Coverup on Kennedy slayings called more vast than Watergate

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LONG BEACH, Calif. — A cover-up on a grander scale than Richard Nixon's attempt to hide the Watergate crimes has been used to suppress evidence in the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, an investigator claims.

But disclosures of the Watergate cover-up and reported domestic CIA spying have raised public skepticism to the point where the slayings stand a chance of further probing, he said.

"THE AMERICAN people are at last demanding their right to know what really happened in the assassinations," said Rusty Rhodes, who heads the Los Angeles-based Committee to Investigate Political Assassinations.

Speaking recently at Long Beach City College, he said, "If we can't have the truth, let's at least have an end to the pretense that we have a government by the people."

Rhodes said evidence amassed since John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas 11 years ago proves that, at minimum, there were two assassins who fired a total of four shots.

And there is considerable evidence of even more assassins, more bullets fired and a wide-reaching conspiracy, he said.

The Warren Commission, which made the government investigation of Kennedy's slaying, concluded that the president was killed by one of three slugs from a rifle fired by Lee Harvey Oswald from a sixth-story window above the presidential motorcade. There was no conspiracy, the committee insisted.

"I'M NOT making any accusations about who was responsible for the assassination," Rhodes said. "All a citizens' group like ours can do is help expose the cover-up and press for a true investigation."

Rhodes showed slides and the much-discussed Zapruder film of the Kennedy shooting in an attempt to poke holes in the conclusions of the Warren Commission. Among his claims were:

Ninety-five per cent of the witnesses to the slaying said they believed that gunshots came from a nearby knoll instead of the Texas School Book Depository where Oswald allegedly was hiding.

Seven railroad workers on an underpass close to the murder scene said they saw a rifle barrel protuding from bushes on the knoll.

The Warren Commission claims the first bullet to strike the open presidential auto made seven holes in two men" and was later recovered in pristine condition." The trajectory the commission plotted for the bull is impossible, Rhodes said.

The commission claimed that Oswald accurately fired three bullets in 5.6 seconds, a feat FBI agents could duplicate only by repeated practice of firing at a stationary target with a rifle locked in a vise."

Oswald would have had to accomplish this "incredible marksmanship" with a $12.78 Italian rifle with a defective scope.

Oswald himself had once been employed by the CIA.

THIS INFORMATION was turned up by Waggoner Carr, former Texas attorney general, and was rejected by a Dallas attorney who screened information to the commission, Rhodes said. The attorney's name was Leon Jaworski.

Two photos allegedly showing Oswald holding the death weapon and waving Communist literature — "the crux of the case against Oswald" — are phony, Rhodes said. He said Oswald's head was grafted onto the pictures.

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* Not everybody!!!