

FBI Keeps Silent on Contents As Dallas File Goes to Warren

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At President Johnson's order, an exhaustive FBI report on the assassination of President Kennedy was turned over yesterday to Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of a special panel investigating the Dallas tragedy.

The report will not be made public immediately, contrary to earlier indications. Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach submitted the report directly to the Presidential Commission late yesterday afternoon for intensive Justice Department screening of its contents.

The lengthy report essentially confirms already-published accounts of both the assassination of President Kennedy and the ensuing murder of suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Certain on Oswald

It reportedly names Oswald beyond doubt as the sniper who killed the President and wounded Texas Governor John B. Connally with three shots from his mail order rifle.

It also concludes that neither Oswald nor his accused murderer, Dallas night club proprietor Jack Ruby, acted as part of a conspiracy. Both murders were individual crimes, the FBI report is understood to say.

Originally the Justice Department hoped to make public, either in full or in summary form, the principal findings in the FBI report. The intention was to clear away the swarm of rumors and suspicions, most of them groundless, that had formed in the aftermath of the assassination and the subsequent murder of Oswald in a Dallas police station before a television audience of millions.

Panel Asked Delay

But a Justice Department spokesman said yesterday the Warren Commission asked that the report "not be made public until the Commission has reviewed it and taken whatever other action it may feel appropriate."

In addition, it was announced that the FBI inquiry is continuing and new facts will be reported to the Commission.

The FBI report is also understood to have gone into evidence that Oswald may have attempted to assassinate former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, vociferous apostle of the right wing, in his Dallas home last April 10.

A sniper fired a shot from a reported range of 50 yards that came within an inch of Walker's head. The retired general was sitting at his desk working on tax returns.

Fail to Link Rifle

Dallas police recovered the bullet but FBI ballistics tests last week failed to establish conclusively that it was fired from Oswald's carbine-type rifle.

However, investigators have reportedly found written material among Oswald's effects that implicated him in the attempt on Walker's life.

In another development, the Senate yesterday quickly passed and sent to the House a resolution giving the War-

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ren Commission broad powers to carry out its fact-finding mission.

Offers Immunity

The measure empowers the Commission to subpoena witnesses and to obtain testimony from reluctant witnesses by granting them immunity from prosecution.

Two Senate members of the Commission, Sens. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) and John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), sponsored the Senate resolution. An identical proposal was offered in the House by Democratic Whip Hale Boggs (D-La.) and Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), House members of the Warren panel.

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