

Warren Lays Attorney at Hearing on Oswald

Self-Appointed Counsel for Accused Killer Charges FBI Agents 'Brainwashed' Widow

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WASHINGTON — A New York lawyer who charged that the widow of accused Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was "brainwashed" by federal agents was rebuffed Tuesday by Chief Justice Earl Warren. Warren rejected Mark Lane's bid to participate in the proceedings of the fact-finding commission which is investigating President John F. Kennedy's assassination. The chief justice told Lane that Oswald is not on trial before the commission he heads. Lane has described himself as counsel for Oswald.

Lane, who contends that no evidence has been produced to prove Oswald's guilt, also made an unsuccessful attempt to represent Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, during her second day of testimony before the commission.

Warren permitted the inquisitive 56-year-old practical nurse from Ft. Worth to choose between Lane and Washington lawyer John Doyle, who said he would bow out if she designated Lane as her lawyer.

After a brief private chat with Lane, Mrs. Oswald decided to stick with Doyle, who was appointed by the Washington Bar Assn. to represent her.

Lane then asked permission to sit in on the hearings as counsel for Oswald, the 24-year-old Marxist who was murdered last Nov. 24 by Dallas night club owner Jack Ruby.

The attorney's move was turned down. Warren told newsmen, because "this commission is not prosecuting Lee Oswald and Mr. Lane does not represent even the legal representa-

...ive of Lee Oswald, who is his widow."

As Lane left commission headquarters, he told reporters he had instructed Marguerite Oswald to make two points during her testimony.

Oswald's widow, Marina, had informed Dallas police a few hours after the

assassination that the rifle which killed Mr. Kennedy "did not look like" the weapon owned by her husband.

2 — Marina was "brainwashed" by the Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation during the period that they held her, Marguerite and Marina's

two children in custody after the Nov. 22 murder of the President.

When Warren was asked whether the alleged killer's mother had made these comments, he said: "You'll have to ask Mrs. Oswald."

But, to her chagrin, Mrs. Oswald was restrained by Doyle for the second straight day from talking publicly about the probe.

So far, the chief justice said, Mrs. Oswald has not claimed that her son is innocent of the assassination.

Lane reported the version he said Marguerite Oswald had related of events in Dallas within the chaotic hours after Oswald was arrested for Mr. Kennedy's murder.

He said that after Marina's interrogation by Dallas police she told her mother-in-law: "Mama, they asked me if Lee owned a gun and I told them, yes."

According to Lane, the young widow explained to Oswald's mother that she

had been shown the Italian-made carbine found on the sixth floor of the Texas State Book Depository from which Mr. Kennedy was shot—and which since has been identified as the murder weapon.

When Marguerite Oswald asked Marina if the weapon was the one owned by Lee Oswald, Lane said, the widow replied. "Mama, I told them I did not think so, because it did not look like Lee's gun."

On her final day of testimony last week, Marina Oswald identified the gun as the one owned by her

husband. But Lane insinuated that this testimony was the result of "a classic example of brainwashing" conducted by federal agents during the period Marina was in their custody.