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Mrs. Oswald's Testimony

Chief Justice Warren's statement that some of Mrs. Marina Oswald's testimony might be suppressed for decades if it contained material affecting national security has naturally prompted questions. What could Mrs. Oswald tell the commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy that might involve security?

Since she has been testifying in private it is not possible to know or evaluate what she has been saying to the Warren commission. But one line of speculation seems plausible. It is suggested that the commission has been making inquiries abroad as to whether Mrs. Oswald's husband, the accused assassin, had any foreign connections. Questions about this might disclose secret methods by which the United States gathers intelligence.

At any rate, we hope that if anything is withheld in the final report of the seven-member group there will be a reason for it. President Johnson chose the members of the commission with the utmost care and if the public cannot have confidence in what it does it cannot have much confidence in anything.