

Acoustical tests set in JFK

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Dallas police have agreed to aid the House Assassinations Committee in a partial re-enactment of the Kennedy assassination to determine the reliability of acoustical evidence that four shots — not three — were fired at the presidential motorcade 15 years ago.

The Dallas police department will

provide the fullest level of cooperation possible (at 5:30 a.m.) on the 20th, including sealing off of the area and providing marksmen if requested," Dallas Police Chief Don Byrd said today.

"We have always cooperated with agencies of the federal government and will continue to do so.

"However, our role on the morning of

the 20th will be primarily supportive in terms of providing security. Specifics on the re-creation and details on what the government hopes to prove or disprove will have to come from the Select Committee on Assassinations, U.S. House of Representatives," he said.

Police spokesman Ed Spencer said. "We'll keep the people out, but what

slaying

goes on in there is their business."

The committee's request to come to Dallas and re-enact the day John F. Kennedy was slain here was revealed today because of reported evidence that at least four shots were fired.

A source close to the House Assassinations Committee confirmed that acousti-

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cal tests were planned in Dallas but would not include a full-scale re-enactment of the assassination.

"It looks like the whole thing will be done strictly from an acoustical standpoint — not with bodies and the motorcade and the whole thing," the source said.

The Warren Commission report, issued 10 months after the assassination, concluded that "the preponderance of the evidence indicated that three shots were fired . . ."

It said all three were fired from the Texas School Book Depository Building by Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone. One shot missed, the report said, and two other bullets caused the wounds suffered by Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally, who was traveling in the same limousine.

The committee, which has been reviewing the murders of Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. for the past two years, has been trying to pin down reports that four or more shots were fired — suggesting Oswald may have had an accomplice.

A New York Times news service story Wednesday said the panel has acoustical evidence of four shots. There was no confirmation of this from the committee.

The Times news service story said the prime recording was inadvertently made by a Dallas police officer whose shortwave radio transmitter was operating while the shots were fired.

A Dallas police spokesman said today, "Every bit of evidence and information we had was turned over many, many years ago (to the Warren Commission). There hasn't been anything new that has come to light."

The Warren report conceded there was confusion among witnesses on how many shots were heard.