

Assassination Prehe Report Months Away

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The commission investigating the death of John F. Kennedy has received "thousands" of pages of raw data from the sources close to the commission disclosed today.

The mass of investigatory material has led the seven-man presidential commission to the conclusion that it probably will be months before a final report can be issued.

Some of the commission members—four Congressmen, two distinguished private citizens and Warren as chairman—plan to dig through the data themselves. Some work will be done during the holidays, one source said.

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Former Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, counsel for the committee, is organizing a legal staff to help the commission in the gigantic task of studying the data. The commission was named by President Johnson Nov. 29.

An FBI-Justice Dept. summary of the data was turned weeks ago. It was made up of five volumes, each one half inch thick.

But the summaries have not proved enough.

SEEK DATA

Chief Justice Warren said a week ago that the commission was asking for the raw data on which the summaries were based.

He earlier had said the commission might have a preliminary report for the nation, but he has no such plans now.

The commission plans no meeting before January. It was learned and has no present plans for publication.

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Although the Chief Justice had announced earlier that a preliminary statement would be made by the commission, he said yesterday that a commission summary of the FBI report "would serve no purpose at this particular moment."

In answer to questions, he said that such physical evidence — the fatal bullet and the gun — requested at this time, partially because of the fact that they should not be handled too much.

State Department Report

He gave no indications of the nature of the State Department report but it was assumed that it would cover the State Department's dealings with Oswald; a Soviet consular file on Oswald and an investigation conducted by the Mexican government.

Oswald lived in Russia from October, 1959 until June, 1962.

The Mexican government investigated Oswald's visit to Mexico from September 25 to October 3, 1963.

The State Department's activities in connection with Oswald relate to granting him documents to return to this country from Russia and lending him the money for the trip.

Setting Up Headquarters

The commission spent most of its meeting yesterday approving arrangements of living with a permanent headquarters and staff. Chief Justice Warren announced that the headquarters for the commission will be on the fourth floor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building at 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., directly across from the Supreme Court building.

Former Solicitor General S. Lee Rankin, the commission's general counsel, will have his office there.

Chief Justice Warren said the commission has acquired an office manager from the General Services Administration and a files expert assigned by Wayne C. Groer, national archivist.