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New JFK death probe urged

Yarborough wants rumors 'laid to rest'

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Former U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough today called on Congress to open a new investigation into the John F. Kennedy assassination "to lay all this to rest once and for all."

Yarborough, who watched ABC-TV's showing of the late Abraham Zapruder's film of the assassination at his Austin home, said he disagrees with Warren Commission findings that only two shots were fired. He said he heard three within a span of about five seconds as the car in which he was riding was passing underneath the School Book Depository building during the President's motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963.

Americans around the country got their first look at Zapruder's historic amateur movie during its showing on the "Goodnight, America" segment of ABC's "Wide World of Entertainment"

The film, which Dallas affiliate WFAA-TV originally said it would not air, was shown locally after the station received several hundred telephone calls urging it be aired.

Prior to its showing, however, station president Ike Shapiro read a disclaimer saying viewers "are not going to see . . . any new version of the assassination . . . What you are going to see is going to be shocking."

The film had been shown five times during the New Orleans trial of Clay Shaw and CBS-TV subsequently presented a four-part serialization of the tragic weekend, centering most of its attention on frames covering the time when three shots rang out—the first and third striking Kennedy and the second hitting Texas Gov. John Connally.

Yarborough, who was a U.S. senator at the time of the assassination, was riding two cars behind the Kennedy vehicle and in the company of then Vice President Lyndon Johnson and his wife, Mrs. Johnson.

When the shots rang out, he said his first reaction was "the noise and the smell of gunpowder."

"We were right under the trajectory shot was," he said, referring to Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the Warren

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where Oswald or whoever fired the Commission said acted alone in the assassination. "Powder was falling right on us."

In calling for a new investigation, Yarborough said he was opposed to putting it in the hands of the Rockefeller Commission investigating CIA activities.

"People will not trust an executive committee because they think it would be trying to protect the CIA," he said.

He said he has not strong feelings either way on whether a conspiracy was involved in Kennedy's death—as some critics have claimed—but he said the investigation also should involve allegations several persons have possession of documents indicating Oswald was a CIA agent and that Jack Ruby received a phone call to kill Oswald after the assassination.

Ruby shot Oswald two days later as the suspected assassin was being transferred from Dallas City Jail to county jail.

Yarborough also called for the opening of assassination documents

which were ordered sealed for 75 years.

"The suspicion is so great among the public that we ought to open up the sealed documents," he said.

"There just haven't been enough facts to prove there was a conspiracy" and therefore he said he would like to see another investigation. "It doesn't mean the general conclusion (of the Warren Commission) was wrong," he said.

Former Newsweek magazine bureau chief Hugh Aynesworth, who also viewed the film "for my 14th time" early today, said it is "too blurred to allow anything to be proved from watching it."

Watching the film "is still quite stark," he said. "But unfortunately for those of us who wanted to know more, it really proves nothing."

Barefoot Sanders, Dallas County campaign manager for the JFK-LBJ during their 1960 presidential drive and a Kennedy-appointed U.S. attorney, said Thursday afternoon he had no plans to stay up and watch the film on television.

"I am sure it still would be there — the impression of horror . . . It has a macabre interest," he said.

"I suppose, too, there always will be a natural reluctance to believe any single gunman would have, or could have, done alone a deed that could take so great a man from us. I know my immediate reaction—that there almost had to be someone else with Lee Harvey Oswald," Sanders said.

He said, however, he believes the Warren Commission addressed itself well to the investigation.

"But with all the investigation then, and during more than 11 years that have passed since the time, no one has come up with anything that would show Oswald did not act alone . . ." he said.

The Dallas Pastors Association presented WFAA-TV a resolution urging the film not be shown since "it serves no constructive purpose."