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TED KENNEDY CERTAIN OSWALD ACTED ALONE

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Sunday that although he has not read the Warren Commission Report—"and I do not intend to"—he is convinced Lee Harvey Oswald alone assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

The 34-year-old younger brother of the late Chief Executive reacted with emotion when asked in an interview about recent books questioning the validity of the Warren Commission's findings.

Kennedy winced and covered his face with one hand. After a moment of

silence, he lowered his hand and replied firmly.

"I never read the Warren Commission Report."

"However, I am satisfied that it represents at least conclusively the facts which I believe are accurate. I have not read it."

The tone of Kennedy's voice made clear that was all to be said on the subject.

Renewed controversy about the assassination was aroused chiefly by the recent publication of a book by Edward Jay Epstein, a Harvard University graduate student, who said the Warren Report was hastily prepared, inaccurate and incomplete.

Reviewing available evidence, Epstein concluded this commission headed

by Chief Justice Earl Warren did not prove its principal finding that Oswald acted alone.

Epstein's book prompted Richard N. Goodwin, a former speech writer and troubleshooter for the late President, to suggest last week that an independent panel look into the charges and, if necessary, that Congress establish a new board to seek new evidence.