

Warren Group Probing Beyond Slaying Report

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The presidential commission's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination is going behind a summary of the evidence to dig into the raw files amassed by Federal agents.

Chief Justice Warren, commission chairman, told newsmen after a two-and-a-half-hour closed session late yesterday that the commission has decided "it is essential to our work to have the materials on which the reports are based."

So far, the commission has received reports from the FBI and the State Department.

Treasury Report

A Treasury Department report prepared primarily by the Secret Service also is being completed with the back-up evidence requested by the commission and may go to the commission this week.

The report is expected to review all the advance planning made by the Secret Service for the President's trip to Texas, the specific precautions taken and the exact role of each agent during the fatal minutes in Dallas.

The report is the product of the Secret Service's own self-examination, which began on the day of the assassination and has been going on ever since.

The State Department report was delivered to the commis-

sion at noon yesterday, and Chief Justice Warren said none of the members had a chance to read it.

"In Skeleton Form"

Of the five-part report from the FBI received earlier, the commission chairman said it was a summary report in "skeleton form."

"In order to evaluate it," he said, "we have to see the materials on which the report was based."

He said he was referring to documents and statements from individuals. Interviews conducted by FBI agents come under the heading of "raw files" and are rarely viewed outside the Justice Department.

It was indicated, however, that the FBI will turn over to the commission anything it requests.

Indefinite Wait Due

The public is in for an indefinite wait to learn the details behind the apparent conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, and Jack Ruby, charged with the slaying of Oswald two days after the assassination, each acted alone and were not a part of a conspiracy.

Although the Chief Justice had announced earlier that a preliminary statement would be made by the commission, he said yesterday that a commission summary of the FBI report "would serve no purpose at this particular moment."

In answer to questions, he said that such physical evidence as the fatal bullet and the gun involved in the two violent deaths will not be requested at this time, partially because of the fact that they should not be handled too

Certainly a statement not believed by a Chief Justice

State Department Report

He gave no indications of the nature of the State Department report but it was assumed that it would cover the State Department's dealings with Oswald; a Soviet consular file on Oswald and an investigation conducted by the Mexican government.

Oswald lived in Russia from October, 1955 until June, 1962.

The Mexican government investigated Oswald's visit to Mexico from September 26 to October 3, 1963.

The State Department's own activities in connection with Oswald relate to granting him documents to return to this country from Russia and lending him the money for the trip.

Setting Up Headquarters

The commission spent most of its meeting yesterday approving arrangements dealing with a permanent headquarters and staff. Chief Justice Warren announced that the headquarters for the commission will be on the fourth floor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building at 200 Maryland avenue N.E., directly across from the Supreme Court building.

Former Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, the commission's general counsel, will have his office there.

Chief Justice Warren said the commission has acquired an office manager from the General Services Administration and a files expert assigned by Wayne C. Grover, national archivist.

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