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Warren Report Tops Here

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A new conversational vogue has hit Los Angeles, as well as other American cities. The topic is the Warren Report on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

And to speak authoritatively on the subject, one must read the report, just as many of our fellow citizens are doing at the moment. Ironically, most have begun their individual research programs during the past two weeks.

For nearly two years after the Warren Report was published, its 26 volumes rested, unmolested and ignored, on the shelves of the big Los Angeles Central Library downtown.

Then two weeks ago the Herald-Examiner and other media published a spate of arguments against the commission findings, disagreements that have erupted from various quarters about the nation. The debate continues.

A local graduate student, enticed by curiosity, inquired about checking out some of the volumes. John Bruck-

man, the library's assistant history department head, indicated that, indeed, the student could check out his limit of 10 volumes.

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However, to Bruckman's astonishment, others had been there first. All circulating volumes of the Warren Report had been checked out.

The student's name went on a waiting list, one that seems to be growing daily, according to Bruckman.

Fortunately for those willing to work in the reference room, the library has more copies of the work. In addition to the circulating copies, the central library has a complete set of the report available for use on the premises.

Similar sets also are available in each of the library's seven branches, in the West San Fernando Valley, North Hollywood, Hollywood, San Pedro, Arroyo Seco, Vermont Square and West Los Angeles.

It is quite unusual for the library to buy so much of one work, Bruckman admitted. "But we felt this information was extremely important. I'm glad we did it. I can't recall anything previously that has generated so much interest, especially when you look at the material itself.

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"These are government documents," he explained. "They are dry, difficult to read. The fact that people should be wanting to take this stuff home to read, shows a striking interest."

The library also is spending as much money as it can afford on the works of those who are disputing the commission's word. These volumes are even more difficult to secure. **END**