

# Warren Commission to OK Costs

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One important job still awaits action by the special commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy.

This is passing on the quite considerable cost of the 10-month-long probe.

Officially, the commission is no longer in existence. When its seven members met with President Johnson to present their voluminous finding they expressly asked that they be formally "discharged" to signify the conclusion of their work. The President promptly complied, and group was dissolved.

But the essential problem of expenditures still awaits disposal.

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That will be considered at a special meeting to be convened by the chairman, Chief Justice Warren, in the next several weeks.

Estimates of the total cost range from \$500,000 to more than \$1 million.

The money came from the contingency funds Congress annually votes the President for unanticipated outlays.

The commissioners are still largely in the dark on just how much their inquiry cost. A detailed report is to be presented for consideration and approval at the forthcoming special meeting.

At the start of the investigation, the group unanimously voted to leave the hiring and spending in the hands of Chief Justice Warren and J. Lee Rankin, solicitor general in the Eisenhower administration, whom Warren selected as general counsel. Under this arrangement, Rankin actually handled the purse strings.

The sizable staff includ-

ed 12 assistant counsels, 14 so-called "clerical assistants," some of whom were fledgling attorneys and accountants, and a large number of stenographers and other office help provided by the General Accounting Office.

Still undetermined is whether the cost of the



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GAO workers and the numerous agents supplied by the FBI and Secret Service will be absorbed by these agencies or charged to the White House contingency funds. The former course is deemed most likely.

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Mrs. Marina Oswald wants to become a U.S. citizen, and raise her two young daughters in this country. One of them was born here.

The widow of President Kennedy's assassin has no desire or intention to return to Russia. All her plans are based on remaining permanently in the United States and obtaining citizenship as soon as she can.

That's what she disclosed in informal talks with members of the special commission that investigated her husband's crime.

The Russian-born wi-

dow, living with the family of Oswald's brother Robert in Denton, Tex., reportedly is now worth some \$75,000, and confidently expects to double that with the book she is completing and other writings.

She also contemplates lecturing. A number of offers already have been made by various groups and organizations, but were declined because her English is still hesitant. Mrs. Oswald is taking lessons to overcome this handicap, and after her book is published expects to embark on the lecture circuit.

Under the law, as the widow of a U.S. national, Mrs. Oswald would have preference in gaining citizenship.

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