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Tests, analyses, simulations for June 25-26-27 "Inquiry"...

SAME MAKES, MODELS AS OSWALD RIFLE, ZAPRUDER CAMERA, USED;
PATHOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS ALSO MADE FOR "WARREN REPORT"

The rifle and the camera that took their place in American history on Nov. 22, 1963 will be among the principal subjects of CBS News' intensive re-examination of the factors surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The critical aspects of the Official Report on that terrible day and the weekend that followed have been sifted by a special CBS News unit producing a CBS NEWS INQUIRY: "The Warren Report." Its findings will be revealed on three consecutive broadcasts, at the same hour, Sunday, June 25, Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27 (10:00-11:00 PM, EDT) in color on the CBS Television Network.

Crucial to the credibility of the Report are the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle allegedly fired by Lee Harvey Oswald from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building, and the 8mm Bell & Howell zoomatic camera which Abraham Zapruder took to Dealey Plaza in Dallas to make "home movies" of the Presidential motorcade.

Through interviews and re-examination and reconstruction of events, the evidence and controversy surrounding the camera and rifle will be probed. Other areas of study include pathological findings connected with the autopsy report, and also psychological factors involved in the tremendous doubts about the Warren Report.

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Using 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifles of the same general type as Oswald's and fitted with the same four-power Japanese telescopic sights, CBS News conducted a number of tests to determine how fast they could be fired with any accuracy.

In addition, CBS News simulated the conditions of the assassination to determine how fast and accurately a marksman could hit a moving target, firing three shots. The CBS News unit also examined the controversial single-bullet theory, the Warren Report theory that President Kennedy and Governor Connally were hit by the same bullet.

Several experts analyzed copies of the Zapruder film of the ride through Dealey Plaza, and their tests included stroboscopic examination of film speed using nine different Bell & Howell cameras of the same model as Zapruder's. The experts checked the speed of cameras similar to Zapruder's to consider whether the findings published in the Warren Report were credible.

The CBS NEWS INQUIRY: "The Warren Report" is produced by a special unit under Leslie Midgley, executive producer.

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