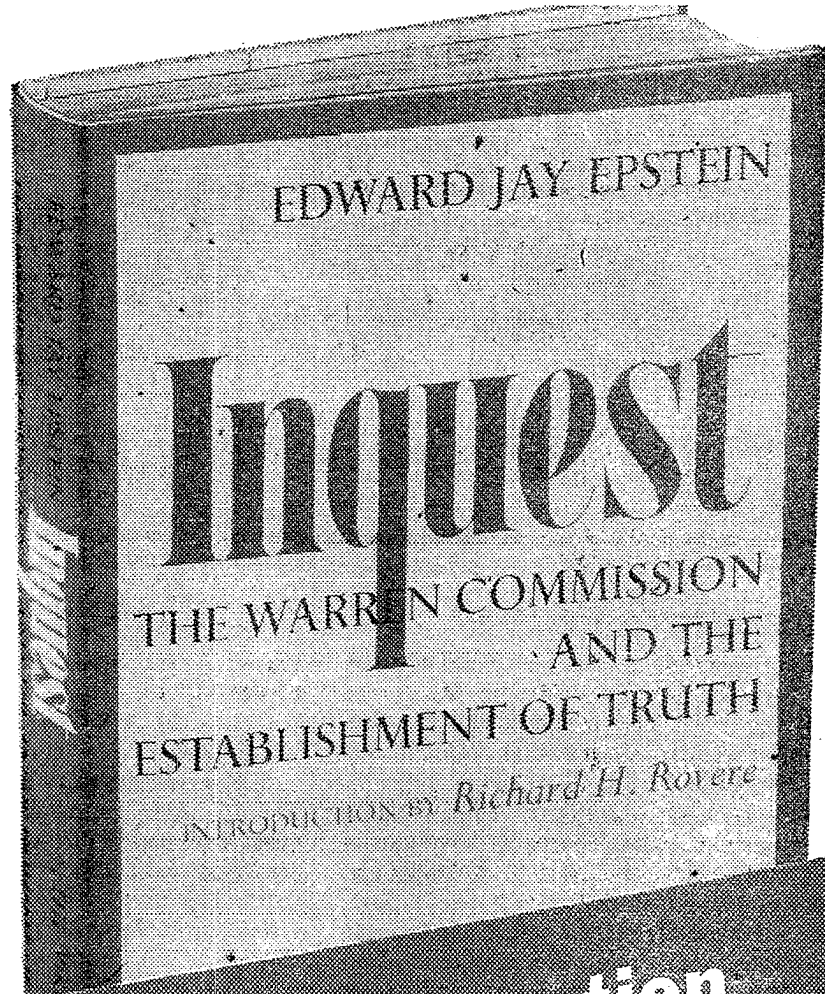


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New Doubts Are Cast on Lone Kennedy Slayer

By BRUCE B. VAN DUSEN

Did a second killer join Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of John F. Kennedy?
The total body of evidence seemingly substantiates an answer of "no." But the question has been freshly — and quite responsibly — raised by a 30-year-old Harvard graduate student who has dug into the voluminous files of the Warren Commission to uncover facts and hypotheses either missed or glossed over by the distinguished commissioners.

The new researcher into the assassination records is Edward Jay Epstein, now a candidate for a Ph.D. in government and author of "Inquest — The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth," to be published June 29 by Viking Press.

Epstein raises anew questions about:
• The "dominant purpose" of the Warren Commission — was it established primarily to determine the truth, or to settle doubts and suspicions?
• The possibility of the "second assassin" — does available evidence question the conclusion that Oswald did all the shooting?

The inactivity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the investigating arm of the commission produce confusion and com-

one of a series of recently published, biased, independent restudies of the assassination. But Epstein's contradiction is for the thoroughness and logicalness the Warren Commission has peculiar-

no apparent axes to grind. He advocates of his own as to the crime.

An Inquest: Skeptical Postscript to Warren Inquiry Report

This great investigation was carried out by men who could not give their full attention to it and who, because of their own needs and also because of certain political circumstances, were in a desperate hurry to get it over with . . . The day the Warren Commission Report was issued, the American press should have been do what Mr. Epstein

event, on a few younger members of the staff who were able to devote full time to the job. Many of the content reveals lapses brought in to help continue their private professional activities and gave little time to the inquiry. Among the working staff, Epstein reveals, there were better diagnoses about the credibility of witnesses.

