

RFK Panel Gun Findings Criticized

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9—Critics of the investigation of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination contend that the "second-gun" question was not answered by experts appointed to examine ballistic evidence in the case.

They told a news conference here Wednesday that elements of the media have improperly interpreted the conclusions of the expert panel made public Monday.

They said that misinterpretations have created the impression that there is no longer a possibility of a second gunman and no remaining questions of merit.

"They have not been answered," said former Rep. Allard Lowenstein (D-N.Y.).

Lowenstein was joined at the news conference by forensic scientist Robert J. Joling and Paul Schrade, one of five others shot when Kennedy was fatally wounded at the Ambassador Hotel June 5, 1968.

Joling, president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, favored more tests. He read a statement by Lowell W. Bradford, one of the seven experts who studied the bullet evidence.

Bradford maintained that if there are other questions, such as how many bullets were fired in the hotel pantry the night of the assassination or their pathways, they deserve systematic analysis.