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Austin, Nov. 23 — Gov. John Connally of Texas said today that he did not believe there should be a new inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Although Connally said he was still convinced he was not hit by the same bullet that struck the President a 3 years ago, he expressed full confidence in the general findings of the Warren Commission.

Reopening the case, the Governor said, "is neither warranted, justified or desirable..."

Reading a prepared statement to a press conference here, he said:

"I want to make it very clear that simply because I disagree with the Warren Commission

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on this one detail does not mean that I disagree with the substance of their general findings."

Life Story

The Governor called the conference as a result of new attention focused on his statement to Life Magazine that his and the President's wounds were inflicted by separate shots. As a result, the magazine urged reopening the case.

Connally pointed out he had given the same opinion when he testified before the Commission. The question of whether Connally and the President were wounded by a single bullet is crucial. Critics of the report have insisted that if there were two bullets, a single assassin could not have fired them that rapidly.

The Governor struck out at those who have attacked the report, singling out by name Mark Lane, the New York attorney who was one of the earliest to dispute the assertion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the

sole assassin.

Best-Seller

Lane's book on the report, "Rush to Judgment," is now a best-seller. Connally said:

"It is somewhat shocking to me that in the backlash of tragedy, journalistic scavengers such as Mark Lane should attempt to impugn the motives of these members (of the Warren Commission) individually."

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Towaway victims exchange a few words with officer at the shack on pier at W. 34th St.

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