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REPRESENTATIVE FORD TO WRITE BOOK ABOUT WARREN COMMISSION

THE WITNESSES, Congressman Gerald R. Ford's story of his ten months as member of the Warren Commission, will be published in the spring of 1965 by Simon and Schuster, it was announced today by Peter Schwed, Executive Vice President of the company.

The author's aim is to give the reader a more exact picture of the personalities of the witnesses and their reactions and relations to one another and the Warren Commission under the stress of investigation. He will cover his personal impressions of the witnesses and the problems the seven-man committee faced. A major portion of the book, though, and its most important feature for many readers, is its distillation of the direct testimony that will be in the as yet unpublished Appendix to the official Report. The Appendix will run to twenty-six volumes of testimony from the witnesses. In his book Congressman Ford has selected those portions from which the biography of the assassin and the story of his deed most clearly emerge.

The book is being written in collaboration with Congressman Ford's special assistant, John R. Stiles. Gerald Ford was one of the two members of the House of Representatives chosen to serve on the Warren Commission. He has been in the House for sixteen years as Representative from Michigan and is Chairman of the House Republican Conference. In 1961 he received the Distinguished Congressional Service Award from the American Political Science Association.

A small portion of the book has already appeared in the October 2nd issue of Life.

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