

KU Man Brings Request to Court—

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JFK Death Evidence Sought

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A University of Kansas pathologist sought today in U.S. District Court here to have items of clothing and other evidence involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy released to him for inspection.

Dr. John Nichols appeared before U.S. District Judge George Templar in the opening

round of a legal battle with the General Services Administration, the U.S. archivist and the U.S. Department of the Navy to allow him to inspect the items now being held in the federal archives.

Dr. Nichols teaches at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

Judge Templar put off a ruling in the matter and ordered

Nichols' attorneys to submit briefs in support of oral arguments presented today. He gave the government's attorney five days after receiving the briefs to file an answer.

Dr. Nichols, who plans to write a book about the Kennedy assassination, is attempting to "clarify" the Warren Commission report which concluded that

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'Not Public Record'

The government, represented by Assistant U.S. Atty. Charles McAtee, argued the material is not public record but is "reference" material.

"The only decision you have to make, your honor," Wilkinson told Judge Templar, "is if the items are to be turned over for informational purposes or if they are to be turned over for historical purposes. Chief Justice Warren has ruled the case is closed . . . which makes them public record."

A similar petition was filed in federal court about a year ago, but was dismissed without prejudice by the plaintiff so the petition could be revised.

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Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin.

Nichols desires to subject certain articles of clothing worn by the President to a special neutron examination. Such an examination, he claimed, could show definitely through measurement of minute particles of metal how many bullets were fired.

Dr. Nichols said such a test could conclusively determine whether one bullet struck Texas Governor John Connally and then struck the President, or if two bullets were fired.

Nichols said if evidence from the tests showed two bullets had been fired — one at Connally and one at the President — it

would "blow the Warren Report all apart."

Nichols also sought the X-rays, bullets from Oswald's rifle and photos of the president's body.

The pathologist contended that if two separate bullets struck the two, it was physically impossible for one man to trigger the three shots in the space of 5.6 seconds.

"Marine experts have done it," he contended, "but Oswald had to aim."

Nichols' attorneys — John Wilkinson and Sam Crow, both of Topeka, and M. C. Slough, former dean of the Kansas University Law School — argued the items they are seeking for examination are matters of public record and their client should be given the right to inspect them.

