

NEW DOUBT ON WARREN REPORT

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THE statement by Mr. James Garrison, the New Orleans District Attorney, that he has evidence that President Kennedy's assassination was the result of a plot will revive controversy over the findings of the Warren Commission.

In its report on the assassination, the Commission said it found no evidence that Oswald was involved with any person or group in a conspiracy.

The Commission "thoroughly investigated, in addition to other possible leads, all facets of Oswald's associations, finances and personal habits, particularly during the period following his return from the Soviet Union in June, 1962.

"Because of the difficulty of proving negatives to a certainty, the possibility of others being involved with either Oswald or Ruby (who killed Oswald) cannot be established categorically.

"If there is any such evidence it has been beyond the reach of all the investigative agencies' and resources of the United States."

Thoroughness questioned

Criticism of the report has concentrated on finding alleged flaws in its claim to great thoroughness.

The most frequent criticism is that the Commission, its staff and the Government investigators were sloppy in their methods or tended to ignore and discount anything that seemed to run counter to the initial presumption.

This was that Oswald acted alone in killing the President and Ruby acted alone in killing Oswald. Ruby has died of cancer, denying on his deathbed that he was involved in any conspiracy.