

Gregory: JFK Killed in CIA Plot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Comedian Dick Gregory has given the Rockefeller commission what he claims is new evidence that President John F. Kennedy was the

victim of a CIA assassination plot.

Gregory's claim was based on amateur movies of the assassination and on a newspaper photograph made soon afterward. Both had been examined by the Warren Commission, which conducted the official government investigation of Kennedy's death, and by other investigators.

A spokesman for the Rockefeller commission, created by President Ford to investigate allegations of domestic spying by the CIA, said yesterday that "we will consider every bit" of evidence presented by Gregory and two associates.

Robert Groden, 29, who identified himself as a "photographer and photo optical specialist" working with Gregory, showed the movie film to a news conference.

Says It's Hunt

Ralph Schoenman, also a Gregory associate, displayed a still photograph which he

said showed convicted Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis at the scene of the assassination.

The movie consisted of film made by Abraham Zapruder as Kennedy was shot while his motorcade passed by the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, with some footage spliced in from film Groden said was made by another amateur, Orville Nixon.

The Zapruder film shows Kennedy clutching at his throat and beginning to lean forward after he is first hit, then suddenly the right side of his head explodes and he rocks violently backward and to the right.

Groden said this clearly shows that Kennedy was killed by a shot from the front and not from the Texas School Book Depository to the rear, as concluded by the Warren Commission.

He Sees Riflemen

Groden also said the movie film showed a rifleman hid-

ing in a clump of trees and another man pointing a rifle from a grassy knoll near where Zapruder was standing.

Critics in the past have made the same argument in contending that Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the sole assassin, did not act alone.

Frames purportedly showing men in blowups from the movie film were indistinct and reporters at Gregory's news conference—as in the past—could not tell whether the film showed hidden men or shadowy effects caused by leaves and poor lighting in the jumpy amateur film.

Schoenman said the still picture showed Hunt and Sturgis in custody with a third man shortly after the assassination.

Schoenman said the men he identified as Hunt and Sturgis were CIA operatives and were disguised as tramps.

Claims CIA Link with JFK Murder



Activist Dick Gregory displays photos which he says are new evidence that President Kennedy was the victim of CIA assassination plot. Gregory turned his evidence over to Rockefeller commission investigating domestic spying by the CIA. Story on Page 7L.

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