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WASHINGTON (AP) — The special commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy held a surprise public hearing Wednesday and heard testimony from an attorney who says he represents the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused slayer of the President.

Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.), a member of the commission, reported that the commission began its usual closed session but that the meeting was thrown open to the public for the first time at the request of New York attorney Mark Lane.

"He was given a fair hearing," Ford said. "He put his ideas in the record and all will be checked out."

Ford pointed out that although Lane contends he is representing Oswald, who was himself slain in Dallas after the assassination of the President last Nov. 22, Oswald's widow, Mrs. Marina Oswald, has not recognized Lane in the case.

And in most states, Ford noted, the widow has the right to select an attorney to represent her husband's interests.

Lane at Wednesday's hearing attempted to raise doubt as to Oswald's guilt in the fatal shooting of the President. And he produced a number of news photographs from the assassination scene which he contended were "doctored" to obscure the truth in the case.

Ford said that copies of the photographs will be compared with the "basic ones" already in the possession of the commission.