

EXTREMISM RULED OUT AS FACTOR

Commission Finds Political Climate Unrelated to Act

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WASHINGTON — The political climate in Dallas was not a motivating factor in Lee Harvey Oswald's decision to assassinate President Kennedy, the Warren Commission found.

Their report says: "The commission found no evidence that the extreme views expressed toward President Kennedy by some right wing groups centered in Dallas or any other general atmosphere of hate or right wing extremism which may have existed in the city of Dallas had any connection with Oswald's actions on Nov. 22, 1963."

The commission, however, reports it investigated the possible motivation of Oswald by the Dallas political climate because of "an atmosphere of extreme opposition to President Kennedy that was present in some parts of the Dallas community."

"Some of that feeling," the report declares, "was expressed in the incident involving then vice-presidential candidate Johnson during the 1960 campaign, in the treatment of Ambassador Adlai Stevenson late in October of 1963 and in the extreme anti-Kennedy newspaper advertisement and handbills that appeared in Dallas at the time of the President's visit there."

Dallas politics as a motivating factor was ruled out by the commission because "we have been unable to find any credible evidence that Oswald had direct contact or association with any of the personalities of groups epitomizing or representing the so-called right wing."

The commission concludes, "Oswald's writings and his reading habits indicated that he had an extreme dislike of the right wing, an attitude most clearly reflected by his attempt to shoot Gen. Edwin A. Walker."