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Kennedy Assassination

Nov. 22 is the 25th anniversary of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and a number of specials have been planned to observe the date. Some will re-examine the Kennedy era; others will re-examine the murder itself.

In the second category are two programs this week. A special hourlong edition of "The Kwitny Report," tomorrow night at 9 o'clock on Channel 31, will present arguments suggesting that President Kennedy was killed by the Mafia. It will contend that there were longstanding organized-crime connections between Lee Harvey Oswald, the President's presumed assassin; Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald, and Jimmy Hoffa, then the head of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who vanished in 1975 and who is presumed to have been murdered.

It will also suggest that J. Edgar Hoover, then the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was aware of those links but withheld that information from the Warren Commission, which investigated the President's murder. The commission concluded that Oswald acted alone.

The program, for which Jonathan Kwitny is the managing editor and the executive producer, will include reactions from Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, and David Bellin, both of whom were lawyers for the Warren Commission.

Mr. Kwitny was a reporter for The

Wall Street Journal for more than 17 years before leaving to devote full time to "The Kwitny Report," which will go national as a weekly program on the Public Broadcasting Service in January.

On Wednesday at 8 P.M. Channel 9 will present "American Exposé: Who Murdered J.F.K.?" a live two-hour program from Washington, with the political columnist Jack Anderson as host; Mr. Anderson was an early critic of the Warren Commission report. The program promises a live interview with Marina Oswald Porter, Oswald's wife, from her home in Dallas and "realistic re-enactments of events relating to the assassination, including Oswald shooting from the Book Depository."

The so-called Mafia connection will also be raised on "American Exposé." The program will include interviews with E. Howard Hunt, the former Central Intelligence agent and Watergate burglar; Jack Ruby's lawyer, Melvin Belli; Mark Lane, one of the first proponents of a conspiracy theory, and former Senator George McGovern.