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Independent Group Study Kennedy X-Rays

1 By. PETER KIHSS A mention of the Warren commissive suggested yester-hay that the Attorney General for another appropriate authority might name a "group of doctors and others" to look at X-rays of President Kennedy's body taken after the assassination.

on. Representative Hale, Beggs Democrat, of Louisiana, who served on the investigating panel headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, insisted that all questions so far raised by critics of the Warren report had been considered by the commission. He made an exception, how-ever, of calls for an independent look at the X-rays.

Meanwhile, two New York members of the House said yes members of the House said yes-terday they favored a review by Congress or the Executive Dranch of the current questions about the case, They were Representatives / Dgden R. Reid, Republican of Westchester, and William F.

Ryan, Democrat of Manhattan, appearing here on the WCBS-TV's "Legislative Hearing."

Defends Panel's Finding

Mr. Boggs. the Democratic Mip of the House, took part in the Columbia Broadcasting Sys-ran's "Face the Nation." tele-ast from Washington. He de-rended the commission's finding hat Lee Harvey Oswald alone assassinated Mr. Kennedy. Asked if the evidence against

oswald-who was himself killed two days later-would have been legally sufficient, Mr. Boggs declared:

I don't think there is any question about the fact that he could have been convicted af first-degree murder." As to any new inquiry, M

Boggs said: "If the objective of the m-

vestigation is to pursue new evidence, that is one thing. If the objective is to answer some of the things that have been raised up to the present, I would say that I would have grave questions about it-except for the autopsy or X-rays."

Cites Lack of Expertise en that has been presented in all these books, essays, speeches comments has been the fabr that the commission did not look at the X-rays of the Prefident's body at the autops," he said, continuing:

"Of course, the members of the commission themselvel are not doctors. Looking at them. just looking at X-rays, would and prove anything for me. I don't know how to read medical X-rays. We brought before the

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commission the man who per-formed the autopsy. We exam-dued him in great detall, ?* Now if it would please anv-one, if it would help to clarify any doubts that may exist in the mines of chierty a people the minds of objective people, then I would say that if the Attorney General or some appro-priate authority wants to appoint a totally objective group of doctors and others—to look into these X-rays, maybe it "Should be done.

clate myself from those who are making these comments for gain, for notoriety, for profit

rather than those who have legitimate questions in their n inds." Tin

Last Thursday, Dr. J. Thorn-ton Boswell, who took part in the autopsy, said the X-rays and photographs of the Presi-dent's body-placed in the Na-tional Archives Oct. 31-would verify the location of a disputed wound at the back base of the neck. But he noted that medical interpretation would remain necessary to trace the path of a bullet through the body and out the front.

Backed Single-Bullet Idea "Inquest," a book by Edward Jay Epstein, has asserted that the Warren Commission was "more or less evenly split" on whether this bullet could have gone on to wound Gov. Jemes B. Connally Jr. of Texas, who was sitting in front of President Kennedy.

Sitting III Hours Kennedy. Inside the commission, Mr. and John Sherman, Cooper, Re-

publican of Kentucky, and Mr. Boggs tended to accept the view that separate bullets ait view that separate puncts are the President and the Governor. Mr. Epstein wrote that Rep-resentative Gerald B. Ford, Re-publican of Michigan, Allen W. Dulles and John J. McCloy leared to the single-bullet hy-rothesis. pothesis,

At issue is the question whether there was enough time ficturer incre was enough time or separate shots to wound the istatient and Governor with swald's bolt-action rifle, which equired 2.3 seconds between shots.

Mr. Boggs said yesterday <u>Shat he</u>did not like to say file or anyone else "dissented" on the single-bullet theory. But "I have admitted," he said, "that a film of the assassination raised a question." Neuerthelese, Mr. Boggs and

Nevertheless, Mr. Boggs con-tended, the evidence is very persuasive" for the single-bullet theory, as the commission wrote.

Even if Governor Connelly

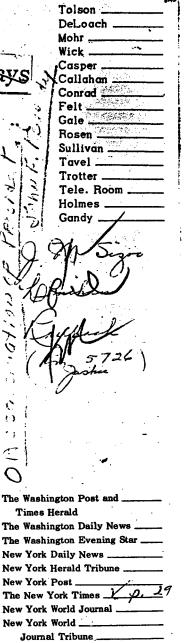
struck by a separate bullet, Mr. Boggs said, "I think it is still very established that all the bullets came from the rear,

bullets came from the rear, which is a significant point." As to whether a second gun could have been fired from the rear, Mr. Boggs said he was convinced that Oswald was a "loner" who "didn't bring in other people." he continued: "I sat where Mr. Oswald sat, and I raised the rifle that he used to my own aboulder I

he used to my own shoulder. I looked through the sight that he had. The idea that you had to be an expert marksman, for instance, is one that I reject.

Talking of Split Seconds

Taking of Spit Seconds "This car was moving this way away from the building. Almost any marksman using a telescopic sight could have per-formed that dastardly deed." "We are talking in terms of spit seconds, fractions of sec-onds." Mr. Boggs said. "Governor Connally was the one who originally raised the question of separate bullets," he



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said, and the commission studied in Governor Connally told the schemission he believed he was between frames 231 and 234 of an amateur movie taken by Abraham Zapruder of Dallas. The commission decided Presi-bers heceived copies of tran-dent Kennedy was probably scripts, and he personally had first hit between frames 210 and 225. There is about one-twentieth of a second between frames. The commission held the fings." Some suggestions have been made that Mr. Kennedy been recorded, each day mem-twentieth of a second between frames. The commission held the mecessary to any essential find-ings." Some suggestions have been made that Mr. Kennedy blocked the camera's view. Mr. Boggs also took issue with Mr. Epstein 's description of "absenteeism" in the Warren formission. Mr. Epstein had vritten that attendance records mowed most commissioners' fortion of the hearings." Mr. Boggs said the records into a Congressional committe."

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