

Oswald Alone Shot Kennedy, FBI to Indicate

Report Will Say 1st and 3d Shots Hit President

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An exhaustive FBI report now nearly ready for the White House will indicate that Lee Harvey Oswald, a loner all his life, was the lone and unaided assassin of President Kennedy, Government sources said today.

The report will go to President Johnson this week, it was predicted, and Mr. Johnson will forward it promptly to the seven-member investigating commission he named on Friday.

Members of the commission, which is headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, were standing by. They awaited a call from Justice Warren to hold their first meeting and organize the machinery for an inquiry which apparently has no precedent in American history.

Whether the FBI report would be made public before the Warren commission begins its study apparently was not yet decided.

Forecast of Report

Various Government sources said the FBI report, incorporating the findings of the Secret Service and at least a half-dozen other Federal agencies, would indicate that:

1. Oswald, without accomplices, fired three shots at Mr. Kennedy from a self-prepared hideaway at a sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas as the presidential motorcade passed on November 22.

2. The first and third shots struck the President. Either could have killed him.

3. The second shot missed Mr. Kennedy but struck and seriously wounded Texas Gov. John Connally.

4. About 5 1/2 seconds elapsed between the first shot and the last. Despite questions raised by some rifle experts, Federal agents consider Oswald's bolt-action rifle could have been aimed and fired that rapidly.

5. It has been established that all three shots came from the same direction, behind and slightly to the right of the President's car. This gave the assassin a target moving approximately in the direction of his line of fire, an easier shot than a target moving across it.

6. Ballistics studies reportedly substantiate that the same weapon fired all three shots.

7. Evidence is lacking of any personal acquaintance between Oswald and Jack Rubinstein, alias Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who broke through a crowd of spectators and killed the prisoner two days later, as Oswald was about to be transferred from police headquarters in the Dallas City Hall to the county jail.

Report Is Basic Data

The FBI report will be the basic raw material for the Warren commission, but President Johnson instructed it to evaluate "all available information" and empowered it to "conduct any further investigation it deems desirable."

This could include information in the hands of Texas authorities. The State Attorney General, Waggoner Carr,

has offered full cooperation with the Warren probe.

In Dallas, Mr. Carr said yesterday the State inquiry will be delayed until the FBI reports, and in any case will not start before next week.

Whether the bipartisan commission, which includes four members of Congress, will ask Congress for power to subpoena witnesses and records is a question that probably will not be decided until the commission has received and studied the FBI report.

Might Go Further

If the members then feel that the basic document should be supplemented by the summoning and hearing of possibly reluctant witnesses, then it must seek legislation, congressional sources said. The presidential order does not in itself confer the subpoena authority.

Official sources indicate the FBI still is working on its report. The basic document is ready, but agents yesterday still were tracking down belated tips, reports and rumors to make sure that no leads were overlooked.

The report has been described as a narrative in minute detail, sticking to established facts and dismissing, by omission, the dozens of rumors and theories which have been run down and found to be baseless.

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