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JFK films study backs commission's findings

LEXINGTON, Mass. (AP)—A scientific study of films showing President John F. Kennedy's assassination tends to rule out multiple assassin theories and support Warren Commission conclusions, photo analysts say.

Experts who examined the films said Tuesday the results cast doubts on a theory that former Texas Gov. John Connally was wounded by a bullet other than the one which first went through Kennedy's neck. That theory suggests that a second assassin might have been behind the presidential limousine.

The photo specialists also said that what some people see as a man with a rifle hidden behind a bush in the famed Zapruder film actually is an optical illusion.

Analysts for the Itek Corp., a firm specializing in optics, photo systems and photographic analysis, studied slides from the original film taken in Dallas by Abraham Zapruder, a clear copy of the entire film and films taken

by others on Nov. 22, 1963.

Among their conclusions:

● Jacqueline Kennedy's movements at the instant of the fatal shot to Kennedy's head may have contributed to a violent backward motion Warren Commission critics say indicates he was hit from the front.

● There was no indication Kennedy was shot from the front, casting more doubt on a theory of another assassin on a nearby grassy knoll.

● Connally, seated in front of Kennedy in the limousine, appears to react to being shot more quickly than he later testified. The analysts say this increases the likelihood of the Warren Commission's conclusion that Connally was injured by the same bullet that first hit Kennedy.

● There is evidence of "something moving" in a sixth floor window of the Texas Book Depository, from where Kennedy was allegedly shot by Lee Harvey Oswald. No other movement was seen on that floor.

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