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Hays, Hughes Are Satisfied With Warren Report on JFK

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Despite the new wave of doubt surrounding John Kennedy's assassination, two people painfully familiar with the event said Saturday they are satisfied with the Warren Commission's findings.

Brooks Hays, a special assistant to the late President Kennedy and a participant

at his funeral, said, "I'm satisfied that the Warren Commission did a competent job, and I'd be unhappy to see the investigation reopened, unless there's some powerful new evidence."

Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who swore Lyndon Johnson in as president after Kennedy's death, also said she is satisfied with the commission's results.

Although neither Hays nor Judge Hughes watched it, a film of the assassination was aired last week on television. Its narrators contend it shows a bullet striking Kennedy from the front, proving more than one assassin was involved.

HAYS, WHO served as a congressman from Arkansas for 16 years, addressed a group of Dallas and Fort Worth alumni of The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. at a dinner at former state Senator Mike McKool's home.

Hays and Judge Hughes graduated from The George Washington University Law School in 1922.

"There will always be some who will question the findings of any judicial tribunal," said Hays, who now spends most of his time in Washington, D.C.

"After more than 100 years, some people still question whether it was John Wilkes Booth's body that was found in that barn," he added.

Judge Hughes said, "Some people are always looking backward, but I believe in looking forward. Nothing can bring Jack Kennedy back to life."

CONCEDING THAT Gerald Ford has a lot of advantages in the 1976 presidential race, Hays said he is waiting until the field narrows before predicting who'll win the Democratic nomination.

"I'm maintaining a post-



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Brooks Hays . . . "unhappy" if new probe is started.

tion of exalted neutrality right now," he added.

"But I doubt very much that Gov. Wallace will be anything like the factor he has been in the past," Hays said. "The thing that plummeted him into national prominence is like a ball of twine that has run out."

The former congressman said the "thing" he was referring to was Wallace's unrealistic point of view on the racial issue.

"And I've not seen yet any true signs of repentance," Hays added.

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