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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

AUSTIN (UPI) -- WASSONER BARR, TEXAS' ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THE TIME OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, TODAY CALLED FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF LINKS BETWEEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THE FBI AND CIA. BARR CITED RECENT REPORTS FBI AGENTS DESTROYED AND COVERED UP THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OSWALD SENT AUTHORITIES ONLY DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

BARR SAID HE PERSONALLY URGED THE WARREN COMMISSION TO QUESTION INDIVIDUALLY EVERY CIA AND FBI AGENT IN DALLAS BUT THE COMMISSION RELIED ON "SELF-SERVING TESTIMONY" BY THE HEADS OF THE TWO AGENCIES DENYING ANY FAILING ON THEIR PART IN PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT.

"ALTHOUGH EVIDENCE WAS ABUNDANT THAT THE FBI AND CIA KNEW THAT OSWALD WAS IN DALLAS, THAT HE WORKED AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING AND THAT THIS BUILDING WAS ON THE PARADE ROUTE, AND THAT NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED ON TO THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL AFTER THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT, IT WAS NOT ADMITTED, AT THAT TIME, BY THE FBI THAT OSWALD WAS KNOWN, PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION, TO BE CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT," BARR SAID.

BARR SAID HE SEES NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN REOPENING THE ENTIRE INVESTIGATION.

"NONE OF THE SO-CALLED 'NEW' EVIDENCE WARRANTS THAT, INASMUCH AS MOST OF IT IS NOT NEW AND WHAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT LATELY ONLY APPLIES DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION OF LEARNING HOW THE PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY FAILED," HE SAID.

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