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ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 27 (AP)-THE RUSSIAN-BORN WIDOW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WILL BE THE FIRST WITNESS CALLED BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

OSWALD WAS UNDER CHARGES OF THE NOV. 22 KILLING OF KENNEDY WHEN HE WAS SHOT TO DEATH AT A DALLAS JAIL TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

MRS. MARINA OSWALD, 22, WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR SOME OF ITS MEMBERS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, WARREN TOLD REPORTERS. THE CHIEF JUSTICE, HEAD OF THE SEVEN-MAN COMMISSION, SAID THE EXACT DATE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED.

ALSO UNCERTAIN IS WHETHER MRS. OSWALD WILL BE BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON OR WHETHER LAWYERS FOR THE COMMISSION AND ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BODY WILL GO TO DALLAS FOR THE QUESTIONING.

MRS. OSWALD AND HER TWO SMALL DAUGHTERS ARE LIVING UNDER SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION SOMEWHERE IN THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA.

WARREN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A COMMISSION MEETING HERE THAT THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NO LIST AT THIS TIME OF WITNESSES WHO MAY BE QUESTIONED BY THE HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION.

HE SAID THE COMMISSION HAS REJECTED THE REQUEST OF OSWALD'S MOTHER, MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, FOR THE RIGHT TO HAVE LAWYERS PRESENT AT THE QUESTIONING OF HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND OTHER WITNESSES IN THE CASE.

THE MOTHER CHARGED THAT "TRUMPED-UP CHARGES" HAD BEEN LEVELED AT SWALD AND SHE WANTED THE WIFE QUESTIONED BY AN ATTORNEY IN DEFENSE OF HER SLAIN SON.

IN FORT WORTH, TEX., TONIGHT THE MOTHER TOLD RADIO STATION KBOX OF DALLAS:

"MY SON HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE AND HE WILL ALWAYS BE THE ACCUSED. THIS THING HAS NOT BEEN HANDLED PROPERLY. IT HAS NOT BEEN HANDLED IN THE AMERICAN WAY."

MRS. OSWALD ALSO SAID THAT "FOR A LONG TIME I HAVE BELIEVED THAT A PROFOUND EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO CHANGE (MARINA'S) BELIEF IN LEE'S INNOCENCE." SHE SAID "MARINA HAS BEEN IN SECLUSION TOO LONG."

WARREN SAID THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COMMISSION SHOULD INTERROGATE JACK RUBY, THE DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OWNER WHO KILLED OSWALD "HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED."

WARREN SAID THE COMMISSION NOW HAS NO IDEA HOW LONG THE INVESTIGATION, ORDERED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON SHORTLY AFTER THE TRAGEDY IN DALLAS, WOULD GO ON BEFORE MAKING ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

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HE REJECTED, HOWEVER, SOME PUBLISHED SPECULATION THAT THE COMMISSION IS ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE ITS FINDINGS BEFORE THE NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTIONS IN JULY AND AUGUST, TO AVOID POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS WHICH MIGHT FLOW FROM ANY POSSIBLE CRITICISM OF SUCH FEDERAL AGENCIES AS THE SECRET SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

"WE ARE CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING THE FACTS AS WE BEST CAN," WARREN SAID. "WHEN WE ARE SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE DONE SO, WE WILL REPORT.

"THE TIMING WILL BE GOVERNED ONLY BY WHETHER WE HAVE ASCERTAINED ALL THAT CAN BE LEARNED."

WHEN ASKED WHAT THE COMMISSION IS HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SMILED AND SAID:

"WELL, GAP IS THE POPULAR WORD NOW--WE ARE STUDYING THE GAPS IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR."

WARREN SAID THAT THE ELDER MRS. OSWALD HAS BEEN NOTIFIED DIRECTLY AND THROUGH HER LAWYERS THAT THE COMMISSION WILL NOT PERMIT THE TYPE OF CROSS EXAMINATION SHE PROPOSED. "THIS IS NOT A PROSECUTING AGENCY," HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, "MRS. MARINA OSWALD'S LAWYERS WILL BE PRESENT AND WILL BE PERFECTLY FREE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THEY FEEL ESSENTIAL TO BRINGING OUT THE WHOLE TRUE STORY, WARREN WENT ON.

THE QUESTION OF THE LENGTH OF THE COMMISSION'S PROBE IS FAR FROM BEING RESOLVED, WARREN INDICATED, BECAUSE AT THIS TIME THE COMMISSION HAS "NOT EVEN EXPLORED ALL THE INVESTIGATION FILES WE HAVE RECEIVED."

HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE FBI'S BULKY 5-VOLUME REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BEFORE THE FINAL COMMISSION FINDINGS ARE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT. AND HE GAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC THEN, BUT TOLD QUESTIONERS THAT:

"WHATEVER IS SAID AND DONE BEFORE THE COMMISSION WILL BE PRESERVED FOR THE PUBLIC." AT THIS POINT THE COMMISSION'S CHIEF COUNSEL, J. LEE RANKIN, INTERRUPTED TO SAY: "YOU ARE NOT SAYING THAT IT WILL ALL BE PUBLISHED."

"NO, I AM NOT," WARREN AGREED. "THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED SECURITY MATTERS."

BUT AT ANY RATE, ALL THE MATERIAL WILL BE PRESERVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE AT SOME FUTURE TIME, WARREN SAID, EVEN IF PORTIONS OF THE FINDINGS ARE WITHHELD TEMPORARILY FOR SECURITY REASONS.

THE COMMISSION IS NOW FULLY STAFFED WITH SIX SENIOR LAWYERS AND SIX JUNIOR ATTORNEYS, AND A FULL COMPLEMENT OF SECRETARIAL AND CLERICAL WORKERS. IT OCCUPIES THE ENTIRE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE NEW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BUILDING NEAR THE SUPREME COURT, AND APPARENTLY HAS ABOUT 15 TO 20 OFFICES AVAILABLE.

THE COMMISSION MET LAST WEEK WITH ATTY. GEN. WAGGONER CARR OF TEXAS AND TWO ASSISTANTS DESIGNATED BY CARR TO CONDUCT THE STATE'S OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE NOV.22 TRAGEDY. THESE WERE LEON JAWORKI, CARR'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE, AND DEAN ROBERT G. STOREY OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL.

CARR HAS AGREED TO POSTPONE THE SPECIAL TEXAS COURT OF INQUIRY UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION COMPLETES ITS WORK.

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