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Reasons for a CBS News attempt to quash a subpoena in Sherman Skolnick's case against the National Archives have been labeled "invalid" by the South Chicago legal researcher.

A subpoena issued to CBS News executive John Lane demanded that the CBS bring all film, "without any deletions or changes" of an interview with former President Lyndon Johnson by Walter Cronkite.

The television station announced that deletions concerning the Warren Commission report had been made after a request by Johnson in the interests of "national security."

Skolnick is currently suing the National Archives and Service, charging that records which would reveal a conspiracy to kill President John Kennedy have been unlawfully concealed.

According to Skolnick, a plot to kill Kennedy originated in Chicago three weeks before the assassination took place in November of 1963.

The Chicago plot, Skolnick charged, involved Lee Harvey Oswald, and at least six look-alikes for Oswald. One of Oswald's doubles, he said, included a Chicagoan known as Thomas Vallee.

Skolnick has also charged irresponsible actions by Secret Service agents, and has said that the conspiracy was extended to the federal judiciary level in an effort to "cover up" laxity by the Secret Service.

Because of his investigations, Skolnick said he believes the Warren Commission Report is invalid, and stated that Johnson's knowledge and opinions of the commission findings are therefore important to his case.

CBS reported that its reasons for attempting to quash the subpoena, which has already been served, are in the interests of national security, ac-

ording to the ex-president's interview for the courts, future interviews with past presidents would be restricted.

Regarding the bases for the CBS motion, Skolnick said he did not believe the reasons were sufficient to suppress the motion. He said it is "for reasons of national security" that the complete interview should be made public.

However, he added, "I don't have too much confidence in the courts. The motion will be ruled on in the court of Federal Judge Hubert Will Thursday.

Skolnick said that a federal judge in the Northern District of Illinois was instrumental in "covering up" the alleged conspiracy, and stated he believes other federal judges "would stick up for him."

In his suit, Skolnick said he pointed out that "I do not desire to submit the case to judges in this district." He did not indicate what his actions would be if Judge Will favorably ruled on the CBS station.

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