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Theory on Oswald Conspiracy

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A California educator charged yesterday that an analysis of the entire Warren Commission Report and two new books on the Kennedy assassination provide "compelling" substantiation of the theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a conspiracy.

Writing in the New York Review of Books, professor Richard H. Popkin contended the Commission's conclusion that Oswald was a loner is not consistent with much of the material in its 26 volumes of testimony and evidence.

The chairman of the philosophy department at the University of California, San Diego, demanded that the investigation be reopened.

Popkin's own theory is that a man who looked like Oswald and often posed as Oswald was the actual assassin, while Oswald was used to create the illusion that a lonely, alienated man with pro-Castro leanings was the sole perpetrator of the crime.

The educator used a review of Edward J. Epstein's "Inquest" and Harold Weisberg's "Whitewash," both of which take issue with the Warren report, as a forum for his own speculation, based on two readings of the voluminous report, material he says was overlooked by the Commission, and what he describes as new evidence gathered by independent investigators.

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