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Examiner Voices Regret

► Dr. Milton Helpern, Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, voiced regret that the Warren Commission had not called on forensic physicians to assist in the study of President Kennedy's assassination. Citing this omission as an example of the fact that forensic medicine's contributions are still not as widely understood as they should be, Dr. Helpern said that the "participation of a nongovernmental group of specialists" in the autopsy would have obviated later public controversy.



DR. HELPERN

He made it clear that he agreed with the conclusion of the Army pathologists who autopsied the late President as to the direction of the assassin's bullets, a major controversial point in discussion of the Warren Report.

"The problem was relatively elementary. There was no need to make it complicated," Dr. Helpern said. "The conclusion was correct, but if outside pathologists had joined in the study, the Warren Commission would not have had to spend four days on discussion of this point."