

JFK Autopsy Study Ordered Opened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rockefeller Commission investigating the CIA, has ordered a re-examination of the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy in response to allegations that more than one assassin was involved in the murder of the late president.

Lt. Col. Robert R. McMeekin, a pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and Dr. Werner U. Spitz, chief medical examiner from Wayne County (Detroit), both confirmed Friday that they were part of a team of five physicians who studied the autopsy materials recently at the National Archives at the request of the commission headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller.

McMeekin said in an interview that the purpose of the examination was to determine whether the fatal head shot could have been fired from the front and not the rear, as the Warren Commission concluded.

McMeekin said he and his colleagues have not yet reported their findings to the commission, but he added that he found nothing to refute the Warren Commission's conclusion that the fatal shot was fired by Lee Harvey Oswald from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository in Dallas.

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