Spicer, moreover, was under constant pressure from the Commission — as were all members of the staff — to complete his work by June 1, which was the arbitrary deadline chosen by the Commission. Deadline Extended The deadline was not

against an original weight of about 161 grams. Commander Humes and Lt. Col. Finck, the presidential autopsist, doubted that this bullet could have caused all of Gov. Connally

But his surgeon had an explanation. No, it is not a testis, for per for a wound will ing it immediately

WASHINGTON
Post

WARREN REPORT CHALLENGED

Question of Second Kennedy Assassin Again Being Asked

By ROBERT J. DONOVAN

WASHINGTON — Nearly 19 months after publication of the Warren Commission Report, the question of whether a second assassin may have been involved in the murder of President John F. Kennedy is again being asked.

Sunday said, however, that the statements are untrue. The possibility Oswald had an accomplice suggests the imagination at this late date. Who could such a person be? If he exists, where is he? What is he doing? Is he still in the

No new evidence has come to light. Rather the

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Already, the book that challenges the Warren Report is a nationwide best seller!

DALLAS News

Second Assassin?

By LARRY HOWELL
Editorial Staff Writer

"WHEN I FIRST read Mr. Richard Jay Epstein's book it was with the hope that I would find it greatly flawed and could advise that it was not a work to be

one included in the Warren Report are diametrically opposed.

The FBI's report states that the first bullet hit President Kennedy "just below the shoulder." It penetrated "for three to four inches," and "there was no point of exit."

changed their testimony when called before the commission.

But the corner of Epstein's theory is discussing the "angle-shot theory" of Gov. Connally's being struck by a bullet that first hit President Kennedy.

The commission itself termed this point absolutely essential. "To say that they were hit by separate bullets is synonymous with saying that there were two assassins," Norman Redlich of the commission staff said to Epstein.

Remember that Epstein does not say this. He merely says the report fails to prove the contrary.

EPSTEIN BEGAN the book as a reporter's thesis at Cornell. He had no axe to grind. He embarked on it to study the Warren Commission as an agency of the government and to see if it was a good one.

Warren Report on Assassination Challenged Again

A five-declassified Federal revealed that one of the bullet paths from the sixth-floor assassin's rifle pointed to the right of the Warren Commission's findings. The Warren Commission's findings that said Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of President Kennedy.

The FBI's "Supplemental Report" dated Jan. 13, 1964, stated that the bullet which entered his back had penetrated a distance of less than a foot.

Mr. Epstein's book describes how used Oswald's rifle, but it does not mention the fact that the bullet which entered his back had penetrated a distance of less than a foot.

NEW YORK Times

Inquest: How Many Assassins?

The shots which killed President Kennedy and wounded Governor Connally were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. On the basis of the evidence before the commission, it concludes that Oswald acted alone.

Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

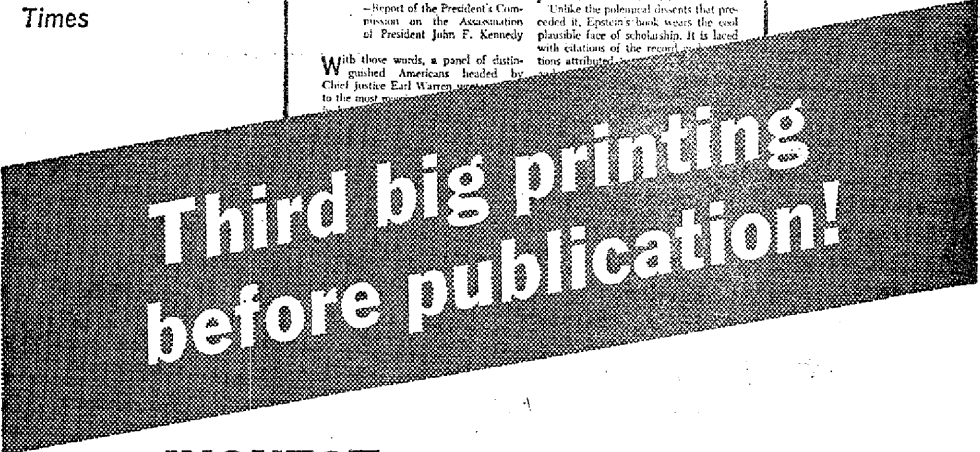
With those words, a panel of distinguished Americans headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren concluded to the most

to its uncertain end. "There is a strong case that Oswald could not have acted alone," says Epstein. "In establishing its version of the truth, the Warren Commission acted to reassure the nation and protect the national interest."

Unlike the polished document that preceded it, Epstein's book wears the cool plausible face of scholarship. It is laced with citations of the record.

He says some one else might have shot Oswald, but he does not say who.

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