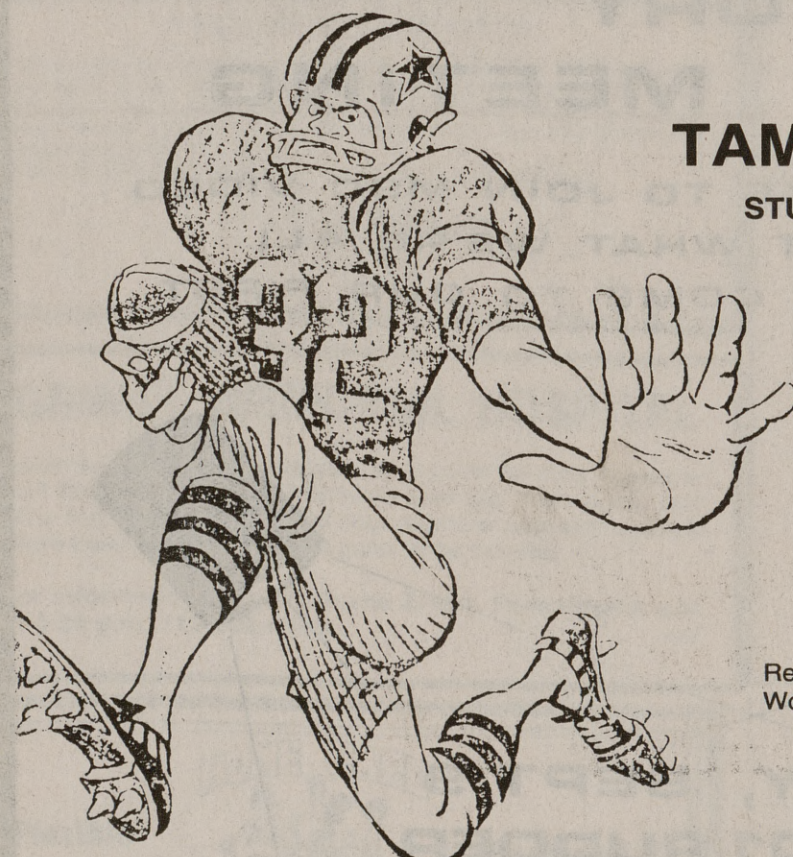
"I ask the court to rule for opening of the grave to answer doubts. That will be beneficial only for me, but for Robert also.

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