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C THE ASSOCIATED PRESS LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (AP) - ROBERT OSWALD FEELS FOR THE FAMILIES OF TIMOTHY McVEIGH and John Hinckley, because he knows what it's like to have an infamous relative. In a rare interview in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Oswald said he believes his kid brother, Lee Harvey Oswald, acted alone in killing President Kennedy, but he still doesn't know why. After declining interviews for 20 years or so, the 63-year-old Oswald said he decided to talk now partly to help other families that might be trying to cope with wrongs done by their relatives. The interview was published earlier this month. "My heart just ached when I saw the father and mother of John Hinckley," he said, referring to Ronald Reagan's would-be assassin in 1981. "And you think of what the families of people like Tim McVeigh go through." McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing. Oswald and his family now live in Wichita Falls, Texas, where they have tried to survive without stigma. Oswald said he doesn't talk to his grandchildren about the assassination or their great-uncle, hoping to avoid confusion and concern. "You can either light a situation or defuse it, and we chose a long time ago to (defuse) it," he said. "Why put all of that on kids?" There's nothing in Oswald's living room to suggest that Lee Harvey Oswald ever existed, but photos on a bedroom wall indicate his pledge to never forget his kid brother. Oswald remembers sleeping next to his brother in a New Orleans orphanage, where his mother placed them after their father died. He also recalls standing before Lee's open casket in a Fort Worth cemetery, mumbling a prayer and kissing his brother's cheek. It was just two days after the Kennedy assassination that Jack Ruby shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald. "There but for the grace of God, go I," Robert Oswald sometimes says. He means simply that, absent grace and fortune, he may have been pointed like his brother toward a tormented life. After leaving the Marines in 1959, Lee told Robert he was thinking of going to Cuba to emulate Ernest Hemingway. Instead, just a week later, he impulsively headed for the Soviet Union, where he defected. He came back in 1962, with a new Russian wife, Marina. That fall, a year to the day before Kennedy's assassination, Robert, Lee and their stepbrother, John, gathered at Robert's home in Texas for their first meeting in nine years. Their mother wasn't invited. A home movie made during the Thanksgiving Day reunion shows Lee Harvey Oswald - in brown pants, white shirt and a gray vest - sitting on an end of a couch in Robert's living room, watching his 6-year-old niece, Cathy, dance. Marina comes to the armrest alongside. Lee points out the camera to her without ever quite looking at her. He suddenly seems distanced from the frivolity. Near the end of the movie, Robert, holding his 2-year-old son, sits down on the floor directly in front of Lee. Robert beams. "I was feeling good," Robert reflected. "We didn't talk about politics or anything heavyweight that day. Just family stuff. Enjoying each other and the kids." It was their last  
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