JFK Death Report Hit

Coroner Cyril H. Wecht has criticized a new medical report supporting the Warren Commission findings that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Dr. Wecht, a forensic pathologist and a recognized expert in the field of gunshot wounds, said yesterday he would like to examine some 65 X-rays and photos taken that November day in Dallas more than eight years ago.

The medical records of Kennedy's wounds have been locked in the National Archives in Washington since the assassination.

Last week, a New York urologist, Dr. John K. Lattimer of Columbia University, was permitted to examine the records and subsequently said he was convinced Oswald alone could have fired the fatal shots.

"Dr. Lattimer is a urologist," Wecht said yesterday. "You go to him for bladders and kidneys, not gunshot wounds. These are matters uniquely within the realm of forensic pathology."

Wecht said he feels Lattimer was permitted to examine the evidence because he has supported the findings of the Warren Commission.