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Let's settle all the doubts

Old doubts are being resurrected and new aspersions cast as to the Warren Commission findings in its investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Diehards are still convinced the accused slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald, did not act alone. No matter how great the accumulation of evidence supporting that positive conclusion, some continue to haggle over the fact that alternate theories cannot be disproved.

In this, the commission faced an impossible task. Even if Oswald had been brought to trial instead of being slain himself, it is doubtful every avenue of speculation could have been closed. And the commission was no court, depending on the adversary system to dig out and find answers for diverging possibilities.

A principal basis for the twoslayer theory is the belief that the same bullet which killed President Kennedy could not also have wounded Texas Gov. John Connally riding in the same car.

Jacob Cohen, writing in the current issue of the magazine, "The Nation", suggests that a high level committee of doctors and scholars be permitted to examine the dozens of X-rays and photographs taken of Mr. Kennedy's body. They would show, he said, whether the wound in the President's body was high enough to sustain the theory of one bullet striking both men, and whether Mr. Kennedy had also been hit from the front or side

by a second sharpshooter.

Sympathy and good taste have been sufficient to keep such pictorial evidence scaled in official files. Even the Warren Commission felt it was not necessary to go over them. If their examination in executive session by persons with the expertise to interpret their meaning will help settle once and for all the disputed points, it should be ordered.

Nothing should be left undone to damp needless disagreements which feed on themselves. — Times, Chattanooga, Tenn.