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Following is a transcript of President Johnson's news conference held in the East Room of the White House yesterday, as recorded by The New York Times:

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Q. Mr. President, as you know, a great deal of mystery has developed around the assassination of President Kennedy and I'm thinking of two or three books that were written and some lawyers and others casting doubts on the works of the Warren Commission. Now, the case as I understand it, was based on the alleged mysterious disappearance of photos, X-rays and so forth.

Now the Justice Department discloses that the Kennedy family had these documents. They've now been turned over to the National Archives. I wonder why that was not disclosed before and why this material is still not available to competent nongovernment investigators.

A. Well first I think it's been available to the Warren Commission any time it wanted to see it. Second, I think it's available to any official body now. Third, I think that every American can understand the reasons why we wouldn't want to have the garments and the records and everything paraded out in every sewing circle in the country to be exploited and used without serving any good or official purpose.

And it is my understanding—all this took place while I was away—but it's my understanding that there's never most of this has been over in the ar-

...been available to the Warren Commission or the Government, the Justice Department, the F.B.I., to the late beloved President's brother, the Attorney General during the period the Warren Commission was studying this thing and I certainly would think he'd have a very thorough interest in seeing that the truth was made evident and I believe he did have.

Q. And I think that he and the F.B.I. and the entire Government made available everything that the commission wanted and I think they made a very thorough study. I know of no evidence that would in any way cause any reasonable person to have a doubt about the Warren Commission, but if there is any evidence that's brought forth, I'm sure that the commission and the appropriate authorities will take action that may be necessary.