

WARREN INQUIRY TO FILL ALL GAPS

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Plans to Settle Doubts Left
by F.B.I. on Assassination

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The commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy made clear today that it plans a searching inquiry going beyond existing Government reports.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, the commission chairman, announced after a two-and-a-half-hour meeting that the group was calling on the Federal Bureau of Investigation for all the materials underlying the report it submitted a week ago.

The Chief Justice also said the commission had no plans now to release any part of the F. B. I. report or summary of it. He had said earlier that there probably would be a preliminary statement from the commission on the bureau's findings.

These developments reflected the fact that the F. B. I. report did not answer all the questions about the assassination. The commission evidently believes it would stir up more doubts to release a document that did not settle the questions raised in the press and elsewhere.

Negatives Unanswered

Officials of the Justice Department and the F. B. I. agree. They recognize that the bureau's report was by no means complete and say it could not conceivably have been, given the time and the circumstances.

What the report does not do is demonstrate that various theories advanced are untrue. To prove such negatives is always difficult.

For example, it has been theorized that there may have been a second person shooting at Mr. Kennedy in addition to Lee H. Oswald, the alleged assassin.

The F. B. I. has found no evidence that such a second rifleman exists, but it is hard to prove that none did. The bureau did not address itself to

the problem in the report submitted to the commission last week.

Another major question is whether there was any connection at all between Oswald and the man charged with his murder, Jack Ruby. Had they ever met?

The F.B.I. report again says only that no evidence of any such link has been found. It makes similar comments on other reports, such as one that Oswald had brought \$5,000 back from Mexico shortly before the killing.

The report takes a firm position against various reports that at least one of the bullets that hit Mr. Kennedy had come from in front of him.

Such a theory would conflict with the fact that Oswald was allegedly firing from a window above and behind the President.

The F.B.I. report said the shots came from that window. It said Mr. Kennedy was hit by two bullets, one where the right shoulder joins the neck and the other in the right temple.

Summaries in Hand

On the basis of ballistic tests, the report states flatly that the two bullets that hit the President came from Oswald's rifle. It is understood that markings on those two bullets matched those of test shots fired later from the rifle.

The third bullet, which hit Gov. John B. Connally of Texas, was said to have been too smashed for accurate ballistic appraisal.

The report itself did not spell out the evidence and trajectory plotting by which bureau agents came to the conclusion that the shots were fired from that window.

That is the sort of material that the Warren commission wants to see. It will undoubtedly be described in the commission's final report.

The Chief Justice told reporters after today's meeting that the seven commission members regarded it as "essential to have the materials on which the reports we are receiving are based."

What the group had so far, he said, was "summaries and in more or less skeletal form."

In addition to the F.B.I. report, the commission got one from the State Department today. This presumably deals with information submitted by the Soviet Union on Oswald's stay there.

The F.B.I. is continuing to gather evidence on all the events surrounding the assassination. Whether it will draft a formal supplementary report or simply turn over the material it finds will probably be up to the commission.