

Johnson Asks Deletion in TV Interview

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WASHINGTON — The final scheduled installment of a CBS interview with former President Lyndon B. Johnson omits, at Mr. Johnson's request, a comment questioning the Warren Commission's "single assassin" theory on the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The deletion, in an interview to be televised Saturday at 7:30 p.m. PDT, was requested by Mr. Johnson on the grounds of national security.

A CBS source, who confirmed that the former President expressed reservations about the Warren Commission finding that Mr. Kennedy was murdered by a single assassin, refused to disclose the wording of the question put to Mr. Johnson and his answer.

Oswald's Motives

Mr. Johnson also expressed doubts about the "motivations and connections" of Lee Harvey Oswald, the sources said. The reference was apparently to the accused assassin's attempted defection to the Soviet Union and claimed relationship with the Communist Party.

Mr. Johnson and his liaison with CBS, Tom Johnson, could not be reached for comment at the LBJ ranch Monday.

Richard S. Salant, president of CBS news, which purchased the right to film the interviews for a reported \$300,000, confirmed that deletions had been made and said the interview will include this message:

"Certain material has been deleted from this broadcast at President Johnson's request, made on the ground of national security."