

In her continuing battle to make a freelance photographer stop taking pictures of herself and her children, Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis will give private pre-trial testimony in the Manhattan Federal Court building today. Her lawyers had asked that she be allowed to testify in their offices to "avoid a public spectacle" that would bring her "further emotional stress, loss of privacy and embarrassment." But Judge Irving Ben Cooper asked that Mrs. Onassis testify in the United States' Attorney's quarters, and that's where she'll answer questions. Mrs. Onassis has been seeking to prevent Ronald E. Galella from following her and her children around, and Mr. Galella has said that she and her Secret Service guards had been "harassing" him and preventing him from making a living. Judge Cooper ruled that since pre-trial depositions cover many matters that do not become part of an eventual trial, the press would not be allowed to hear Mrs. Onassis's testimony.

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There was a mob scene outside the Federal Court House after Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis spent several hours giving a deposition in her dispute with Ronald E. Galella, a free-lance photographer she says has been harassing her and her two children. She had slipped unnoticed, past a clutch of cameramen and reporters, into the building in the morning, but when she came out, smiling but refusing to answer newsmen's questions, security men had to run interference for her. Photographers swarmed all over the green limousine, trying to shoot pictures through the window. It was learned that Mrs. Onassis said, in the offices of Michael Hess, an Assistant United States Attorney, that she feels so "terrified" by Mr. Galella that she wants him to be kept at least 50 yards from her at all times. One of her lawyers, Martin London, said she was "an intelligent, relaxed, responsive, brilliant, charming witness."