'JFK' LEAVES STONE UNTURNED COUNSEL'S LATEST SCORN OF

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of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for giving "JFK" counsel David W. Belin's criticism Academy Awards?" a bemused OIeight Oscar nominations. iver Stone wondered yesterday, re-Commission comment on the sponding to assistant commission "Since when does the Warren

a N.Y. Times op-ed piece, accused Stone's film of "slander and chartacks on the film came Saturday in Belin, whose latest of several at-

acter assassination" against Earl Warren, Lyndon B. Johnson and others and expressed alarm over "JFK's" prospects of winning an Oscar.

character assassination of Earl Warren," wrote Belin, "would be vivid evidence of the depths to misrepresentation of truth and Academy Award to this massive integrity, truth and justice have which Hollywood's standards of "For Hollywood to give any

tusing to bow out gracefully." vince the American public and reprosecutor, having tried a case 28 picture (award) for unbelievability Commission deserves the worstyears ago and then failing to conlosses. Mr. Belin is a frustrated bad acting and bitterness over past Stone retorted, "The Warren

sion member and former U.S. tacks on the film he wrote for New York magazine, the Wall Street (the latter with Warren Commis Journal and the Washington Post Belin's article follows earlier at-

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President Gerald Ford).

tention that Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. defending the commission's con-Kennedy. Belin also has written two books

up what the film calls a "coup d'etat" by elements of the U.S. Justice Warren, whose commission was blasted by Stone for covering government against Kennedy. prompted by yesterday's issuance of a postage stamp honoring Chief His latest commentary was

power of a commercial film and rewriting history the Hollywood way." ment he said is intended "to spread the disinformation of 'JFK' into washing students through the our public schools, in effect brainmailing of a "JFK" study guide to high schools and colleges, a docu-Belin also was bothered by WB's

Calling Belin "a hollow sham," Stone said his criticism of the Oscar nominations for the film his hysteria." "can only help ('JFK'), because of

"He points up the thing the film

sion myth," Stone contended. credibility of the Warren Commisernment. And it has destroyed the up the files and clean up the govtions and created a climate to open has achieved—it has raised ques

establishment media's "lone-nut industry." self and that the paper was in the forefront of what Stone called the wald and President Kennedy himtion investigator Jim Garrison, Ossituation personally. He said the Though Stone said he finds it "unbelievable" that the N.Y. Times he added that he does not take the Times also has attacked assassinahas so frequently attacked the film

1960s history." minds." He hopes the guide will so that kids can make up their own of the movie" but "raises questions study guide as "a mild document serve as "an alternate form of that does not take the ruthless tone Stone characterized the "JFK"

article. comment on Belin's N.Y. Times & Sciences executive director Bruce Davis yesterday declined Academy of Motion Picture Arts

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