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Claim voice-stress testing clears Oswald as JFK killer

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WASHINGTON — A writer using a new device that detects stress in voices said Monday his tests show Lee Harvey Oswald was telling the truth when he denied murdering President John F. Kennedy.

The writer, George O'Toole, said his device also indicated that several key witnesses in the investigation of Kennedy's death lied about the case.

"The President was killed by a person or persons unknown,"

O'Toole concluded, adding that he felt Oswald was framed.

O'Toole said he based his conclusions on analysis of tape recordings by the "psychological stress evaluator," a device that he contends can tell whether a speaker is lying.

RECORDINGS of Oswald's denials of guilt in the hallways of the Dallas police department on the night of the Kennedy slaying in 1963 show little or no stress in Oswald's voice, he said.

Oswald, the man named by

the Warren Commission as the lone Kennedy assassin, told reporters on Nov. 22, 1963:

"No, I didn't kill anybody, no Sir."

Oswald was charged with the murder of Kennedy and J. D. Tippitt, a Dallas police officer who was shot less than an hour after the President was gunned down.

THE 38-YEAR-OLD O'Toole gave this report on Oswald's claim of innocence:

"His categorical denial that he shot anyone contains almost

no stress at all. Stress is a necessary, but not sufficient, condition of lying; it must be interpreted, and therein lies the margin of error.

"But the absence of stress is a sufficient condition of truthfulness. If someone is talking about a matter of real importance to himself and shows absolutely no stress, then he must be telling the truth.

"Oswald denied shooting anybody — the President, the

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Favors another JFK inquiry

Former Texas Sen. Ralph Yarborough says he favors another investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, but will not request it himself because Congress is burdened with too many "crucial things" at this time. Yarborough was riding two cars behind the car in which Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

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policeman, anybody. The psychological stress evaluator said he was telling the truth," O'Toole said.

A PRESIDENTIAL commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren concluded on Sept. 24, 1964, that Oswald fired the shots that killed Kennedy and the Dallas policeman. It based its findings on interviews of more than 500 witnesses and thousands of reports from the FBI and Secret Service on the matter.

O'Toole, who published his views in a book entitled "The Assassination Tapes," says he set up a command and control system for the Strategic Air Command while working as a computer specialist for System Development Corp. of Santa Monica, Calif. He says he was chief of the problem analysis branch for the Central In-

telligence Agency from 1966 to 1969.

He said the psychological stress evaluator was developed in 1970 by three retired Army intelligence officers and that he took a three-day course on how to use the device under the instruction of Mike Kradz, a retired Howard County (Md.), police lieutenant.

HE USED the device to analyze brief remarks by Oswald during a news conference in Dallas police headquarters and during hallway interviews on the day of the assassination, he said.

Oswald's voice showed "good-to-hard stress" when he said, "I positively know nothing about this situation here," according to O'Toole.

When asked whether he killed the President, however, Oswald replied: "No, I have not been charged with that," and his voice showed little or

no stress on the word "no," O'Toole said.

The writer said he found another recording at the Kennedy library in Waltham, Mass., where Oswald denied killing anyone and O'Toole reported the device showed "almost no stress."

O'Toole said he also used the device to analyze television recordings of interviews with key eyewitnesses cited by the Warren Commission as supporting its theory that Oswald committed both murders.

He challenged the credibility of Howard Brennan, who testified that he saw Oswald fire the shots at Kennedy from a sixth-floor window of the building where Oswald worked.

The author also questioned testimony by Buell Wesley Frazier, one of Oswald's co-workers, linking Oswald to the rifle allegedly used to kill the President.