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Dallas, Tex., July 23(AP)- A reported telephone threat to a north Dallas woman who is scheduled to give sworn testimony to the Warren commission had police and FBI working today to determine whether it was the work of a prankster or a legitimate threat.

Mrs. James M. Tice was quoted by police who were summoned to her home early yesterday as saying a caller Tuesday warned her to keep her "mouth shut."

Mrs. Tice did not report the threat when she received it. She told of it after calling police to report a prowler early yesterday.

A government source confirmed that Mrs. Tice is due to give a deposition to a Warren commission investigator here tomorrow.

Mrs. Tice, wife an airlines employe, told police she received two calls after the threat, but that the caller hung up each time she answered. Then, shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday, police were told, Mrs. Tice heard the front door bell, but saw no one when she went to the door.

She told police the door had been locked from the outside, and she found a ladder barricading the back door.

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