

Longview Paper Praises Story on Oswald Diary

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LONGVIEW, Texas (UPI)—The Longview News and Journal Thursday praised publication by The Dallas Morning News of parts of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's diary, calling it "a distinguished example of enterprising journalism."

In an editorial signed by Longview publisher Carl Estes, The News article was called "one brilliant piece of investigating reporting."

Estes said the story "has done more to enlighten the people on the thoughts and actions of the accused assassin, including his Russian Communist background, than all the highly publicized work

of the Warren Commission, the FBI and the Secret Service combined."

The editorial said the action of the Warren Commission asking the FBI to investigate how and from whom the diary was obtained by the Dallas newspaper was uncalled for in view of the fact that J. Lee Rankin, chief counsel to the commission, has said publicly that disclosure of the diary does not prejudice the investigation of any specific points.

"We commend our journalistic friends of The Dallas News for courageous work on a difficult and highly involved incident of national and world concern which occurred within a few blocks of The News building," the editorial said.

"The press has every right—indeed, it has the public duty—to dig into every phase of the assassination and bring out every background detail of Oswald or anyone else who may have been involved. Oswald, for his accused role of assassin, has forfeited any right to privacy in the matter."