The widow of accused assassin

He also has been heard to speak with distaste at what he scribed as "the way Warren fawned over her" (Marina Oswald).

Sen. Russell, of course, was no Warren fan. He does not approve of many of his judicial views and did not approve of his serving on the commission. It has been reported, however, that he felt better about the chief justice after learning that Justice Warren strongly resisted appointment to the commission.

Hearing records show that members of the commission did no extensive questioning of witnesses. Interrogation was handled by staff counsel, principally Mr. Rankin.

One point that present and future critics of the Warren Commission report might speculate on is whether or how it might have been different if Sen. Russell had personally questioned more witnesses.

In his one big venture into the role of interrogator, the Georgian went to Dallas, along with Sen. Cooper and Rep. Boggs. He viewed the assassination scene — and put Marina Oswald on the witness stand. This was on Sept. 7, 1964.

Mr. Epstein writes in "Inquest": "Under Sen. Russell's rigorous questioning, she changed major aspects of her story and altered her previous testimony. More rewriting (of the report) was thus necessitated."

Mark Lane, the lawyer retained by Marguerite Oswald, the accused assassin's mother, writes in "Rush to Judgment": "Russell's limited but probing examination was almost unique. Marina Oswald's statements, no matter how contradictory, were usually accepted without comment."

Under Sen. Russell's questioning, Marina Oswald contradicted her earlier insistence that Lee Harvey Oswald was "a good husband."

In the same session, she also abandoned her earlier theory that Oswald killed President Kennedy because he wanted to go down, somehow, in history.

SHE VOLUNTEERED: "I feel in my own mind that Lee did not have President Kennedy as a prime target when he assassinated him."

Rep. Boggs: "Well, who was it?"

Marina Oswald: "I think it was Connally. That's my personal opinion that he perhaps was shooting at Gov. Connally, the governor of Texas."

Sen. Russell: "You testified before us before that Lee told