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WASHINGTON (UPI) --A SECRET, INDEPENDENT STUDY OF X-RAYS, AUTOPSY REPORTS, PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIS WOUNDED BODY AND ACTUAL CLOTHING WORN BY PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY SHOWS HE WAS KILLED BY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM ABOVE AND BEHIND HIM AS HE RODE THROUGH DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963. THIS NEWEST DISCLOSURE IN THE CONTROVERSIAL ASSASSINATION CASE AGREED WITH CONCLUSIONS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION.

REVIEW OF THE HITHERTO CLOSELY GUARDED AUTOPSY MATERIAL WAS CONDUCTED LAST YEAR BY A PANEL OF FOUR DOCTORS AT THE REQUEST OF ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK. THE FINDINGS WERE MADE PUBLIC THURSDAY NIGHT WITH APPROVAL OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

THE PANEL SAID THE AUTOPSY REPORTS, X-RAYS AND PHOTOGRAPHS ELIMINATED "WITH REASONABLE CERTAINTY" ANY POSSIBILITY THAT KENNEDY WAS SHOT TO DEATH THROUGH THE HEAD FROM "ANY DIRECTION OTHER THAN FROM BACK TO FRONT."

ALTHOUGH MANY VOCAL, ACTIVE CRITICS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION WERE GOOD BETS TO CRY "WHITEWASH," THE PANEL STUDY BY PHYSICIANS WITH NO PRIOR CONNECTION WITH THE CASE APPEARED TO DISPOSE OF A CONTROVERSIAL, UNCONFIRMED IDEA THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT FROM THE FRONT.

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A LEADING EXPONENT OF THIS IDEA HAS BEEN NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JAMES GARRISON WHO CONTENDED KENNEDY WAS SHOT BY MORE THAN ONE MAN AND THAT THE FATAL HEAD WOUNDS RESULTED FROM SHOTS FIRED FROM IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT. CURRENT COURT ACTION BY GARRISON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLARK RELEASING THE PANEL REPORT.

THE WARREN COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN 1964 CONCLUDED AFTER MONTHS OF STUDY AND AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY ONE MAN ALONE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP OR ANY EVIDENCE OF A PLOT. OSWALD WAS KILLED IN THE DALLAS JAIL BEFORE HE COULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, FOR THAT MATTER, QUESTIONED AT GREAT LENGTH.

AT THE REQUEST OF MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS, THE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW, THE AUTOPSY MATERIAL WAS SEALED IN THE U.S. ARCHIVES AT LEAST UNTIL 1971. THE ONLY PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE EXAMINED THE MATERIAL PRIOR TO CLARK'S ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY NIGHT WERE NAVY DOCTORS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY. NAVAL MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO TOOK THE X-RAYS AND PHOTOGRAPHS AT BETHESDA (MD.) NAVAL HOSPITAL AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE FOUR DOCTORS WHO MADE THE EXAMINATION AT CLARK'S REQUEST WERE WILLIAM H. CARNES, PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH; RUSSELL S. FISHER, PROFESSOR OF FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND; RUSSELL H. MORGAN, PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGY, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY; AND ALAN R. MORITZ, PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY.

BURKE MARSHALL, FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO HAS ACTED FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY IN MATTERS REGARDING THE AUTOPSY, ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THE FORMER MRS. KENNEDY AND SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, D-MASS., WOULD HAVE NO COMMENTS ON THE MEDICAL PANEL'S FINDINGS.

"I CONCLUDED THAT THE REPORT SIMPLY CONFIRMED THE AUTOPSY REPORT AND SAW NO REASON TO CONCERN MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND DID NOT DO SO," MARSHALL SAID.

RELEASE OF THE REPORT WAS PROMPTED BY GARRISON'S CONTINUING INVESTIGATION. AS A RESULT OF GARRISON'S COURT CASE AGAINST CLAY SHAW, ACCUSED AS A CONSPIRATOR IN THE ASSASSINATION, THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, DR. JAMES B. RHOADS, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO APPEAR IN COURT.

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