

Marina subpoenaed to testify in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, L.A. Jan. 25 (LNS)—Marina Oswald Porter, widow of alleged presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, was subpoenaed for Grand Jury testimony today by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

James Alcock, executive assistant to Garrison, told the press, "We've got some very interesting questions to ask her. We know of several instances when she was with Oswald when he saw some of these people (conspirators)."

"I don't know whether or not she will be a willing witness,"

he added, "I don't see how any court would say her testimony is not material in this case."

Contacted in Richardson, Texas (near Dallas), Marina said that she was surprised to hear of the subpoena. She said that she does not want to go to New Orleans, but may have to.

Marina Oswald was the first witness called by the Warren Commission. Her testimony lasts almost 150 pages. She told the Commission that she believed her husband to be guilty.

A significant portion of her testimony deals with the five months Oswald lived in New Orleans in 1963. The Commission tried to reconstruct Oswald's activities during the spring and summer with Marina's testimony, but large gaps exist during which his activities are unknown.

For instance, Oswald was unemployed in New Orleans from July 19, 1963 until he left in late September. During this period, Marina said, Oswald would leave during the day and return in the evening to read. The Commission did not know what he did during the day.

This is the same period of time in which Garrison says Oswald actively conspired with others to murder President Kennedy.