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 NEW YORK (UPI)--LIFE MAGAZINE ON THE BASIS OF A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS DECLARED IN ITS CURRENT ISSUE THERE IS "REASONABLE DOUBT" LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"THE CASE SHOULD BE REOPENED," THE MAGAZINE SAID EDITORIALY. CONNALLY WAS RIDING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. KENNEDY IN DALLAS WHEN KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, AND THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION, HAS HELD THAT BOTH KENNEDY AND CONNALLY WERE STRUCK BY THE SAME BULLET.

LIFE SAYS: "THE SIGNIFICANT AREA OF DOUBT NARROWS DOWN TO ONE POINT: WERE CONNALLY AND THE PRESIDENT--AS THE WARREN COMMISSION HELD--WOUNDED BY THE SAME BULLET? IF SO, THERE WAS PROBABLY ONLY ONE ASSASSIN. OR--AS CONNALLY AND MANY OTHERS MAINTAIN--WERE THE TWO MEN SHOT ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY SEPARATE BULLETS? IF SO, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN TWO ASSASSINS."

ACCOMPANYING THE LIFE ARTICLE ARE REPRODUCTIONS OF FRAMES TAKEN FROM A STRIP OF FILM MADE BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER, A BYSTANDER IN THE CROWD WATCHING THE PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. LIFE CALLS THE FILM "THE BEST VISUAL RECORD" OF THE MURDER.

CONNALLY, WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD VOICED DOUBTS THAT HE AND KENNEY WERE HIT BY THE SAME BULLET, VIEWED THE FILM WHEN HE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

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HE IDENTIFIED CERTAIN FRAMES AS RECORDING THE MOMENT WHEN HE BELIEVES HE WAS WOUNDED.

"THE MOMENT HE SELECTED," LIFE SAID, "WAS AT MOST 1.3 SECONDS AFTER THE EARLIEST MOMENT WHEN KENNEDY, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION, COULD HAVE BEEN HIT. BUT EXPERTS HAVE TESTIFIED THAT THE MURDER WEAPON COULD NOT BE FIRED ANY FASTER THAN ONCE EVERY 2.3 SECONDS." THE MAGAZINE CONTINUED:

"IF THE WARREN COMMISSION IS RIGHT ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE FIRST BULLET THAT HIT KENNEDY--AND THE FILM SEEMS TO CONFIRM THIS, AND IF CONNALLY IS RIGHT ABOUT HIS OWN WOUND, OSWALD COULD NOT HAVE HAD TIME--IN 1.3 SECONDS--TO FIRE AT BOTH KENNEDY AND CONNALLY. THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A SECOND ASSASSIN."

THE MAGAZINE SAID THAT EARLIER THIS MONTH AT LIFE'S REQUEST, CONNALLY AGAIN LOOKED AT THE ZAPRUDER FILM--AND THIS TIME EXAMINED ENLARGEMENTS OF EACH FRAME UNDER A MAGNIFYING GLASS.

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