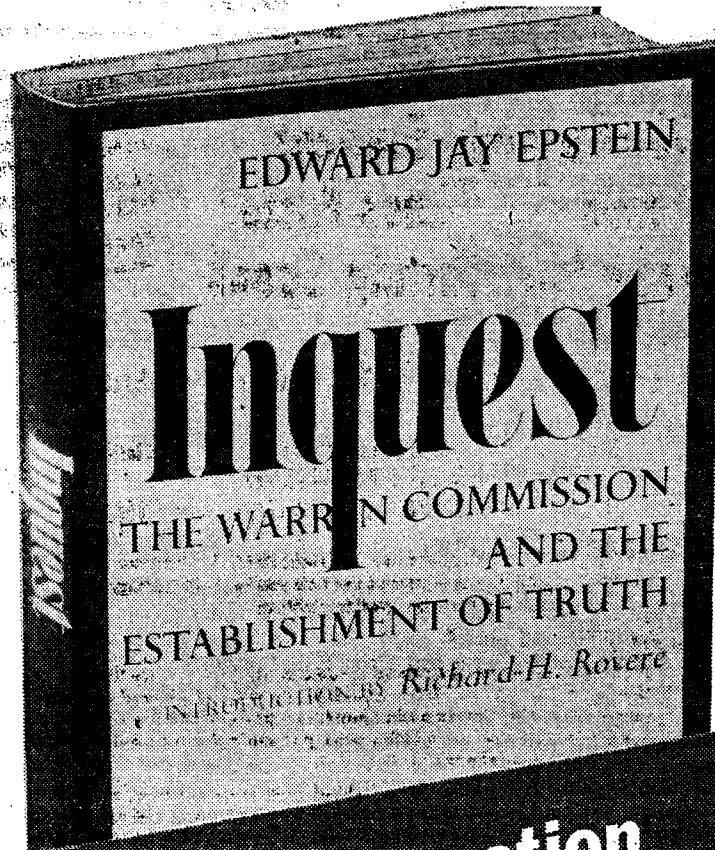


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New Doubts Are Cast on Lone Kennedy Slayer

By BRUCE B. VAN DUSEN

Did a second killer join Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of John F. Kennedy? The total body of evidence seemingly substantiates an answer of "no." But the question has been freshly — and quite respectably — raised by a 30-year-old Harvard graduate student who has dug into the voluminous files of the Warren Commission to uncover facts and hypotheses either missed or glossed over by the distinguished commissioners.

The new researcher into the assassination records is Edward Jay Epstein, now a candidate for a Ph.D. in government and author of "Inquest — The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth," to be published June 29 by Viking Press. Epstein raises three questions about:

- The "dominant purpose" of the Warren Commission — was it established primarily to determine the truth, or to settle doubts and suspicions?
- The possibility of the "second assassin" — does available evidence question the conclusion that Oswald did all the shooting?

**DETROIT
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An Inquest: Skeptical Postscript to Warren Inquiry Report

This great investigation was carried out by those who could not give their full attention to it and who, because of their own needs and also because of certain political circumstances, were in a nervous hurry to get it over with. The day after the Warren Commission report was published, the American people would have been told what Mr. Epstein

event, in a few minutes, was to be done full time to the job. Many of the most eminent private lawyers brought in to help continued their private professional activities and gave little time to the inquiry. Among the working staff, Eastern reveals, there were bitter disagreements about the credibility of witnesses.

But his surgeon had an explanation. It is not surprising for a wound to lag its immediate

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the investigating arm of the Commission produce confusion and contradiction. But Epstein's contradiction is for the thoroughness and logicalness of the Warren Commission has produced no apparent axes to grind. He advocates of his own as to the crime.

WASHINGTON
Post

WARREN REPORT CHALLENGED Question of Second Kennedy Assassin Again Being Asked

BY ROBERT J. DONOVAN
Times Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON — Nearly 19 months after publication of the Warren Commission Report, the question of whether a second assassin may have been involved in the murder of President John F. Kennedy is again being asked.

Sunday said, however, that the statements are in error. The possibility Oswald had an accomplice staggers the imagination at this late date. Who could such a person be? If he exists, where is he? What is he doing? Is he still in the country?

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Already, the book that challenges the Warren Report is a nationwide best seller!

DALLAS
News

Second Assassin?

By LARRY HOWELL
Special Staff Writer

"WHEN I FIRST read Mr. (Richard J.) Epstein's book it was with the hope that I would find it greatly flawed and could advise that it was not a book to be

included in the Warren Report and diametrically opposed. The FBI's report states that the first bullet hit President Kennedy "just below the shoulder." It penetrated "less than a finger length," and "there was no point of exit."

changed their testimony when called before the commission. But the vortex of Epstein's theory is discrediting the "single-shot theory" of Gov. Connally's being struck by a bullet that first hit President Kennedy.

Warren Report on Assassination Challenged Again

A nonclassified Federal revealed that one of the bul-21 degrees, 31 minutes, to a close working paper from a Bureau of Investigation report lists had entered just below his rifle pointing from the back of the head of the floor of the Texas School Depository. A downward line for the bullet passing through the commission's office, a sample mission finding that said Lee 45 in 80 degrees downward. President's back and out past-point that shot had come from the back of the head of the floor of the Texas School Depository, although he and that the bullet was not in it, indicated at 17 degrees, 42 said this "did not exclude" other angles, 39 degrees, following shots "from a different source."

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Remember that Epstein does not say this. He merely says the report fails to prove the contrary. EPSTEIN BEGAN the book as a master's thesis at Cornell. He had no axe to grind. He embarked on it to study the Warren Commission as an agency of the government unaccountable to the people.

NEW YORK
Times

Inquest: How Many Assassins?

The shots which killed President Kennedy were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. On the basis of the evidence before the commission, it speculates that Oswald acted alone.

to its uncertain end. "There is a strong case that Oswald could not have acted alone," says Epstein. "In establishing its version of the truth, the Warren Commission acted to ensure the nation and protect the national interest." Unlike the polemical dissent that preceded it, Epstein's book wears the conventional face of scholarship. It is filled with treatise of the record.

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