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Nothing in Files Contra-
dicts Finding--Archivist

NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's chief archivist was quoted Sunday as saying he knows of nothing in the secret files on President John F. Kennedy's death to contradict the designation of Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin.

"From what I know of the records, I'd have to say no," Robert Bahmer, chief of the National Archives, is quoted in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

In an article entitled "Secret Evidence on the Kennedy Assassination," the magazine said Bahmer was asked when, if ever, will all of the Warren Commission files on the assassination be available to the American people.

"That's difficult to say," Bahmer is said to have replied.

"The review is to be conducted every five years from 1965. My estimate is that there would be very little still closed after 1975.

"I think the government has done a very good job in making accessible the materials of the Warren Commission just as rapidly as could be done. Eventually, all of it will be made available."

It was the Warren Commission which determined on the basis of its evidence that Oswald acted alone in assassinating Kennedy in Dallas in 1963.

The Saturday Evening Post article contends that doctors who had performed a filmed autopsy on Kennedy's body drew sketches for the Warren Commission. J. Lee Rankin, general counsel for the Warren Commission, is quoted as saying of the commission members:

"These men have not seen these pictures of the autopsy, but they had these drawings made, and we don't know whether those drawings conform to the pictures of the autopsy or not."

The magazine says the autopsy pictures were important in determining whether Texas Gov. John Connally was wounded by the same bullet that struck Kennedy.

"The commission never saw them," the article adds.