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OSWALD:S WIDOW CALLS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY CASE
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DALLAS, OCT 23, REUTER - LEE HARVEY OSWALD:S WIDOW MADE A
RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCE ON FRIDAY TO URGE INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS
TO PERSEVERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVE THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY TO
KILL JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MARINA OSWALD PORTER, WHO WAS MARRIED TO THE MAN ACCUSED OF
WORKING ALONE TO KILL THE U.S. PRESIDENT IN DALLAS IN 1963,
SPOKE HIGHLY OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL SEEKING NEW LEADS IN THE
29-YEAR-OLD CASE.

THANKS TO YOU I CAN WALK A LITTLE BIT STRAIGHTER,:: SHE
TOLD ABOUT 400 PEOPLE ATTENDING A FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON THE
KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

I CANNOT BREATHE EASIER YET, BUT MAYBE
THAT CHAPTER WILL BE CLOSED IN MY LIFE AS IT IS CLOSED IN YOUR
BOOK WHEN YOU FINISH IT.::

PORTER, WHO MARRIED OSWALD IN 1960, HAS KEPT A LOW PROFILE
IN THE YEARS SINCE HER HUSBAND WAS MURDERED BY DALLAS NIGHTCLUB
OWNER JACK RUBY. HER APPEARANCE AT FRIDAY:S SYMPOSIUM WAS
UNSCHEDULED.

SPEAKING IN HALTING ENGLISH, THE RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT WHO
BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN LAST YEAR SAID SHE IS OFTEN ASKED
WHETHER SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE KENNEDY CASE PUT TO REST.
I:M IN THE MIDDLE. IN ONE WAY, I CAN SAY YES, I WANT TO
LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE, LET:S JUST FORGET ABOUT IT,:: PORTER SAID.
BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF SOME INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE, WE
CANNOT JUST SWEEP IT UNDER THE RUG.::

PARTICIPANTS IN THE DALLAS SYMPOSIUM, BILLED AS ONE OF THE
LARGEST EVER HELD ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, WANT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT TO UNSEAL SECRET FILES AND REOPEN AN OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE.

ORGANISERS HELD THEIR FIRST SYMPOSIUM IN 1991 AND SAY THEY
WILL CONTINUE MEETING ANNUALLY UNTIL THE CASE IS RESOLVED TO
THEIR SATISFACTION.

RESEARCHERS DISAGREE ON WHO MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE
ASSASSINATION, BUT VARIOUS THEORIES HAVE POINTED TO POSSIBLE
INVOLVEMENT BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE MAFIA AND CUBAN EXILES. A MAIN
PROPONENT OF THE CONSPIRACY THEORY, FORMER NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, DIED EARLIER THIS WEEK.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MARY FERRELL, A RETIRED DALLAS LEGAL
SECRETARY WHO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED ONE OF THE LEADING U.S.
RESEARCHERS ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, TOLD THE SYMPOSIUM IT
IS UP TO THE PARTICIPANTS TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH.

A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED COVER-UP BLOTTED OUT THE RIGHTS OF

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OUR CITIZENS AND THE SANCTITY OF THE RULE OF LAW,:: FERRELL
SAID.

IF WE ARE TRULY LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE
HOME OF THE BRAVE, THEN WE BETTER DAMN WELL PROVE IT NOW.::

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