

She Pledges 'Surprises'

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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald goes before the Warren Commission for the first time today, promising "surprise" testimony.

Appearing at her own request "on behalf of my son," she was expected to contradict last week's damaging testimony by her 22-year-old daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Moreover, the elder Mrs. Oswald, 56, said her "new evidence" will prove that her son, Lee Oswald, did not fire the shots that killed President Kennedy.

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dence that he is innocent," she told reporters after arriving here from Fort Worth last night.

"I have documents, letters and other evidence. I think I can produce a good case."

The accused assassin's mother, before taking the stand did not confide her "surprise" even to those who have collaborated closely with her in preparing her son's defense.

But she is known to interpret some letters she received from her son in the last three years of his life as evidence that he was employed during that time as a U. S. secret agent.

She said again last night that neither the FBI nor the Secret Service had ever questioned her and that she hoped to tell the commission about "a different side" of her son . . . "to testify in behalf of my son . . . in the name of justice and the American way."

Commission counsel J. Lee Rankin said he expects to question Mrs. Oswald for several days. Her expenses are being paid by the government and the commission has appointed a prominent Washington attorney, John F. Doyle, to represent her at the hearing.

Mark Lane, the New York lawyer who wrote a brief seeking to cast doubt on Oswald's guilt and has assisted Mrs. Oswald, will not appear before the commission, which has indicated it is not interested in seeing the brief.

Mrs. Oswald has said she considers Lane, in a sense, her son's lawyer but not her own. For that reason, she says, she is relying on Doyle. Lane is now on business in California.

From Fort Worth, meanwhile, a flurry of excitement was generated by a newspaper story attributed to an unidentified source that the Dallas police were holding in custody a janitor who saw Oswald fire the fatal shots from the Texas School Book Depository.

The story has been widely denied by official sources in Washington and in Dallas.