

Mrs. Oswald Questioned Again; Her Story May Be Kept Secret

Will Not Be Made Public if It Affects
National Security, Warren Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The presidential commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy questioned Mrs. Marina Oswald again today, but her testimony may not be made public for many years.

United States Chief Justice Earl Warren said yesterday that the commission, which he heads, will issue a statement when it finishes hearing Mrs. Oswald. She is the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was accused of killing President Kennedy.

Her complete testimony will be preserved for the public, Warren said, but if it contains information affecting national security, it may be suppressed for decades.

Topics of Inquiry

The commission intends to explore, through Mrs. Oswald and other witnesses, subjects such as Oswald's 1959 visit to Russia, his unsuccessful efforts to defect to the Soviet Union and his attempts, on a visit to Mexico last September, to obtain visas for Russia or Cuba.

Questioning of the Russian-born, 22-year-old Mrs. Oswald yesterday dealt with Oswald's activity and movements in the United States, after he brought his bride here.

The commission's general counsel, J. Lee Rankin, said:

"Mrs. Oswald told us some things we hadn't heard before—some new things, new evidence. She was a very co-operative witness."

Question of Money

In the area of testimony mentioned by Rankin, the questioning presumably covered the source of the money that paid for Oswald's travels, his purchase of the mail-order rifle that Texas authorities say killed Kennedy, and any possible link between Oswald and Jack Ruby.

Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner, shot Oswald to death in a Dallas police headquarters on Nov. 24, two days after the assassination.

Mrs. Oswald was brought to Washington Sunday from protective seclusion somewhere in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She was surrounded by Secret Service agents on each trip to and from the Warren commission headquarters. Reporters were not permitted to speak to her.

She was shy and sober-faced when facing the cameras, but lost some of her diffidence as she became familiar with the surroundings. As an automobile drove her away to undisclosed quarters late yesterday, she turned, smiled and waved goodbye to the photographers.