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Inquiry Held Not Needed

Rep. Boggs Says New Evidence Is Lacking in Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), a member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, said Sunday he doubts the investigation should be reopened in the absence of new evidence.

Boggs, the House Democratic whip, emphasized that "if new evidence can be presented, it should be looked at objectively."

Boggs was interviewed on the television-radio program Face the Nation.

In all the articles, books and other statements that have appeared since the commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, presented its report, Boggs said he has found no question that had not already been raised by the commission.

Brings Up X rays

He referred to criticism that the commission had not viewed X rays of Mr. Kennedy's body made during the autopsy. He said that he would be agreeable to having the attorney general appoint a "totally objective" group of doctors to examine the X rays and submit a report.

As for the failure of the commission to examine the X rays, Boggs said the doctors who performed the autopsy appeared before the commission and were questioned exhaustively. He added that even if he had looked at the X rays,

he wasn't trained to read them.

As for expressed doubts that one of the bullets fired struck both the President and Gov. John Connally of Texas, Boggs said the commission report states only that the evidence "is very persuasive" that a single bullet struck both men.

Impossible Task

He added that "the idea that you could prove a case beyond any shadow of a question in a situation like this is impossible."

All the evidence did show, Boggs said, that all the shots fired came from the rear.

Asked if he had any doubt that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated Mr. Kennedy, Boggs replied: "None whatsoever. I'm totally convinced of it."

He said that the commission "established well as competent men could that Oswald assassinated President Kennedy and also shot Gov. Connally."

Boggs disputed claims that it would have taken an expert marksman to have done the shooting.

Looked Through Sight

He said he had stood at the window of the building in Dallas from which the shots are believed to have been fired, had looked through the telescopic sight of the rifle cited as the murder weapon and had concluded that "almost any marksman using a telescopic sight could have performed that dastardly deed."

Boggs also said, "the idea that the commission didn't make a thorough, exhaustive examination is one I reject . . . I spent more time working on this commission than anything I've worked on in my life . . . I read every word of that testimony and I think every member of that commission did." *end*