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N. Y. Fingerprint Expert Helped Cinch Evidence

New York City detective Arthur A. Mandella, a fingerprint expert who also instructs hospital nurses in taking and identifying babies' footprints, helped the Warren Commission cinch evidence against Lee Harvey Oswald, it became known today.

Det. Mandella was the man selected when Police Commr. Michael J. Murphy was asked last March 26 by Melvin A. Eisenberg, an attorney for the Commission, for the services of a fingerprint expert.

From March 30 to April 2 the detective was in a Washington hotel room examining 29 photographs of 62 whole or partial palm and fingerprints, to confirm the conclusions of the FBI.

He identified a print of Oswald's left index finger on the rifle, and four other prints left on books and other items in the Texas School Book Depository. It was from the sixth floor of that building that the bullets which killed President Kennedy were fired.



DET. MANDELLA Aided Warren Commission

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